We have had a fantastic start to term three in Prep. This term will continue to bring us many new and exciting experiences and we are very excited.

In Literacy we will be reinforcing strategies we have already learnt and introducing new strategies such as crashing sounds together and re-reading for meaning/checking it makes sense. In Numeracy we will be covering lots of exciting topics such as teen numbers, rainbow facts, doubles and addition. Our Integrated topic is Fairy Tales.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely
Michelle Dolling, Brooke Costello, Clare Pitaro, Vanessa Nobrega and Karyn Doherty

Please ensure all clothing and belongings are labelled clearly and legibly with your child’s full name. With around 100 little people in our area it is unavoidable that items such as jackets, bags, home reading folders, shoes, lunch boxes and containers get mislaid.

Often someone has accidentally taken the wrong item home, but if it is named, it can be returned. Label EVERYTHING to avoid having to replace lost items. Lost property is located in the foyer of the gym. If it has a name, it will eventually be returned to the owner.

Swimming has started and the children enjoyed their first lesson on Wednesday.

Please ensure that all of your child’s items are clearly labelled.

Children are encouraged to wear their bathers under their uniform on swimming days. They will need to bring a towel and underwear to change into. Please also check to see what time your child is swimming, if it’s over lunchtime, please do not send in a lunch order.

Any Parents/Carers who wish to get children changed in the changing rooms need to hold a current ‘Working with Children’s’ card. This applies even if you are just helping your own child. See the swimming letter or speak to your child’s teacher if you have any questions regarding this.

Swimming timetable

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Thank-you to those families who have brought along a box of tissues and or paper towels for the classroom.

It would be great if everyone could bring a box in, as they are essential in the classroom and everyone needs a tissue at some stage.
**FRUIT BREAK**

Please provide your child with a piece of cut fruit or vegetable each day for our healthy snack.

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**Assembly**

Our whole school assembly runs every Monday morning from 9 am. If the weather is fine, it is held in the courtyard; otherwise it is held in the classrooms.

We also have a lower school (Prep–Gr 2) assembly every other Friday afternoon in the gym.

Merit awards are celebrated at this time and parents will be notified if their child is getting a merit so they can attend the assembly.

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**2016 BOOK FAIR**

The 2016 book fair is fast approaching. Preps will be able to preview books on Wednesday 27th July and Grandparents afternoon is also on Wednesday 27th. Students can then purchase books on Thursday 28th July. More information will be sent home soon.

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**Handwash**

A huge thankyou to all those families that donated hand wash to our grades. Due to our OH&S chemical register we can only accept and use Woolworths Select Anti-Bacterial ‘original’ hygienic hand wash.

If you are able to supply some of this product to our classrooms, it would be greatly appreciated.

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**READING**

HELPFUL HINTS WHEN READING WITH YOUR CHILD

- Your child will want to start to read themselves and copy what you have modelled, pointing to the words and reading along.
- Encourage your child to get their mouth ready and stretch words out to attempt unknown words.
- Remember that the pictures help the story, so use the pictures to help read the book, and never cover these.

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**100 Days at school!!!**

On Tuesday 26th July, we will be celebrating 100 days at school. On this day we would like the students to bring in 100 of something to mark the 100th day. This could be as easy as 100 stickers on a chart, 100 beans in a jar, 100 googly eyes, 100 smarties etc. Time to get your thinking hats on and have some FUN!!

Please come and help us celebrate this day from 2.15pm onwards.

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**THE NED SHOW**

On Friday 29th July, students will be watching ‘The NED Show’ which stands for:

Never give up
Encourage others
Do your best

The NED show is produced by ALL for KIDZ and is a multi-sensory learning model to motivate, encourage and inspire students to become Champions at school and in life.