



## Prep Teaching and Learning – Term 4

We hope that you all had a lovely break and have come back to school fully energised for the final term of Prep. With only 11 weeks to go until the end of the 2018 school year, it is amazing to look back and reflect on what a great year we have had. We can't believe that the Preps are nearly in Grade 1!

We have another busy term ahead with lots of activities and events to look forward to. The Preps will be visiting the Botanic Gardens, growing a vegetable garden and participating in transition, in order to be ready for Year 1. We will also be participating in an 8-week block of dance lessons on Fridays, starting in Week 3.

This term we will continue to talk about our school values; **Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Excellence and Working Together.**

The prep team would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers for their ongoing support and assistance. Your help in classrooms and at home is very much appreciated.

We look forward to another exciting and rewarding term.

Prep Teaching Team,

Ellie, Kenji, Vivian, Stacey and Siobhan

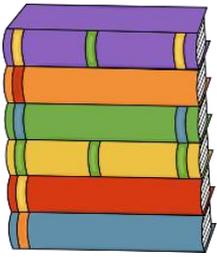
### Diary Dates

8 October	First Day of Term 4 – 9:00am
OCTOBER	Walktober – Walk, scoot, bike to school every day during October!
21 October	Whopping Great Big Fete: 10am – 4pm (Clarke Street)
October/November	School Nurse visiting Preps (Date to be confirmed)
30 October	Parent Information Session: Emotional Regulation: 7pm – 8pm
2 November	Curriculum Day (Student-free Day)
6 November	Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
14 November	Maths Night – 5:30pm to 7:00pm
28 November	Excursion to Royal Botanical Gardens
5 December	Art Show: 5pm – 8pm (Clarke Street, WEB Building)
11 December	Whole School Transition
14 December	Reports go home
18 December	End-of-year Concert
22 December	Last Day of Term 4 and 2017 – students finish at 1:30pm

### 2019

31 January 2019	First day of Term 1, 2019 (Prep to Year 6 students)
-----------------	---

## What we are learning this term in the classroom



### ENGLISH

#### Reading and Viewing

The Little Learners Love Literacy program continues to be very successful in the Prep area. In reading, we are starting to learn about vowel digraphs (two letters, one sound). Vowels can make short and long sounds and we have already learnt the 'short' vowel sounds so now we are moving on to the 'long' vowel sounds. For example: /ay/ and /ai/ both make the same sound! However, students will learn that 'ay' appears at the end of a word as in play, whereas 'ai' occurs in the middle of a word such as snail. Students will be working very hard on their phonemic awareness (listening to sounds) this term.

#### Writing

Prep students continue to 'have a go' during writing sessions and implement their knowledge of letters and sounds to help them sound out words when writing. This term, we are learning more complex letter combinations, which builds on their knowledge of digraphs (two letters, one sound) from last term. Students will participate in spelling sessions where they need to listen to a word or phrase and write what they hear. We will have many exciting things to write about with the school fete and an excursion happening this term.



#### Speaking and Listening

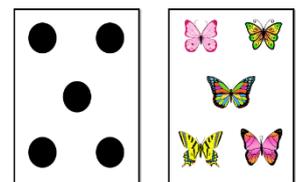
There are daily opportunities for students to practise speaking and listening through class discussions and share time. There will also be another daily news share time – based on our inquiry topic about 'gardening'. A note and timetable will come home shortly. Please encourage your child to share something to do with the topic.

## MATHEMATICS

### Number and Algebra



We start this term off by matching number names (e.g. fourteen) to numbers (e.g. 14) and being able to show a collection of 14 objects using different materials (e.g. counters, base-10 blocks and icy-pole sticks). We will continue to do a lot of oral counting as revision, often focusing on counting backwards from 20 as well as counting objects. We will be copying, continuing and creating patterns and as well as learning how to share items into groups (division).



### Measurement and Geometry

We will be looking at location and learning how to give specific directions.

