Level 1 Newsletter

December 2012

Dates to remember:
* Last day of term—Friday 21st September
* 11th December—State Wide Transition Day

Literacy

Why is the sky blue? Why is grass green? Why are you asking me all these questions?! Over the last few weeks the Preps have been investigating ‘Explanations’ as a writing genre. We have read a range of non-fiction texts on such varied topics as Storms, Fossils, Beaks and Legs and have used our own general knowledge as a launch pad to pose new questions when contemplating the **HOW** and the **WHY** of the wide world around us...

The students created some thoughtful and insightful causes for common phenomena, not all necessarily restricted by the truth. Prime examples include lightening being the result of lava and rain mixing together and that pink clouds and blue skies make rainbows.

Numeracy

This term being a consolidating term, the Preps have been revisiting numbers to and beyond 20, addition, subtraction, shapes and time, just to name a few. During these sessions the Preps have been using iPad applications to film and make movies.

Over the holidays we suggest that parents continue to support their child by playing maths games and practise writing and recognising numbers at home over the holidays.

Admin

Term 4 is for consolidating and celebrating the success from a year’s hard work. You can help your child at home by encouraging them to write stories, letters and even Christmas cards. Our readers have been collected ready to be sorted and sent back to the Library for a stocktake. But if any stray reader sneaks out from its hiding place we would love you to send it back too. We will still be reading books in the classroom where possible and if you have any books at home we encourage you to read with your child. If no books are available then it’s the perfect time to revise the M100W words, just in case they have forgotten some of the earlier ones! We are making a small, (just a few pages), memories book of our year so if you have any wonderful scrapbooking skills and lots of patience please let you child’s teacher know.

Thanks for all your support with your child’s first year at school. Without the healthy breakfast, snacks and lunch you provide, listening to children read words and stories countless times and assisting in their organisation and responsibility by reminding them to pack their bags, our job would be infinitely harder.

The Prep Team