



General Information

Welcome to Prep 2020! We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to support your child in their learning. This is a very special year, as it is your child's first at school and will be full of new, engaging and exciting learning experiences.

Please note that Prep is a **nut free year level** and student lunches are to contain no products with nuts. For example, Nutella, Peanut Butter and nut snack bars.

Fruit Break

We ask if you could kindly have your child's fruit/vegetables in an "easy to access" container or zip lock bag labelled with their name. This will be kept in the classroom for fruit break time at 10am.



Teacher emails

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Days of Specialists and Library:

Tuesday: Sport and Performing Arts

Wednesday: Italian or Art

Wednesday: Library

Uniform reminder

Sport Uniform is to be worn on Tuesday and Thursday.

Special Events and Key Dates

- March 2nd - Preps begin full week of school
- Friday 27th March - Term 1 ends

Religion

Students will:

- Build their relationship with God through prayer and developing their understanding of why people pray.
- Learn about the actions, signs and symbols of the Church and prayer space.
- Explore how they belong to our school, Church and God's family.
- Discover the life of Jesus, including the events of Holy Week.



Inquiry

Students will:

- Establish classroom routines and expectations.
- Focus on getting to know themselves by identifying their strengths, interests and how to stay healthy and safe, to become a lifelong learner.
- Explore ways to be a good friend through social stories and books. This will provide strategies to establish friendships and skills to cope when different situations arise.
- Be introduced to the Holy Name learning dispositions, beginning with "Persistent" and "Collaborative" to support them in becoming successful learners.



English

Reading

Students will:

- Identify concepts about print using a variety of multimodal texts.
- Familiarise themselves with the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make.

Writing

Students will:

- Practise pre-writing skills including correct pencil grip, posture and tracing.
- Explore how spoken sounds and words can be written down using letters of the alphabet.

Speaking and Listening

Students will:

- Listen to and respond orally to texts in informal and structured situations.
- Build on their communication skills, including listening while others speak and using appropriate voice level, body language and eye contact.

Mathematics

Number and Algebra

Students will:

- Recognise, explore and name numbers in sequences, initially up to 10.
- Practise reading, writing and making numbers.
- Recognise small collections without counting.

Measurement and Geometry

Students will:

- Make estimates and simple measurements in length experimenting with informal units, such as hands, paper clips and blocks.
- Explore the concepts of Mass through hands on activities.



Performing Arts - *Maria Buttifant*

In Semester 1 the students in Prep will be introduced to the Performing Arts. They will explore its three components; Dance, Music and Drama. Using costumes, they will explore and create characters in the stories and using appropriate voice to match them. Students will also work on developing their singing skills.



Visual Arts - *Maria Buttifant*

In Semester 1 the students in Prep will be introduced to the Visual Arts and what it comprises of. They will be looking at a variety of drawing mediums and explore their properties and potential on different surfaces. They will explore the works of various artists and use this as the basis of creating their own design.



Italian - *Anna Bregu*

Unit of Work: Greetings and Introductions.

This semester we are learning:

- To develop an understanding and appreciation of the Italian written and spoken language through greetings, songs, games and simple routines.
- Some basic concepts in Italian, such as simple greetings, introduction expressions, colours of the Italian flag, numbers to five and the basic body parts.
- Some Italian cultural elements in preparation for our whole school celebration of Italian Day during Term 2.

Sport - *Derryn Ling*

Fundamental Movement Skills - Manipulative and Locomotor skills

We are learning:

- To develop the **Manipulative skills** such as throwing and catching, **Locomotor skills** such as running and jumping and **Stability skills** such as balancing and turning.
- To participate positively in groups and teams
- To follow instructions
- To encourage one another

Major events this term include: tennis clinics and soccer clinics.