



Glen Waverley Primary School



Foundation Term 4 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

F-3 Swimming Program
Wednesday 11th October— Friday 21st October

Chess Classes Commence
Thursday 19th October

Hands On Science 'Light and Sound' Incursion
Wednesday 25th & Friday 27th October

School Disco
Friday 3rd of November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 7th of November

Prep Prom
Friday 1st December

2018 Day
Wednesday 20th December

Class Parties
Thursday 21st December

Reports Distributed Electronically
Thursday 21st December

**Last day of school -
1:30pm dismissal**
Friday 22nd of September

Welcome to our Term 4 Newsletter

English



Reading

During Term 4, the students will continue with our Whole School Approach to reading using the C.A.F.E. Reading Program. This program emphasises the importance of comprehension alongside accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary. This term the students will focus on identifying onset and rime, using beginning and ending sounds, identifying the main idea, using text features (titles, headings, captions, graphic features) summarising texts and voracious reading. They will also continue to focus on digraphs (e.g. 'ph' and 'wh') and word families (e.g. '-ale' as in 'whale' and 'sale').

Writing

This term, Prep students will continue to learn closely using our Whole School Writing Program - VOICES. They will explore VOICES through a variety of text types including songs, poems, information reports and open choice writing. They will continue to learn about digraphs - two letters that make one sound -and using these spelling patterns in their writing. Students have enjoyed taking home their class toy and will continue to write letters to the Students of the Week.



Mathematics

In Mathematics, we are continuing to learn using big questions to guide our inquiries into different learning areas. Our big questions this term are;

How can I use time to make predictions?

Students will be taking their understanding about the days of the week, months of the year and reading clocks deeper, by using these skills to make predictions and use that language a chance.

Key vocabulary: will happen, won't happen, might happen, certain, possible, and impossible.

How can we use sharing?

Students will be learning the fundamental concepts underlying division and multiplication using concrete materials and the process of sharing equally.



Key vocabulary: sharing, dividing, groups, equal, arrays and multiples/multiplication.

How do we use money?

Students will learn the key denominations of Australian currency of coins and notes. They will inquire into cents and dollars and how we use these in our daily lives.

Key vocabulary: dollars, cents, coins, notes, spending, changing, addition, part part whole, subtraction and whole part part

Can you create your own skip counting pattern?

Students will be learning about how to create skip counting patterns using a range of resources. They may use concrete materials and numbers lines to form patterns and formulate skip counting patterns.

Possible skip counting patterns: counting by 2s, 5s, 10s or extending to more complex counting patterns.

How can we collect and represent Prep Prom data?

Students will be revisiting the concept of data and how it can be organised in graphical forms. They will identify measurable elements of Prep Prom and create visual displays using this data.



Just a reminder...



Labelled Clothing

Please make sure that your child's belongings are labelled with their name and class so that if misplaced, their belongings will be returned to them. There is a full container of lost property in the Main building so please have a look if your child is missing an item.

Hats

During Term 4 students will be permitted to wear their hats during play times.

Drink Bottles

As the weather is becoming warmer please bring a drink bottle filled with water to school to keep hydrated.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please provide your teacher with a note either electronically or hand written.

Nude Food

Every Wednesday is Nude Food day. Please ensure that your child's lunch contains no wrappers.

Icy Poles

Every Wednesday is Icy Pole day at lunch time. Each icy pole costs 50cents and there is a maximum of two per child.



YOU CAN DO IT!

In Term 4, we will be exploring the topic: **Persistence**.

In this unit, lessons will promote children's tolerance reducing frustration and their ability to maintain their focus and involvement in learning experiences. They will be encouraged to keep on trying when things seem difficult or require making more than one attempt to succeed. Examples of persistent behaviour are; tidying up after playing with the school equipment even if they are tired or reluctant, completing a new puzzle, learning to tie their own shoe laces or persisting when learning to write new words.



Learning Goals

As a means of further engaging the children with their learning, students have personalised learning goals in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Learner Resilience (Growth Mindset in our classrooms). Please talk with you child about their goals and ask them how they are working towards achieving it or to demonstrate what it looks like. Some other key point you could talk about are;

- ◇ How was the goal chosen?
- ◇ What progress are they making to achieving their goal?
- ◇ What might be their next goal?

Inquiry

This Term, the students will be exploring the Inquiry question 'How can we make the best Prep Prom?' as they investigate the properties of a performance with



the science focus of light and sound. By conducting a series of experiments, the students will learn about how sound is made, how sound travels and how we hear. They will also discover how we see light and how our eyes work. Using a 'POE Model' they will predict, observe and explain their findings when conducting a range of hands on experiments. With this knowledge they will work towards creating 'the best' Prep Prom.

Prep Prom

On Friday the 2nd of December you are all invited to the Prep Prom. The Prep Prom will be held at the Treseder Hall at Glen Waverley Primary School. This is a wonderful night that celebrates the Prep students completing their first year of school. Each class will present a song, dance and video and will receive their 'Prep' Graduation certificate. We look forward to seeing you there!