**Literacy**

In Literacy, the Preps will begin the term investigating non-fiction reports and information texts. We shall be accessing books and electronic media on a range of different subjects and identifying common features before having a go at creating our own.

All the Prep students have made great progress meeting our ‘Power Standards’ in Reading and Numeracy. These standards are our end of year, need-to-know concepts and include elements such as letter identification, Gold word list recognition and using the illustrations to predict what a text may be about.

We are continuing to place great importance in the THRASS phonics which is a whole school program. Through daily sessions we are empowering our students with the skills and knowledge to ‘attack’ new and challenging words by identifying phonemes and segmenting words down into manageable and bite-size ‘chunks’. The confidence and independence gained from these reading strategies will then feed into their writing and support their development across the curriculum.

**Numeracy**

The first two weeks of this term the students’ have been involved in tasks associated with doubling and different ways of making 10. Understanding numbers is an important element of maths and it’s critical that students not only know how to write numbers, but understanding the ‘value’ of number. In the coming we will be leading into subtracting and maths problems.

**Reading Eggs**

Last week each Prep student received a username and password for Reading Eggs. This program is aimed at helping students becoming more familiar with sounds, building fluency and spelling. Students’ can access Reading Eggs both at school and at home and it is aimed at each students’ individual needs. We will be conducting a Reading Eggs sessions for parents during Literacy and Numeracy Week. We will be sending out a notice in regards to this shortly.

**Dates to remember:**

- 15th August “Wild Action Incursion”
- 24th August “Art Show”
- 27th August—2nd September ‘Literacy and Numeracy Week’

**Term 2 and 3 Overview**

In Term 2 we used the Broadlearn Program on our school netbooks which developed computer and Literacy skills. Several students have already earned their “Read, Say, Write” and “Computer badges”. In Term 3 and 4 we will be working on the “Creative” and “Number” badges and we will be using the Kids Pix program and Mathletics to develop skills to earn these badges. A checklist of all the skills will be sent home soon and if you feel your child has achieved these please return it, or let the teacher know. We can then send home their certificate and you may also chose to purchase a cloth badge for the cost of $2 each that they can keep. The class Digit Bear mascot will also be coming for a visit so please give him a warm welcome when he arrives at your house.

Term 3 will see the Preps learning to “Reduce, Re-use and Recycle.” We will be investigating the difference between living and non-livings and the children are welcome to bring any books or information on animals or plants that they would like to share. Small boxes and clean containers can also be sent for us to reuse in the classroom where we will transform them into cars, robots, and even rocket ships. We are discussing sorting our recycled materials – Paper in the VISY bin, fruit scraps and newspapers for the compost, cans for recycling and you can help by discussing ways that you recycle, re-use and reduce at home.