



# YEAR PREP

## IMPORTANT TERM DATES:

### Monday 2nd October

Term 4 begins

### Thursday 26th October

Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

### Tuesday 7th November

Pupil Free Day

### Wednesday 8th November

Habitat Helpers In visit

### Monday 14th-24th November

Prep Swimming

### Tuesday 5th December

Pupil Free Day

### Tuesday 12th December

Whole School End of Year  
Concert

### Wednesday 13th December

Excursion to Melbourne  
Aquarium

### Last day of Term 4

Wednesday 20th December

## TERM OVERVIEW

*It's hard to believe, but Term 4 is here! We are so proud of how far the students have come, and are excited to see what they achieve in the final term of Prep!*

*Term 4 is filled with fun and continued learning as we consolidate concepts learned throughout the year. We begin setting the kids up for their next year of school, and reflect on the fantastic year that was. A few excursions to the Melbourne Zoo and Aquarium, the swimming program, invisits and more! We are really looking forward to the final term of Prep.*

## INQUIRY UNIT:

*Our inquiry unit of work is called 'Living things.' We love this unit of work because we engage in nature and living things. We learn to understand what makes things living and nonliving. We discover their features and what basic needs and skills they have to survive. We learn about how our actions affect living things and what we must do in the future to look after our world. We also look at habitats such as the land and the ocean. We have an exciting excursion to the Melbourne Zoo and Aquarium to compliment and build on our knowledge. We have an invisit on habitats. We make animal posters and information reports. We read lots of non fiction material about living things. To do this, we learn the process of researching information and how to find interesting facts about living things using technology and books.*

## LITERACY FOCUS:

*Throughout Term 4, students will continue to develop their phonological and reading skills through a range of literacy group tasks and explicit teaching. We encourage students to use all reading strategies taught so far to strengthen their knowledge and understanding. Students will be taught to read with fluency and prosody. During the literacy block, children will be given the opportunity to put into practise new skills and publish written work on laptops. We will continue to read a range of fiction and nonfiction books. We will learn a new comprehension strategy - 'inferencing' where students look at the clues in pictures to understand what the author means. A major literacy focus is creating Information Reports on living things, which will be the main text type the students create this term. We will also learn how to write a list for shopping and continue to develop their stamina in writing recounts and narratives.*

## NUMERACY FOCUS:

*Numeracy this term dives into new topics and revisits previously taught content. We begin the term, focusing on sharing, moving into money and Australian coins. For Measurement and Geometry this term, the focus is on capacity and length. We revisit concepts, Chance and Probability as well as go over Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. Students will finish the year with a sound understanding of the core principles of Numeracy and will be ready and raring for Year 1.*