Prep Information Session
Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Prep staff outlined the following information for parents and carers.

Introductions
• 2016 Prep Teachers: Ellie, Tara, Stacey and Ruth (replacing Kenji, while he is on family leave).

Morning Routines
• A quick goodbye is essential to support a smooth transition to school. A clear understanding about the drop off procedure helps and then reassures your child that you are coming back at the end of the day. It is important to acknowledge that your child will be getting tired as we get close to the end of term.

Day in the life of a Prep
1. Morning routine – line up, put bag away, put clear reading/notices folder away, hat away, drink bottle on sink and ready to learn sitting on the floor.
2. Reading program – Little Learners Love Literacy (LLLL): a sequential way of teaching reading, spelling and writing. Take-home books will start towards the end of Term 1.
3. Writing – Will be linked to the sounds that the students are learning and handwriting formation.
4. Maths – this term we are starting off with number. You can help by encourage counting and recognising numbers around the home.
5. Inquiry Topic– Quality beginnings (settling into school) / Belonging to a group.
6. Eating lunch/brain food – It helps to talk to your child about what is packed for lunch and knowing what to eat and when. We also encourage sustainable lunchboxes. Students also need to be able to open any containers within their lunchbox and know which food is eaten at playtime and lunchtime. While Westgarth Primary School is not a nut free school we strongly encourage parents to not send nuts or nut based products in lunch boxes.

Inquiry Topic
• How do I belong?
• Bring in family photo in a frame for class display
• Class news: Timetable to come home shortly, however students will be asked to bring something in to share about where they belong.
Specialist classes
1. Spanish/Science
2. Spanish/Art
3. Physical Education
4. Music
5. Performing Arts/Spanish (Term 4 only)

Both library and computer are taught by class teachers. A library bag will come home shortly with special information inside.

Parent helpers
To be confirmed when this starts but keep an eye out for the information session date in the newsletter. You will need a Working with Children Check (WWCC). This information is available online.

Before School Care
A staff member will bring the Preps across to the Brooke Street playground each morning at 8.45pm.

After School Care
A staff member from after care (usually Maria) will come and collect the Prep students and take them to Clarke Street for after-school care.

Parent Teacher Interviews
- A date to confirmed
- Will discuss prep testing at Parent/Teacher interview

Contacting your child’s teacher
- Your child’s teacher is usually the first and best person to speak to.
- We are available in the mornings at 8:45am to 8:55am and then in the afternoons from 3:30pm to 3:45pm.
- You can email us via the school website or you can make appointments for longer discussions.
- Again, if you have any issues please see class teacher first.