



Prep Newsletter

‘A Year Of Discovery’

To Our Amazing Families,

As Term 3 commences, we find ourselves returning to Online and Remote Learning. While this is not ideal, we can do it! This time, we are fortunate enough to already have learning systems in place and be able to build on what worked well last time.

To make Online and Remote Learning as seamless as possible, the Prep Team will once again:

- continue to use Class Dojo as the main way of communicating
- deliver resource kits to your front door to assist with learning at home
- post learning timetables the night before they are to be completed
- encourage you to adapt the timetable to suit your own workloads, the needs of all your children and other activities occurring in your home. Please remember the times listed on the timetable are suggestions

During Online and Remote Learning, Preps will have all their specialist subjects on Thursdays



On Fridays, we will plan half days of learning to allow time for catching up on missed or incomplete activities.

Important Dates



July 20th

Remote and Online Learning Commences

School Reports Sent Home

July 30th (9.30am – 8pm) and July 31st
(9.30am – 3pm)

Student & Parent Conferences

August 17th

National Science Week

August 19th

Proposed Return To Onsite Learning

September 18th

Last Day of Term

English

This term in English, students will be exploring:

- persuasive writing
- transactional writing (postcards, notes, letters etc.)
- sentence structures
- reading strategies
- oral language experiences
- the letters Ll, Uu, Nn, Gg, Qq, Jj, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy



Reading and Writing Tips

- Everyone needs 'thinking time' to work things out. If your child gets stuck on a word when reading, give them 10 seconds of 'thinking time' before helping them
- Instead of telling them the word, give them a prompt such as "Look at the first letter of the word. What sound does it make?"
- You child's first attempt at writing should be independent (even if it ends up being a series of jumbled letters)
- Have your child tell you what they have written. You can then write the sentence for them and have them copy it correctly

Mathematics

This term in Mathematics, students will be exploring:

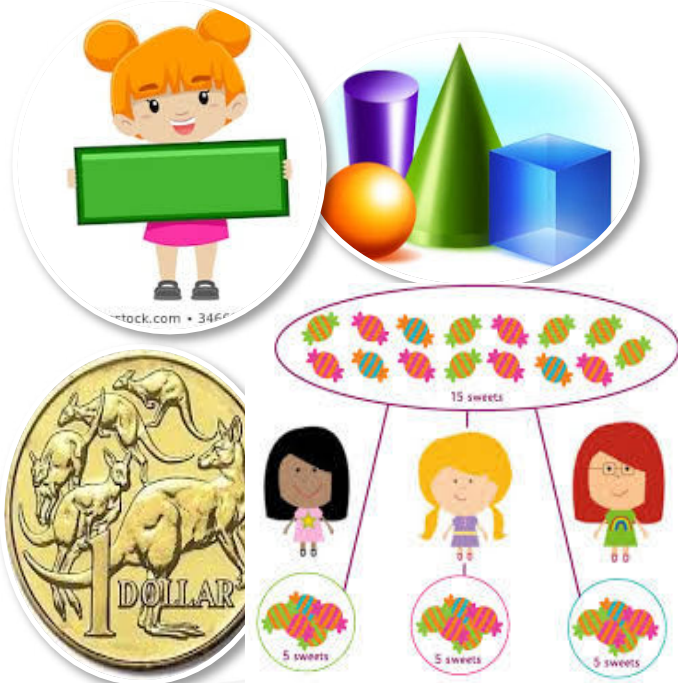
- place value of two digit numbers
- sharing a collection of objects into equal groups
- measurement (mass/capacity)
- 3D shapes (cones, cubes etc.)
- 2D shape revision
- time
- subtraction
- money



Social and Emotional Learning

This term in SEL, students will:

- identify their personal strengths and weaknesses
- participate in activities which promote equality and inclusion
- continue to build on their emotional vocabulary and managing their emotions
- develop new meditation and mindfulness skills
- learn positive coping strategies

