What’s Happening in the Classroom?

English
The children will be consolidating and extending their knowledge of the alphabet and learning to spell 3 letter medial vowel words, for example, jam, his, lot and words of interest. Students will continue to bring home lists of frequently used spelling and reading words to practise.
We will continue to group the children across all Prep Classes for Literacy each morning. By working together, we can cater for a wider range of Reading and Writing levels and so better meet the children’s changing needs.

Mathematics
This term we will focus on: number patterns in counting; addition, subtraction, tasks using division and multiplication concepts, doubling, number facts; money; using calculators and other materials to support number work; informal measurement of length, capacity and mass; space – jigsaws, matching and copying shapes. We will continue to group the children across all Prep Classes for Numeracy each day. By working together in Numeracy, like Literacy, we can cater for a wider range of levels and so better meet the children’s changing needs.

Integrated Studies
This term our first Unit of Study is called Terrific Toys. We will be visiting Ripponlea and investigating toys from past and present.
Our final Integrated Unit is called Celebrations! We invite you to come and share your experiences of celebrations from other cultures. The children would love to learn about celebrations in other countries. Please let your classroom teacher know if you are available to do this.

Art
This term’s theme in the Art Room is printing. Children will explore a variety of printing activities and also revise their skills across the other art areas of collage, construction, modeling, painting, drawing, threads and textiles. Topics will be related to the classroom Integrated Units of Study where relevant.

Indonesian
The children will consolidate their knowledge of counting 1-10. They will also learn about the days of the week, months of the year and weather.

Music
Concert Songs: Talk to the Animals, Elephants Balancing, Nellie the Elephant, Bigger isn’t Better, Come Follow the Band, Join the Circus
All Preps will be focusing on singing, dancing and performing in preparation for the concert in November. After the concert we will play percussion instruments and will begin simple Marimba pieces that help the children to become familiar with the letters on the piano/keyboard. All practical work will develop aural skills.
Physical Education
Term 4 will have PMP continuing on Tuesday afternoons through to the end of the year. The activities are getting progressively more difficult as students develop their basic motor skills, such as balance, co-ordination and movement patterns. PE classes will revise ball handling skills, such as catching, throwing and rolling. Students will be introduced to the basics of double handed strike with a modified Teeball bat.

Information Technology
The students will continue to use the classroom computers to aid their learning in all areas of the curriculum, as well as developing their keyboarding skills. They will learn how to change the font and size of texts, start and quit software programs and practise word processing. The Programs the students will use include: Millie’s Maths House, Bailey’s Book House, Sammy’s Science Program, Kidpix and Microsoft Word.

Parent Helpers
Thank you to those parents who have been assisting us in the classroom and doing ‘odd jobs’. There are so many tasks that both the children and teachers need help with and we really value your help.

Dates to Remember
Monday 9th October Prep D Assembly
Friday 13th October Prep Pyjama Party 6:00 – 7:30
Thursday 19th October Kinder/Prep Transition
Saturday 21st October Working Bee
Thursday 26th October Kinder/Prep Transition
Monday 30th October Prep K Assembly
Wednesday 1st November Friends of J.P.P.S. Meeting 2.10
Friday 3rd November Kinder/Prep Transition
Monday 6th November Report Writing Day – students not required at school
Tuesday 7th November Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
Friday 10th November Kinder/Prep Transition
Tuesday 14th November School Concert
Wednesday 15th November School Concert
Thursday 16th November Curriculum Day - students not required at school
Wednesday 6th December Friends of J.J.P.S Meeting 2.10
Thursday 7th December Kinder/Prep Transition
Monday 11th December Prep S Assembly
Monday 18th December Prep O Assembly
Wednesday 20th December Class Parties
Thursday 21st December Last Day of Term 4 – 1pm Dismissal

Prep and Prepkins Team:
Mrs Anne Davies, Mrs Michelle Stone, Miss Tracey O’Brien, Mrs Leah Kaliviotis
Mrs Liz Clow, Mrs Sandie Jackson and Ms Patti Walker