

TERM 1 2019 OVERVIEW

Prep

Welcome to Prep in 2019!

We are super excited to start teaching this year's students and have so many fun and educational experiences planned for them.

If at any stage this year you have any concerns **PLEASE** arrange a time to see your teacher as early as possible. That way we can work together to make the problem not escalate. It has been a terrific start and we are all looking forward to a wonderful year.

Julie Hedger



In Term 1 our emphasis is on settling the children into school life through a daily routine and making sure the children are happy and beginning to form friendships with their peers. As we get to know each other we will be having a focus on 'Me and My Family'. We will be developing the children's resilience (gratitude, empathy and mindfulness) through The Resilience Project. Investigations is a time where the children can develop their social skills and independence whilst engaging in their own interests. Later in the term the Preps will also be visiting the Kitchen classroom with a focus on healthy food.

ENGLISH

In Literacy students will:

- Explore rhyme to develop phonemic awareness (listening to sounds)
- Use children's real experiences to begin shared writing and class sentences
- Introduce the names and sounds of the alphabet including the formation of lower and uppercase letter using hands on activities
- Use Big Books to promote learning for pleasure
- Make connections between letters, words and sentences
- Recognise high frequency words (M100) by beginning with the Golden Words
- Begin regular take home reading books with familiar and repetitive text

MATHEMATICS

In Numeracy students will:

- Count by name numbers in sequence 0-10
- Match names, numerals and quantities
- Make dot patterns
- Count collections/groups of objects
- Explore 2D shapes
- Measure the length of objects using informal units of measurement

BUDDIES

The Preps have met their buddies and are beginning to have weekly sessions with them on a Thursday afternoon where they will have the opportunity to work together and develop their friendships. At the beginning of the year, in particular, Year 5 buddies make themselves available at playtimes in case their Preps need assistance.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Photos are scheduled for Friday March 15, 2019. Parents are asked to order and pay for the photographs prior to the photo day. There is no obligation to purchase. Students take home the prints when they are available.

WORKING BEE

Our working bee for this term is scheduled for Sunday March 3rd, from 9:00– 1:00pm to assist in the up keep of the school grounds. Families are encouraged to attend and help maintain the grounds if even for only an hour. It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet other families or catch up with friends. A BBQ lunch is provided at the end of each working bee.

TIMETABLE

Each week students have Art, Music, Physical Education and Music. The timetable is as follows:

VISUAL ARTS	TUESDAY 2:30—3:30
PERFORMING ARTS	THURSDAY 10:20—11:00
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	THURSDAY 9:40—10:20
JAPANESE	THURSDAY 9:00—9:40
LIBRARY	WEDNESDAY 2:30—3:00

ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS/ EARLY DEPARTURE

A written explanation signed by the parent/guardian must be provided for all absences or notification can be made via the Skoolbag app (preferred method). New guidelines require the school to contact the parents for any absences so early notification is greatly appreciated. All late arrivals and early leavers must be signed in/out at the general office by the parent/guardian. This is a safety procedure that allows us to have accurate attendance records at all times of the day.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter is emailed to subscribers every Wednesday. The school newsletter is also available to download from our school website.

TISSUES

A donation of one box of tissues per student for classroom use during the year would be appreciated.

HATS

Please remember that hats are required for all students from mid August to the end of April. All students are to wear a Selby school hat with their name clearly labelled inside the hat.

PARENT HELPERS

Parents are encouraged to help in the classrooms in many ways. If you have some time to support reading with the students, please see you child's class teacher.

Please ensure your child is here punctually each day. Punctuality benefits your child's learning and is an important skill to learn.

As part of the children's continuing development we encourage the children to be responsible for their belongings. Could you please encourage them to bring in their own bags, lunch orders, readers etc.