



# YEAR PREP

## TERM OVERVIEW

### IMPORTANT TERM DATES:

Monday 15th July

Term 3 starts

Thursday 1st August

Hands on Science Invisit

Thursday 8th August

100 day party celebration

Tuesday 6th August

Curriculum Day

Wednesday 14th August

Thomas Street playground  
Excursion

Friday 23rd August

Book week parade

Thursday 29th August

Learning By Doing invisit

Monday 9th-12th September

Whole school musical

Friday 20th September

Last day of Term 3

Term 3 is a fantastic time to be in Prep! By now, the students are very comfortable at school and understand the routines and expectations of school life. Socially, they will continue to use the HERRRby values to build friendships and interactions with their peers. Having those basic "school skills" means we can continue to delve deeper into the academic and creative side of things.

Term 3 is really special as we reach our 100 Days of School milestone which is a highlight for both students and teachers. Read on to find out all the other amazing things that await us in Term 3...

## INQUIRY UNIT:

Our inquiry Learning Unit for Term 3 is called 'Designing and Making'. We love this unit because it is very 'hands on' and the children have lots of messy fun! Throughout the unit we will be looking at different materials and what things are made of. We will classify and sort different materials and explore how they can be manipulated to create something new. Students will visit a range of playgrounds to look at the materials used in them and then design a new piece of equipment from the ideas they gather. Get ready for some interesting creations and inquisitive questioning! \*We would also appreciate donations of some small boxes or containers. Nothing too large, things like shoe boxes, egg carton or muesli boxes are perfect.

## LITERACY FOCUS:

During Literacy this term we will continue to use the pedagogy from semester one. Explicit instruction of phonics, phonological awareness, syntax (sentence building), building comprehension through vocabulary, fluency, handwriting and move towards writing on dotted thirds. We will introduce genre writing which will focus on recounts, as well as introduction of morphological awareness (prefix and suffix orthographic awareness).

Students will still receive decodable books to take home and read each week with their family, building on the fluency of blending sounds together and comprehension. Students will also continue to take home their spelling words which the students will read and write the words containing the letter patterns we have taught throughout the year.

Students will have the chance to showcase their learning on Fridays during our dictation time, where they apply the knowledge they have learnt each week, writing down a sentence they hear verbally.

## NUMERACY FOCUS:

This term will be consolidating our numbers 10 to 20 while also be looking at numbers beyond this. We will continue to work on their efficiency increasing their number sense targeting their point of need to further develop each student's current maths knowledge. We aim to keep our activities as open ended as possible as it allows us to cater for children who need to be both supported and extended tasks. The use of ICT through classroom computers and iPads is a regular component of our program which compliments each new concept.

The concepts we will be covering are ordinal numbers, skip counting by five, ten, two, partitioning number, addition and subtraction, sharing, 2D shape, Time and Location. For Statistics we are learning about data and graphs.