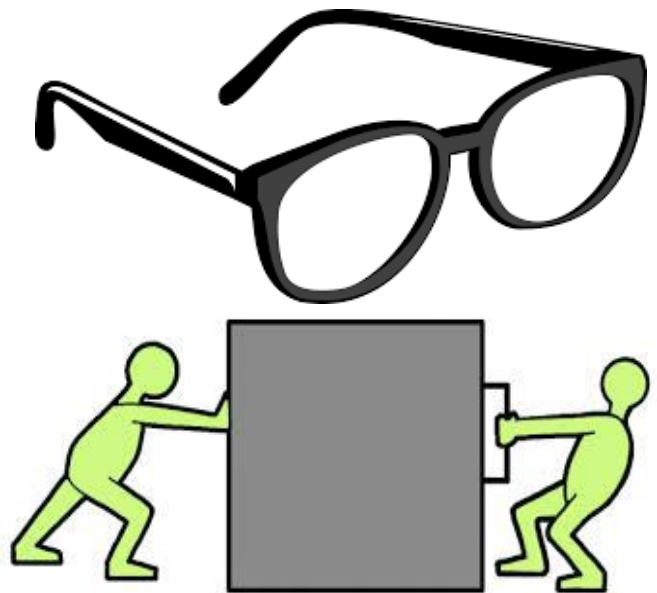


Faith Based Inquiry

This term in Faith Based Inquiry, students will be exploring the big concept of 'Discovering Differences' and looking at the question 'How can we help others?'

Students will:

- listen to Bible stories about people who were different from others in their community and look at how Jesus helped them
- look at different ways of communicating using the five senses
- participate in guided investigations to explore how the five senses help us to function in everyday life
- explore inventions that help people in society
- investigate the forces of 'push and pull'
- develop an understanding that everyone is different and that is a wonderful thing
- learn about signs of peace in the church and events that promote peace and tolerance



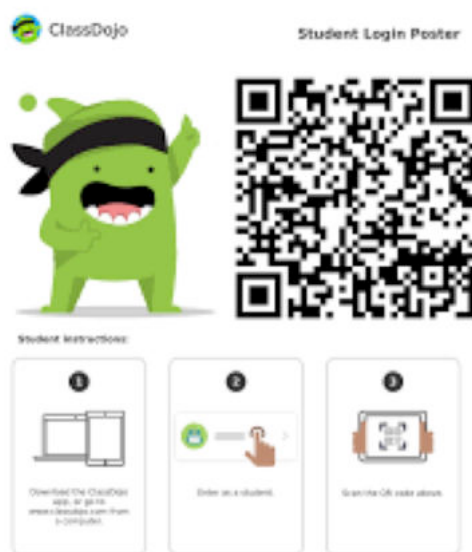


ONLINE & REMOTE LEARNING STUDENT WORK UPLOADS

Each day during Online and Remote Learning, there is one designated activity on the daily timetable that **must** be uploaded to your child's **portfolio on Class Dojo**.

The activity for uploading is indicated with a camera icon next to it. This allows your child's teacher to see how they are progressing with tasks, to assess and moderate work and to provide positive feedback and goals when needed.

To make uploading your child's work easier, we will be sending home QR Codes that are individual to your child. You can also still upload to your child's portfolio in the same manner as last term.



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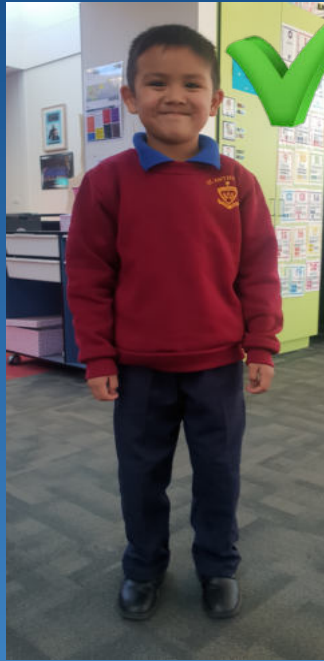
REMINDERS

(In preparation for all students returning to onsite learning in Term 3)

School Uniforms

Students are required to wear the St Anthony's Winter Uniform in Term 3. If you need to purchase uniform pieces, Uniform Order Forms are available from the school office.

Sports uniforms may only be worn on the students designated sports day!



Items including colourful socks or leggings and long sleeved coloured t-shirts underneath short sleeved school t-shirts are not part of the school uniform.

Hair

Please tie up your child's hair if it is longer than their shoulders.



Fruit

All students should have a piece of fresh fruit or a vegetable in their lunchbox each day



Student Learning in Prep



