Welcome back everyone to Term 2!

This term is 11 weeks. Both Prep and Year 1 children will be assessed in all subject areas. They will receive a written report card at the end of the semester. Here is a breakdown of the different learning that will be occurring in the two Prep and Year 1 classrooms this term.

In **English**, we will explicitly teach – spelling; punctuation; grammar; phonics; vocabulary; sight words; oral language; reading fluency, decoding and comprehension.

Prep students are continuing to learn how to write their names, learning the letters and sounds of the alphabet, learning sight words, engaging in reading groups and the OLEY program and are beginning to learn the formation of letters. Prep students will complete an assessment task. In this unit, students will sequence events from a range of texts and select a favourite story to retell to a small group of classmates. Students will prepare for their spoken retelling by drawing events in sequence and writing simple sentences.

In Year 1, students are engaging in reading groups, learning spelling and phonics and continuing to consolidate formation of letters as well as writing daily. Year 1 students will complete a unit of work where they will listen and discuss the characters from four different books. They will create a new character for one of these books and present it to the class. Students will also complete a reading and listening comprehension activity.

In **Mathematics** this term, Prep students are consolidating and understanding numbers to 10, patterning and simple informal units of measurement, 2D shapes and location and transformation.

Students in Prep will complete the following assessment tasks:
- Shape Sort
- On My Plate

Year 1 will focus their learning around number and place value; shape, money, patterns and algebra, location and transformation and time. Students in Year 1 will complete the following assessment tasks:
- Pool Problems
- Shape Shakers
- Secret Objects

Our **Science** unit for Prep is called “Our Material World”. The Prep students will investigate the materials in the world around them and their observable properties. The Year 1 students will also be investigating the properties of materials and their ability to make physical changes.

Both year levels will have their **Science** and **Technology** units integrated as their study on materials will assist them in designing and creating wind chimes and boats that can withstand the elements of the world around them. Students will use their scientific knowledge to choose materials, based on their properties, which are best suited to the object they plan to design.

Our **Geography** unit for Prep this term will be “What is My Place Like?” Students will demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skill by representing observable features of places, using maps and models, and using everyday language to describe features, directions and locations.

The unit for Year 1 is “How Do People Use Places?” Students will demonstrate their knowledge and skills in identifying and representing features of local places.

In the **Movement** and **Physical Activity** unit ‘Playing with balls,’ students will develop the object-control skills of rolling, catching, bouncing, throwing and kicking through active participation in activities, games and movement challenges. They will use personal and social skills to follow rules and cooperate with others.
In the **Health** unit *'I am growing and changing,*' students will explore how their bodies are growing and developing and identify the actions that will keep them healthy, such as diet, hygiene and physical activity. Mrs Wilson will continue to teach the Movement and Health lessons this term.

In **Music** this term students will be exploring the tempos fast and slow through songs, actions and movement. Students will become more familiar with classroom percussion instruments and the sounds they make. Mrs Rosemary Taylor will be teaching all of the music and drama lessons this term.

If you would like to discuss this further, please see any of us.

Yours faithfully,

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