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Woombye Prep Newsletter



Special Interest Articles:

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No Hat...
No Play...
No Fun ...
Today!



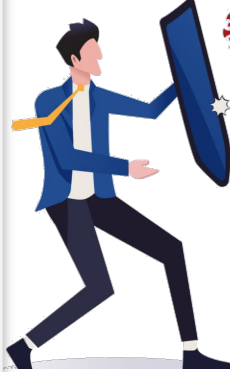
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**Remember
to book
online**



Dear Prep Parents and Preppers, we have had a great start to Term 4, Semester 2, 2020 which is promising to be a busy 10 weeks for our Preppers as they prepare for year one. We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation at this time.

COVID-19 operating guidelines for Queensland state schools



Under the Queensland Chief Health Officer Directive:

- Parents are not to enter the school grounds without first visiting the office. It is important that parents do not gather before or after school, in the car park, at drop off and pick up time, outside classrooms or at the school gate,
- Any student who is unwell must not attend school and students should be tested and remain at home until well, and
- The school must ask parents/carers to collect their child from school if they are unwell.

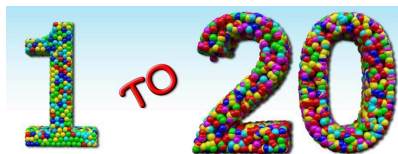
Educational Goals

English

- I know stories have a beginning, middle and end,
- I know stories have characters, and
- I can talk about the story, the characters and what the characters are feeling and doing.

Math

- I know about numbers to 20,
- I can count forward and backward to 20,
- I can count to and from 20 starting at different numbers, and
- I can match the numeral, picture and word of numbers to 20.



Computer Lab

All Prep classes enjoy the literacy, numeracy and art activities in our computer lab. They are becoming proficient with logging on, mouse and keyboard skills.



Reading

Please continue to read with your Prepper.

- Library Books
- Readers
- Environmental Print
- Join your local library

Remember levelled readers are checked on Tuesday and Wednesday and changed on Wednesdays.

Keep working on sight words, these are checked on Wednesdays at school too.

Our school librarian conducts formal library lessons where the Preppers learn how the school library works, how to find their choice of book, how to look after the school's books and how to borrow a book. The Preppers can borrow a library book on this day and take their book home in their library bag. Please return the library book in the library bag on or before the next Thursday.



Important Dates

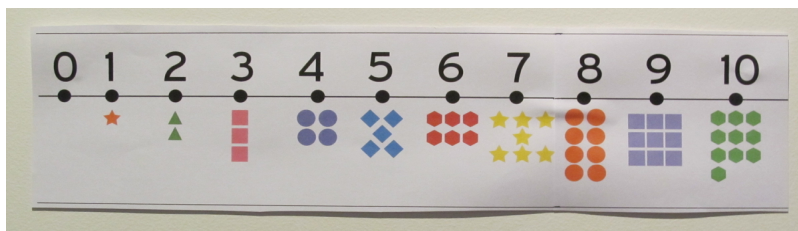
21 st – 30 th October	Library Online Bookfair
The afternoon of Monday 7 th December	Christmas carols
Wednesday 9 th December	Break up day
Wednesday 9 th December	Last Day of School for 2020
Tuesday 26 th January 2021	Australia Day Holiday
Wednesday 27 th January 2021	First Day of School 2021

Term 4 Curriculum Focus

English:

Preppers will have opportunities to read, examine and respond to literature and explore text structure and organization.

- Preppers will create a short story that they will illustrate.
- Daily reading groups will continue.
- Library lesson and borrowing on Thursday.
- Sight words and levelled readers will be checked on Wednesdays.
- Preppers will be looking at and repeating patterns in repetitive texts, exploring sentence parts as well as examining characters in stories.
- Work in our Soundwaves workbooks will continue as usual.



Math:

Preppers will be learning about:

- Focus is on numbers 10 to 20
- Counting forward and backward from different starting points.
- Connecting numerals and number names.
- Representing and comparing quantities.
- Sequencing quantities and numbers.
- Comparing capacities, length and the mass of objects.
- Addition and subtraction



Science:

The Unit of Work in Science for this term is called:
"Move it, Move it!"

The focus will be on:

- Exploring the five senses.
- Exploring body movements.
- Exploring bouncing, rolling, sliding and spinning.
- Examining movement of plants and animals.

History:

The fourth term History focus will be on:

- Remembering the past through stories
- Looking at how objects tell stories
- Looking at personal and family commemorations

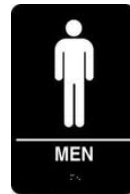
Geography:

Our Geographical focus will be on:

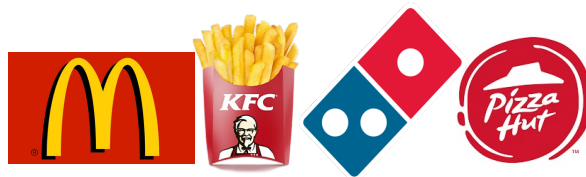
- Special places
- Caring for special places



Environmental Print



Environmental print is the print of everyday life. It's the name given to the print that appears in signs, labels, and logos. Street signs, lolly wrappers, labels on peanut butter and the K in Kmart are other examples of environmental print. For many emergent readers, environmental print helps bridge the connection between letters and first efforts to read.



Playing with environmental print can be quick and easy. Here are some ideas:



Cereal boxes are colourful and interesting to look at. Ask your Prepper to find the first letter of their name somewhere on the box. See if they can find other letters from their name too.



Parents can take advantage of environmental print by using it in ways to talk about letters and words. Try playing the license plate game during a long car ride, "Everyone find an A, now a B".

