

# St Pat's Prep News

Term 2 2017

Welcome back to everyone. Going by what the children say they enjoyed their holidays. Welcome also to Mallory Taylor who is teaching Prep Blue W for the remainder of the year. We hope she will enjoy her time on Prep.



## What we are learning

### English

This term we will be continuing to learn to read by building on our knowledge of letters and sounds as well as our recognition of the Magic Words. We will also be learning what to do if we don't know a word, such as look for clues in the pictures and look at the letters in the word.

The students writing will show evidence of sound and letter knowledge, beginning writing behaviours and experimentation with capital letters and full stops. The students will be learning to correctly form known upper- and lower-case letters.

Students understand that their texts can reflect their own experiences. They will identify and describe likes and dislikes about familiar texts, objects, characters and events and listen for rhyme, letter patterns and sounds in words.

### Maths

For Maths this term we will be continuing to build on the children's understanding of the language and processes of counting to 20 as well as learning to write the numerals and words for each number. We will focus on the concept of 'few' and 'many' and will be creating and describing patterns using materials, sounds and movements. The students will compare objects using mass, length and capacity and connect events and the days of the week. They will explain the order and duration of events and use appropriate language to describe location.

### Religion

For Religion this term, the children will focus on the story of Creation in Genesis and discover the goodness of God's creation and God's plan that people help each other to live safely and happily together, for the good of all. They will also investigate the stories in the Bible tell us what God is like and make links between some of these stories and their own experiences. By exploring stories of Joseph and David in the Old Testament they will begin to see how these stories of family help us know what God was like then and is like for them today.

### Science

In Science this term the Preps will investigate how daily and seasonal changes in our environment affect our everyday lives, in particular, the way we modify our behavior and dress for different conditions.

### Health and Physical Education

For HPE we are focusing on healthy eating and healthy bodies. A big focus this term is also building independence, organizational skills and resilience. In order for this to happen, we need parents to allow

children to pack and unpack their belongings before and after school as well as changing their own home readers each day.

### Humanities and Social Sciences

In HASS this term students sequence familiar events in order. They respond to questions about their own past. Students relate a story about their past using a range of texts. We are investigating our past and how everyday things have changed over time. We also compare our grandparents' lives to ours today.

### The Arts

Children learn to describe artworks they make and those to which they respond. They consider where and why people make artworks.

Students use the elements and processes of arts subjects to make and share artworks that represent ideas.

### Technologies

This term we will record design ideas using techniques including labelled drawings, lists and sequenced instructions. They design solutions to simple problems using a sequence of steps and decisions. We will also continue learn how to use technology safely.

### Homework reminder

Our Homework Folders need to return to school **every day!**

**Home readers** also need to return every day for the children to change them and read to the college students in the morning **before school.**

**Our Literacy Packs and Sound Books** are returned each Tuesday, updated, and sent home again Wednesday.

### Parent Helpers

This term we will be asking parents to volunteer Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays to help with reading groups at 8:55a.m.

If you are able to help please add your name to the list and each morning sign in on the clipboard inside the classroom on the bench

### Things to note

We encourage healthy eating at school and ask that your child's lunch box contains healthy choices for your child. Please be aware of how much your child can eat: some children are getting a lot of food from the tuckshop and do not have time to eat it all in the time given which can be up to 30 minutes.

In the afternoon some Prep students are going home from Church Street pick-up and drop-off zone. Please be aware that this zone is for parents to drive in and pick up their children from the designated area and is not for parents to park, get out of car and go up to Prep to collect the students.

**This is for the safety of all students!**

### Dates to remember

Later in the term, there will be an excursion to the Gympie Mining Museum. Details will go home soon.

Prep Vision check: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

School photos: check newsletter for details.

Labyrinth in the library: 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Combined Primary and College Liturgy: 21<sup>st</sup> June

Athletics Carnival: 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Please remember you are welcome to contact us by school phone, our emails and by written note if you need