



Prep Newsletter Term 4, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4, the final term for the year! We hope everyone enjoyed their break and are feeling rested and ready for the next 10 weeks.

Learning:

This Term, our priority teaching will be focusing on English, Mathematics, Science, Technology and Geography; as well as fostering readiness for smooth transitions to Year 1. Learning experiences will be structured to support every student's learning needs, allowing children to explore concepts in an active and challenging way.

Curriculum Topics and Assessment:

The following table outlines the curriculum learning and assessment for Prep students in Term Four.

<u>Curriculum Area</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assessment Items</u>
<u>English</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genres- narrative, letter writing • Reading strategies • Sight word recognition • Sentence construction • Phonemic awareness • Comprehension strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students write a letter to a character in a story. • Oral Comprehension • Synthetic Phonics Checklist • Reading Assessment • Early Start Testing
<u>Mathematics</u>	<p><i>Number and place value</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent quantities, compare numbers, and match number names, numerals and quantities, • Addition • Subtraction • Equal/not equal • Number sequences <p><i>Using units of measurement</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly and indirectly compare the duration of events, directly and indirectly compare the mass, length and capacity of objects <p><i>Location and transformation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe position, describe direction <p><i>Shape</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe, name and compare 2D and 3D shapes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number Checklist • Mathematic Vocabulary Test • Early Start Testing
<u>Physical Education</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body and balance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continual observations and feedback on skills and body coordination
<u>Geography</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special places and how to care for them • Describing location and features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe and describe classroom • Looking after the classroom • Location – giving directions
<u>Science</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students design their own wind ornament • Describing features of waterproof/not waterproof 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students create their own wind ornament using materials
<u>Technology</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring different materials and textures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe materials used to design different objects • Design and create a variety of objects
<u>Music</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice of steady beat • Rhythm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beat within a group • Responding to music
<u>Information Communication Technologies</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In ICT students will be increasing their capabilities with the use of the app Notes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create new files, type, edit and format text, draw and share their work.



Visits to Prep:

During this term several of the local childcare centres will be making visits to begin transition into school life and to foster readiness for the coming year. This process allows the children to become familiar with new school settings, routines, and language.

Play Time:

This term, the Prep teachers will trial a number of new strategies as a pro-active way of teaching and reinforcing the playground behaviours expected of Year 1 students and providing them with opportunities to practice and use these. More information will follow.

Library Lessons:

All Prep children will continue with their weekly library lesson and borrowing with Ms Drover. Please see your child's class teacher for the class day.

Morning Reminder/Late Arrivals:

When students arrive at school in the morning without a parent or guardian, they are to go to the undercover area in front of the tuckshop until the first bell. Children are not to play on the equipment in the Prep playground at this time as there is no teacher supervision.

The first bell of the day at Kruger school rings at 8.20am. Students are expected to be lined up outside their classroom at this time. Prep classes begin formal lessons from 8:25am. It is vital that your child be punctual each day in order to maximise their learning. Students arriving to school after 8:30am will need to report to the office to receive a late slip.

Absenteeism:

The school will continue to focus on late comers and absenteeism. Please ensure your child is at school by the first bell at 8:20am. If your child is unable to attend school, please ring the school office on 3814 9333 and/or send a note with your child explaining their absence.

Tuckshop Money:

The children will start to use the tuckshop this term and will only be able to buy snacks at second break. If your child brings money to spend, it needs to be placed in a small wallet or container in a safe place in their bag. We are aiming to help children acknowledge the value of money and ideas for them to look after it. The Prep year is designed to foster independence and responsibility for their belongings, including money. This money needs to stay in their bag. Please give your child a suitable amount of money such as 50 cents to \$1 as they will only have time to eat 1 small thing because the second break is a short period of time. We also ask that if you have older children attending Kruger, please remind them that 'treats' (ice blocks, cookies, chips, lollies) are for second break only in Prep.

Head lice:

It has come to our attention that there have been a number of cases of head lice. If we could ask that you be diligent in checking your child's hair and treat the head lice if you find them, to help eliminate the spread of them. Also, please notify your teacher. Thank you for your cooperation with the difficult issue.

Christmas Activities:

Prep classes will offer some Christmas activities this term. If you do not wish your child to be involved in these activities, please let your classroom teacher know.



Prep Information & Enrolment Session:

If you have a child starting Prep in 2019, please come to a Prep Information night on November 13th. Please come to hear about the school and our program, also order uniforms and fill out enrolment forms. You will need to bring your child's birth certificate and passport if you wish to enrol your new child on the day. If you know of anybody wanting to enrol their child in Prep next year, could you please let them know about this information session.

Every Day Counts:

It is very important that children attend school every day to maximise their performance. Prep is a foundation year when all the early reading, writing and number skills are taught. These skills form the basis for success for future learning. If children have missed school they may have gaps in their understanding and make learning in the future more difficult.

Important Days:

Week 1: Tuesday 8th October - First day of Term 4

Week 3: Wednesday 24th October – Prep-2 Cross Country

Week 3 -5: Tuesday's and Thursday's – Pre Prep visits

Week 6: Tuesday 13th November – 2019 Prep Information Evening 6pm

Week 9: Friday 7st December - End of Year Christmas Concert, Prep-6

Week 10: Tuesday 11th December - Year 6 Graduation

Week 10: Wednesday 12th December - Awards Day Prep-5

Week 10: Thursday 13th December- Prep Celebration Day

Week 10: Friday 14th December – Last day of the school year

We are looking forward to an enjoyable term ahead. At Kruger we value the home to school relationship so please remember, if you have any questions or issues to discuss, please come and have a chat with your child's friendly Prep teacher.

Thank You,

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