



# YEAR PREP

## IMPORTANT TERM DATES:

### Monday 7th October

Term 4 begins

### Wednesday 23rd October

Whole School Invisit

### Thursday 31st October

Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

### Tuesday 5th November

Melbourne Cup

### Monday 25th-1st Nov-Dec

Prep Swimming

### Thursday 5th December

Habitat Helpers In visit

### Monday 9th December

Pupil Free Day

### Tuesday 10th December

Whole School End of Year Concert

### Thursday 12th December

Excursion to Melbourne Aquarium

### Last day of Term 4

Friday 20th December

## TERM OVERVIEW

*It's hard to believe, but Term 4 is here! We are so proud of how far the students have come, and are excited to see what they achieve in the final term of Prep!*

*Term 4 is filled with fun and continued learning as we consolidate concepts learned throughout the year. We begin setting the kids up for their next year of school, and reflect on the fantastic year that was. A few excursions to the Melbourne Zoo and Aquarium, the swimming program, in-visits and more! We are really looking forward to the final term of Prep.*

## INQUIRY UNIT:

*Our inquiry unit of work is called 'Living things.' We love this unit of work because we engage in nature and living things. We learn to understand what makes things living and nonliving. We discover their features and what basic needs and skills they have to survive. We learn about how our actions affect living things and what we must do in the future to look after our world. We also look at habitats such as the land and the ocean. We have an exciting excursion to the Melbourne Zoo and Aquarium to compliment and build on our knowledge. We have an in-visit on habitats. We will make animal posters and write information reports. We read lots of non-fiction material about living things. To do this, we learn the process of researching information and how to find interesting facts about living things using technology and books.*

## LITERACY FOCUS:

*Throughout Term 4, students will continue to develop their reading skills through a range of literacy tasks and direct explicit instruction. Students will be taught to read with fluency and prosody as a class and practise this in pairs, differentiated at their level. Students will be continuing their genre writing on recounts and introducing narratives and information reports to the mix. A major literacy focus is to continue to embed syntax lessons. These lessons explicitly teach students correct grammar and sentence structure. We continue to practise letter formation on dotted thirds as handwriting is a continued focus for us in Term 4. We continue to develop our vocabulary by reading story books and analysing sophisticated words each week. These books are a great way to check for understanding and ensure students are comprehending what is being read. Morphology is still taught and is a great accompaniment to our phonics program.*

## NUMERACY FOCUS:

*Numeracy this term dives into new topics and revisits previously taught content. For number and algebra we begin the term learning about ordinal numbers and money, diving into the features of coins and notes. We go over sharing and partitioning numbers being mindful of place value. For measurement and geometry, students will be learning about months of the year, going over 2D shapes and 3D objects as well as time, capacity and mass. The main focus for this unit will be position and location. For chance and data students will be analysing and interpreting graphs as well as creating tables and data that relate to our inquiry unit and literacy. The student will have covered the main principles of Numeracy in prep and beyond and will be ready and raring for Year 1.*