
Term One

Prep Newsletter



Upcoming Events

February 17

Meet & Greet Night

March 2

Family Fun Night

March 6

Curriculum Day – No students required at school

March 4

Parent Helpers Course

March 9

Labour Day

March 11

First full week of school. Children attend on Wednesdays from now on.

March 27

Last Day of Term

April 14

Term Two Begins

Literacy

Term One is all about learning the Jolly Phonics songs, our letter sounds and the Golden words.

In Reading, the focus is learning about different parts of books, front and back cover, the spine, how to turn pages, words, sentences, authors and illustrators. Home Readers will be sent home in week two.

During Writing students will focus on our Super Hero writing strategies. Penny Pencil – correct pencil grip, Luke the Linesman – correct letter size and formation and writing on the lines and Have a Go Harriet – having a go at writing and using sound knowledge.

Please note that Library sessions will be on a Wednesday starting 13th March as students are not present on Wednesdays until then.

Maths

Maths focus is "Subitizing Strawberry" – recognising how many in a group of objects without counting, i.e. recognising dots on a dice, matching number digits with words and collections. The children will be writing numbers using the correct formation. Counting concrete materials & lots of games will be used to apply this knowledge.

Dismissal

For Term One students will be dismissed from the Prep rooms to a parent. Please let your teachers know if a different person will be collecting students so we know they are going home with the correct person.

Teacher Interview

Please make sure your child attends their one on one interview with their teacher. Your allocated time was in your parent pack. You will need to leave your child for 45 minutes and collect them afterwards. Please contact your teacher if you're unsure of your time.

Meet & Greet Night

Monday 17th February 5:00pm all parents are welcome to come along to our Meet & Greet Night for a free BBQ and a short information session on the year ahead. Preps session will be at 6:00pm. Any general questions can be answered and it's a great way to meet and chat with the friendly staff.

Timetable

	Art	Music	P.E.	Library	AUSLAN
Prep S	Monday	Monday	Monday	Thursday	Monday
Prep C	Monday	Monday	Friday	Thursday	Monday

Parent Helpers' Course

Any parents who would like to help out in the classroom need to attend our Parent Helpers Course and have a current Working with Children's Check. The course will be held on Wednesday 4th March at 2:45pm – 3:30pm. Younger siblings welcome.

Family Fun Night

Monday 2nd March at 5:30pm is our Family Fun Night. Everyone is welcome to come along for some fun and games run by Peter Harris our school Chaplin. Come along for lots of activities like face painting, Jaffa smashing, lion targets, sumo wrestling and much more. Sausages and drinks can be purchased from the canteen.

School Nurse

The School Nurse will be visiting our school. An envelope has been sent home for you to fill in. Please fill out the envelope and return it to school Friday 21st February.

Canteen

The Canteen is open every Monday for preordered lunch orders and Friday (no lunch orders just over the counter sales). Students are allowed to bring a small amount of money to spend at the canteen during lunchtime. Canteen menus will be sent home shortly. Lunch orders need to be ordered by Thursday of the previous week. Any parent volunteers willing to help in the canteen would be greatly appreciated. Please see office staff if you can help.

**The future of the world is
in my classroom today!**

Ivan Welton Fitzwater

Assembly

Every Friday at 3:00pm parents and friends are invited to attend our whole school assembly in the GP Room. Each week there is a small presentation of students work and student of the week awards are handed out. You will be contacted beforehand if your child is to receive an award.

Communication

We have a variety of ways we communicate with our school community. Your child needs to bring their blue communication folder each day in case notices come home. They will also keep their readers and reading log in this folder.

Each fortnight a school newsletter is uploaded to our website and emailed out to parents and each term there is a newsletter specifically for Prep students.

'Like' the Chirnside Park Primary School Facebook page for updates and notifications of what is happening in the school along with great photos of what the students are up to.

Please also ask to join the '**Chirnside Park Prep 2020 Parent Page**' for a place for updates or to ask questions of other parents. This will be monitored by Mrs Wake.

Flexibuzz is a free app to download to your phone as we also send out reminder text messages.

Weekly email updates will be sent to let you know what is happening in the classroom so you can talk with your child about their learning. Please contact your teacher if you are not receiving these emails.

Phone calls and emails are also ways we communicate with individual parents however please do not hesitate to contact your teacher if you have any concerns or worries about your child. If there is a small issue please feel free to email them. For larger issues please make a time for a meeting. The first thing in the morning is not an ideal time to chat to us as we will be teaching and supervising the children. You may be able to catch us after school if we don't have a meeting. Tuesdays we have a weekly staff meeting.

Buddies

We meet our buddies every fortnight. We will be participating in a range of activities with our buddies to build and strengthen our relationship. All the students enjoy the buddy program.

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