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. 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 ‘How does Your Garden Grow?’ We will be visiting the Royal Botanic Gardens to further develop students’ understanding about plants. Our final Integrated Unit is called ‘Let’s Go Shopping.’ We plan to walk to the local Wheelers Hill Shopping Centre and have the students purchase a piece of fruit and a drink.

**Art**
The children will continue to be introduced to a variety of activities in the Art Room. They will develop their skills in the areas of threads and textiles, printing, stencilling, rubbings, drawing and painting. Topics will be related to the classroom Integrated Units of Study where relevant.

**Indonesian**
The Preps will learn words for objects in the classroom and objects in the home. 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**
Prep, year one and two, are preparing for the presentation at the school concert: ‘Commotion in the Ocean’, written by Ann and Jack Earle. They are preparing to perform on stage for thirty minutes. They will be dramatizing songs, singing, moving, clapping rhythms and dancing. We will be focusing on developing our confidence with performing with accurate pitch and lyrics. We will continue to develop good speech and delivery of poetry. We will be learning stage skills like character development and maintaining character, the importance of silence, keeping very still, smiling and delivering lines with bright faces, careful stage entry and exit, following instructions exactly and involvement with the action onstage, even when it is not our solo piece.
The main songs for Prep are Life in the Sea, Crabs, Turtles and Dangerous Sea Creatures. The musical backing will be provided by our school instrumental ensemble.

The children will be prepared by Miss Hart and Mrs. Earle.
Physical Education
Term 4 will have PMP continuing on Tuesday afternoons through to the 13\textsuperscript{th} November. 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 kicking and bouncing skills.

Information Technology
The students will continue to use the classroom computers and class Smart Boards 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 and many others.

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

Dates to Remember
\begin{itemize}
\item Wednesday 17\textsuperscript{th} October \textbf{Cyber Safety Presentation Evening.}
\item Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} October \textbf{Kinder/Prep Transition Session 1.}
\item Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} October \textbf{Prep Pyjama Party 6:00 – 7:30pm.}
\item Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} October \textbf{Pink Ribbon Day.}
\item Thursday 25\textsuperscript{th} October \textbf{Kinder/Prep Transition Session 2.}
\item **Monday 5\textsuperscript{th} November** \textbf{Report Writing Day – Students not required at school.}
\item Tuesday 6\textsuperscript{th} November \textbf{Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.}
\item Thursday 8\textsuperscript{th} November \textbf{Free Dress Day}
\item Friday 9\textsuperscript{th} November \textbf{Kinder/Prep Transition Session 3.}
\item Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} November \textbf{Kinder/Prep Transition Session 4.}
\item Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} November \textbf{Excursion to Botanic Gardens.}
\item 19\textsuperscript{th}, 20\textsuperscript{th}, 21\textsuperscript{st}, 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 23\textsuperscript{rd}, 26\textsuperscript{th}, 27\textsuperscript{th}, 28\textsuperscript{th}, 30\textsuperscript{th} November \textbf{Prep Swimming Program.}
\item Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} December \textbf{Kinder/Prep Transition Session 5.}
\item Tuesday 11\textsuperscript{th} December \textbf{Whole School Full Dress Rehearsal for School Concert.}
\item Wednesday 12\textsuperscript{th} December \textbf{School Concert Evening 7 – 8.30pm.}
\item Thursday 13\textsuperscript{th} December \textbf{School Concert Evening 7 – 8.30pm.}
\item **Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} December** \textbf{Curriculum Day – Students not required at school.}
\item Friday 21\textsuperscript{st} December \textbf{1:00pm finish for final day of School, 2007.}
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Prep Team
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Mrs Liz Clow, Mrs Sandie Jackson and Mrs Robyn Stewart.