




# PREP WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

<b>WEEK: 6</b>	<b>TERM :1</b>	<b><u>BIRTHDAYS</u></b>
<b>Beginning: 4th March</b>	4th March	<b>March Birthdays-</b> Eliza 14th Abigail 14th Sebastian 24th Mason 26th
	<b>MONDAY 4th</b>	
	<b>TUESDAY 5th</b>	<b>Stem</b> with Mrs Young
	<b>WEDNESDAY 6th</b>	<b>FINAL PREP REST DAY</b>
	<b>THURSDAY 7th</b>	<b>Physical Education</b> with Mrs Susan Michelsson - <b><i>PREPS TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM</i></b> <b>Performing Arts</b> with Miss Rebecca Rawlins <b>Library-</b> with Mrs Janine Standfield <i>Remember to bring your library bags and library books to school on this day</i> <b>Auslan-</b> with Ms Herrmann
	<b>FRIDAY 8th</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY</b>
	<p>On Monday the 26th February, a QR code was sent home for Seesaw. Please ensure that you connect to your Prep class. This will soon become our main form of communication. Updates and information about what is happening within the classroom will be posted on Seesaw. This is also where you will be able to contact us regarding your child. Please note you will not be able to message us until we have messaged you. We will send out a group message once all families have been connected. Thank you to all of the families that have already connected to their Prep class.</p>	
<b>RELIGION</b> 	<p><b>TOPIC: Our Family is God's family/Lent</b></p> <p>We are learning about how we are all part of God's family. We are also learning about the people in the Holy Family, Mary, Joseph and Jesus. In the classroom, we are beginning routines for prayer each day and learning about the special Prayer symbols. We are also beginning to look at the season of Lent. We have been learning about how to make good choices and think about others with Jesus as our support and role model.</p>	

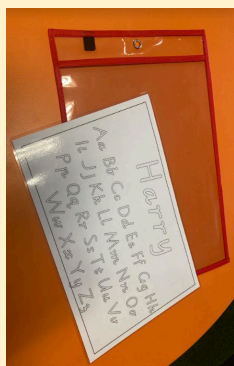
## LITERACY



This term we will be focusing on pre-reading and writing activities that help us learn our sounds and develop our fine motor skills. We will be exploring capital and lowercase alphabet letters. We are learning how to hold a pencil correctly and practising writing our names for correct letter formation. We are exploring the beginning sounds of words by learning the correct position of our teeth, lips and tongue as we make these sounds in our mouth.

This week we will focus on handwriting and learning the sound for the letter '**p**' as in '**Peter the penguin**'. We will also practise blending and segmenting the following two and three letter words: **at, mat, pat, sat, and sap**. Please use this [LINK](#) to help your child practise the **LLLL Speed Sounds & Chants** at home. This will show you the way that we learn the sounds of the alphabet and also reinforce your child's learning at school.

## HOME ACTIVITIES



Please encourage your child to regularly practise their handwriting skills by using the resources (*pictured Plastic Slip and Handwriting Sheet*) that were sent home in their Prep Pack last year. Also, be sure to return the **Purple Pocket Folder (every Monday)**. It was sent home with a worksheet in your child's **Green Satchel** last Monday.

Each Monday, another worksheet (*with a new set of letters or words*) will be sent home again in the Purple pocket. You can either keep each worksheet in a safe place at home or leave them in the Purple pocket within the satchel. Therefore students will be able to practise their new letters before revising the previous ones again. Please keep track of the specific letters and sounds which students will be focussing on for the week featured in the above Literacy section of each Newsletter.

Also please remember that it is very important to read to your child on a **daily** basis. **Take Home Decodable Books** will come home as soon as the students have learned more about the following sounds for the letters: **m, a, s, t, p, c, i**. They will also be learning the following **Heart Words** (High Frequency Words): **the, The, my, My** and **I**.

## MATHS



For the next four weeks students will be exploring the topic of **Counting and Place Value**. They will be learning how to correctly write the numerals 0 to 10, matching collections, counting forwards and backwards and identifying the numerals when they are in the wrong order. They will also be learning to recognise and name the number of objects (*quickly and without counting*) within a collection of up to five (*subitising*).

## INQUIRY



### TOPIC: 'Healthy Minds Create Healthy Communities'

This week students will be learning to name their talents and identify how these qualities make them special. They will continue to get to know our school community. They will discover different places at Holy Family, learn the routines of school and get organised.

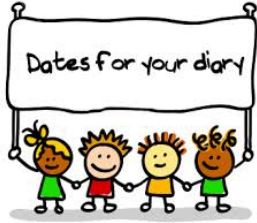


The student's school hats will remain at school in their class or individual tubs - this ensures all children have their hats for going outside. Please ensure names are marked.

**\*\*Please also ensure that jumpers are also clearly labelled as we would hate for brand new clothing to go missing!**



Take note that this will be the final week that classroom doors for Prep students will be open earlier each day. Prep teachers will be greeting students in the Quadrangle at 8.50am and walking them into their classrooms themselves.



**Some dates for your diary-**

- ☺ **February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, March 6th** - Prep rest days
- ☺ **March 7th**- Twilight Sports (2.30pm-4.30pm)
- ☺ **March 8th**- School Closure Day
- ☺ **March 11th** - Labour Day Holiday
- ☺ **March 15th**- Colour Run Explosion

\*Please note that some times and events may change. Please check for updates in the fortnightly newsletter/Audiri (Skoolbag) App.

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