## INQUIRY

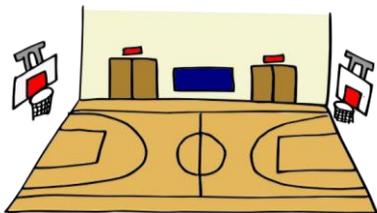
This term, through our 'Gardening' inquiry unit, Preps will be learning about how does a healthy garden grow as well as looking at how is gardening helpful to the environment. We will look at the life cycle of a plant and have the opportunity to grow our own plants as well as contribute to our communal Prep garden (Kitchen Garden, Clarke Street). We will also be learning about parts of plant, composting and seasonal planting. We will be going on an excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens where we will participate in an education session as well as being able to walk around and look at the variety of plants in the gardens.



## What we are learning this term in specialist classes

Specialist Timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Physical Education		PREP VIVIAN PREP ELLIE PREP STACEY PREP SIOBHAN		PREP KENJI	
Spanish Music	PREP STACEY PREP SIOBHAN		PREP ELLIE PREP KENJI	PREP VIVIAN	
Spanish Discovery		PREP KENJI		PREP STACEY	PREP VIVIAN PREP ELLIE PREP SIOBHAN
Spanish Art		PREP STACEY PREP KENJI		PREP TERRI PREP SIOBHAN	PREP ELLIE
Computer Lab	PREP VIVIAN PREP SIOBHAN	PREP ELLIE PREP KENJI		PREP STACEY	
Library	PREP ELLIE	PREP VIVIAN		PREP STACEY PREP KENJI	PREP SIOBHAN

## Physical education – Term overview



Term 4 will see students jumping horizontally, vertically, hopping and leaping. We will be putting skills we have been developing throughout the year into game situations. Do not be surprised if you see us running around the bases while we play tee ball, scoring goals during soccer, striking with our hockey sticks during scooter hockey and catching the other team's ball during skittles. Being a good sport and team mate will continue to be a focus.

## Spanish/Music – Term overview



This term students have been learning a new song to add to their repertoire. “Somos los del Rock Pesado”, some prep students have finished making some beautiful ocarina’s out of clay and have commenced learning all about musical notes.

Prep students have been learning some new words including: Batería (Drum kit), Bajo (Bass guitar), Guitarra (Guitar) y Cantante (singer) as part of our new song. Some of the Prep students have finished making our instrumentos de viento (wind instruments). We discussed the importance of having a hollow centre for air to vibrate and make a sound. (Those students who did not make them this term will be making them early next term). We have had a big focus on learning to identify the notes Do, Re, Mi and Fa on a Stave as well as note lengths, we have even had some Prep students writing their very own sheet music.

Term 4 promises to be very exciting as we transfer our knowledge of Do, Re, Mi and Fa and learn to play C,D,E, F on the xylophones while reading sheet music. We will complete our Ocarina’s and we will continue practising our songs for the end of year concert.



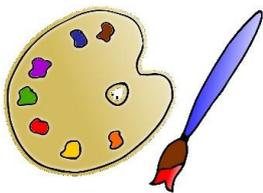
## Spanish Discovery – Term overview

This term students will explore how people are connected to different places by identifying and describing places special to them (such as school, their room or a play area). Preps will learn more about the different rooms at school and the main things they do in each room, using Spanish. Students will also explore what schools are like in different countries. While doing so, students will incorporate more vocabulary on places at school, parts of the house and objects in these places.

To see the great work students do in class, you can check the Spanish website!

<http://wgpspanish.wix.com/westgarthspanish>

## Spanish/Visual Arts – Term overview



In term four, we are going to be very busy finishing off and framing all our beautiful art in preparation for the art show, coming up on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. Students in prep are going to finish their artworks inspired by relevant artists in the history of art, which is the theme for the show. We are keen for parent helpers in preparation for the show, if you would like to volunteer please come and see Marta in the art room. To find out more about what we are doing in the Spanish classrooms you can visit the Spanish website <http://wgpspanish.wix.com/westgarthspanish>.

## Additional Information - Absences

Please notify the school via FlexiBuzz, phone or a written note if your child is absent on the day of their return. Please also let the school and the teacher know in writing if you are planning on taking an extended holiday.