Welcome back everyone! 
We hope you all had a great holiday 
and are ready for an exciting Term 3.

**Literacy**
This term we are doing a couple of Author studies. We have been looking at books by Pamela Allen. Students have enjoyed the rhyme and rhythm of these stories and are finding key elements this author uses to make her writing interesting. Some students have brought in Pamela Allen books from home to share with the class too. Next we will be looking at books written by Australian author Mem Fox.
Preps are continuing to learn the 100 magic words. Students need to know words in different contexts and be able to read them confidently and quickly before they move to the next level.

**Home Reading**
We can’t stress enough how important home reading is and appreciate your support by reading every night. Thanks to those who have volunteered their time to listen to reading at school – the kids love having you visit. We can always use more helpers so if you are available to help, let us know. Prep W especially needs helpers on Tuesday and Thursday and Prep H on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Show & Tell**
All students have received their ‘Show and Tell’ timetable and allocated day. We would appreciate it if parents could continue helping prepare for this. Remember children may bring photos or drawings to support their talk.

**Mathematics**
This term we will be practising more counting – including skip counting and counting backwards! We will be learning to subtract numbers and make equal groups. We will be doing lots of fun things with shapes too.

**Integrated Studies**
**Good Sports** is the Prep Integrated Unit for Term 2. Students will learn about respect and concern for others and about being fair. Students will be looking at different families and cultures and will be making a family tree. We will be linking this learning in with the upcoming Olympic Games.
Later in the term Prep-2 students will be participating in a Mini-Olympics where their teams will ‘go for gold’.

Over the next two weeks (during the Olympics) we would love to have newspapers for kids to cut out sporty images. If you have finished reading newspapers, please send them in.

**Pre-service Teachers**
This term both prep grades will have pre-service teachers working us.
CONCERT!!!!
This term Prep students will be participating in their first school concert. We have begun dance practice and are having loads of fun. The concert is on Wednesday 29 August. If you are able to help Prep W with preparing costumes or props please let us know (you don’t have to be a whiz on the sewing machine, just have some time and a pair of scissors).

WHAT A MESS!
Our library and take home book boxes are in need of tidying. If you are able to help we would really appreciate it. Any time that suits you would be great. If you are interested in learning more about helping in the library with cataloguing or covering our new books please come and see Jenny.

Head Lice
This continues to be a bit of a problem in the Prep area. Please make sure hair that is shoulder length or longer is tied back everyday. Clips are also necessary to keep hair out of the eyes. Please continue to check your child’s hair at least once a week and if head lice are found, please treat immediately and inform your class teacher. If you need any further information about treatment options, please come and see us.

5-cent Thursdays
This term each class has a 5-cent collection tin to raise money for our school gardens. Any 5-cent pieces can be brought in and added to our collection. There will be a special prize for the grade that raise the most money. Last year’s preps were the winners ... let’s make it two years in a row!!!

Curriculum Day
We will be having a curriculum day on Thursday 9th August. Teachers will be working on developing our integrated curriculum on this day. Students are not required to attend on this day.

Canteen
Canteen days are now Mondays and Fridays. Please see Sue our new manager in the canteen if you can help out on either of these days.

PMP (Perceptual Motor Program)
The Prep PMP program has started and children have been really enjoying the activities. We have had a couple of parents volunteer their time (thanks) but we need a few more. Could you please let us know if you are able to help us out on Tuesdays 2:30 – 3:30pm. We need parents without pre-school children to help us with this program.

Religious Instruction
Religious instruction has begun for those students whose parents requested this. Sue comes to visit us on Wednesdays (2:30-3.00pm). Students not participating in this program are involved in other activities consolidating their learning.

Staff Car Park
We note that a number of parents are picking students up via the staff car park. Please use the path and pedestrian gate when exiting the school rather than walking through the car park.
3 Way Conferences
We would like to congratulate all prep students who participated in their first 3 way conferences. It was great to see you share your wonderful work with your parents.

Wet Mornings
As we continue through the winter season we are bound to experience some wet weather. Students are asked to wait in the undercover area near the Prep-2 playground if it is raining. Depending on the severity of the weather, an announcement will be made, directing the students into the BER building between 8:30am and 9:00am. We appreciate your cooperation.

Prep Specialist Timetable
There have been some minor changes to this timetable.

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Nut Free Policy
Please remember we are a nut free school when you are packing your child’s lunch.

We are looking forward to working with you this term,

Jenny Humberstone & Trudi Waterfall
Specialist Classes

Visual Arts
This term is another exciting and busy time for us in the art room. Students are going to begin the term with some artworks based on the Olympics. They are going to explore rubbing techniques and use these to create their own artworks. Later they are going to develop their collage skills and create their own artwork based on the royal family. And finally they will be introduced to the fabulous qualities of clay and will be able to explore and develop their skills and techniques in this wonderful medium.

Science
In Science this term prep students will be studying the topic of ‘Food Glorious Food’ with a focus on healthy eating, the food pyramid, heightening our senses in relation to food, the changes in food from raw to cooked and finding out through experiment which foods contain the most fat. We will also focus on the importance of exercise to link in with the Olympics unit.

Already we have had a couple of interesting sessions focusing on our resting and active heart rate. We have found our pulse with our fingers on our neck and our wrist and this week we used the school stethoscopes to monitor our heartbeat. The students measured their resting heart rates then did many a push-up and star jump to measure their active heart rate. There were some very interesting results and the students had a lot of fun listening to their beating heart.

PE
During Term 3 the children in Prep will be concentrating on the Fundamental Motor Skills (FMS) of kicking, leaping, running and jumping.

On Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm, PH and PW will be participating in a Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). This program has been found to be extremely beneficial, not only to the children’s physical development but also in their language development.

If any parents would like to spare an hour, on these Tuesday afternoons, it would be greatly appreciated. The children had their first week of PMP this week, and did a fantastic job. Many thanks to Tahlia’s and Connor’s mums for their help. Also a big thank you to Brynn, Courtney, Angel and Callum for helping to set up the activities and in assisting the children.

Italian
Prep students will be doing some work on the Olympics - “Le Olimpiadi: Londra 2012”. The children will be able to express their likes and dislikes: ‘Mi piace’ and ‘Non mi piace’. I will also teach the children some Italian board games. They will have access to a variety of technology, such as: iPod touches, iPads and the interactive whiteboard linked to many Italian websites, songs and fables.