



PRE-PREP LINK

Welcome to the May edition of the Pre-Prep Link

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New friends & families:

We wish to send a very warm welcome to **Uditi Ratnala** in Pre-Prep 2 who joined our Pre-Prep family. WELCOME!! We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your family.

Staff news:

As you all know, we farewelled **Miss Lisa** earlier this month.

Our new teacher, **Miss Katrina Slocombe** starts with us on Monday, 25 May and we cannot wait to continue our learning journey with her by our side.



Miss Katrina

What's Happening at Pre-Prep for the remainder of this Term?

May:

26 Parent Committee Meeting 6.00 - 7.00pm

June:

1 Parent Information Night, Speech Pathologist 6.00 - 7.00pm
8 Queen's Birthday - **CLOSED**
12 Pre-Prep Semester 1 Reports mailed
15 - 18 Parent Teacher Interviews. Times to be arranged with your teacher
16 Performer visiting, "Drum Beat"
19 Last Day of Term 2
22-3 School Holidays Fun Programme
26 SIDS Red Nose Day (Children wear a red top)

Please name ALL items you bring to Pre-Prep. Although we aim to send everything home each day, unnamed items are difficult to track.

Thank you.

Lost Property items can be found in the basket in the foyer.

Numeracy & Literacy Night:

On Tuesday, 19 May we hosted a Numeracy and Literacy Night for our families. Thankyou to those who joined us. This night was a hands-on fun night, sharing many experiences children get involved in while at Pre-Prep.

In the Early Childhood years of a child's learning and development, literacy and numeracy is all about exposure and being immersed in a world rich in words, conversations, stories, singing, taking part in games, to name a few.

One of the most important things all adults can do is read to their child. The more a child is exposed to and has experiences with language, the better. At this age, children are becoming very familiar with letters, so a good idea is to sit together so your child can SEE the text. This starts teaching children about the written word and also shares the message that the written text represents the words we say.

Mother's Day Morning Tea:

We wish to thank all the Mothers who joined us for the celebrations of Mother's Day on Friday, 8 May. We really appreciate you taking the time to join us for this special event.



Happy birthday to the following children who have their birthday in May and June:

Caitlyn
Joshua

Liam
Lucas
Rafa
Uditi
Maya

If your child is having a birthday and you wish to bring a cake along to share, we would really appreciate it if you could make or buy mini muffins or cup cakes (they are easier). There are 24 children and 3 staff in your child's room every day.



Literacy experiences at our Numeracy & Literacy Night



The children worked so hard and loved every minute of getting prepared for this occasion, and when the day finally arrived, they were so excited!! This year's theme was a "garden party" and the classrooms looked so pretty and festive.

Thankyou for all of your lovely supportive messages regarding this day, we are so pleased you enjoyed yourselves.

Quality Improvement Plan (QIP):

The National Regulations require approved services to have a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). The aim of a QIP is to help providers self-assess their performance in delivering quality education and care and to plan future improvements. The QIP also helps the regulatory authorities with their assessment of the service.

A QIP helps providers to document the strengths of their service and to recognise areas for improvement.

The National Quality Framework has been introduced to Long Day Care to raise the quality of Early Childhood Education and Care in Australia. All services are assessed and rated against the seven (7) areas of the National Quality Standards:

- 1. Educational programme and practice**
- 2. Children's health and safety**
- 3. Physical environment**
- 4. Staffing arrangements**
- 5. Relationships with children**
- 6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities**
- 7. Leadership and service management.**

Under each Quality Area are specific points (standards) in which we are assessed. This guides our self-assessment to be specific and meaningful. Every 1-2 months we will select a Quality Area to review. To achieve a collaborative approach and to capture everyone's 'voice', we open this opportunity to our families and staff.

The aim is to consider each Quality Area and how we currently meet the standards. This, in turn, allows us to notice our strengths and any areas for improvement.

Our Quality Improvement Plan will be displayed in our foyer very soon, so stay tuned!!

Please take the time to add your thoughts, ideas and suggestions to this for our review. We would really appreciate your input.

We thank you for your time and support in helping us to be the best centre we can be.

Whooping Cough:

A child of the Junior School has recently been diagnosed with whooping cough. They are not currently attending school. If you or your family exhibit any signs or symptoms of whooping cough please seek medical attention.



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Numeracy & Literacy Night***



Sick and Unwell Children:

With the cooler weather, it is a timely reminder of our policies and practices. It is our duty of care to provide a safe and healthy environment for your children to learn and play in. In order for us to provide this we ask that all sick and unwell children remain at home to recover and not spread their bugs around the Centre.

Our policy states that any child with a vomiting and/or diarrhoea bug must stay away from the Centre and can return 24 hours after their symptoms have stopped.

Special Events:

We love to share photos and stories about special events we are involved in at Pre-Prep. You will find these displays down the long corridor to the back door of the Centre. Please feel free to spend time looking at these with your child and seeing what we get up to.

Policies of the Month:

As a Centre we are constantly looking at our policies and ensuring they meet the requirements of the law and the needs of the children, staff and parents of the Centre. To ensure we are looking at these policies with all stakeholders in mind, each month we will be reviewing 4 -5 policies. We ask that parents and staff read the policies and note any possible changes, if applicable. All requests for changes will go to the Parent Committee, Staff and Head of Junior School meetings. When all stakeholders have voted on the change, the policy will be re-written and changes noted.

Policies under review in May are:

- National Quality Framework,
- Parental Interaction & Involvement,
- Privacy & Confidentiality,
- Relationships with Children.

Policies under review in June are:

- Lock up,
- Environment Sustainability,
- Photography,
- Physical Activity,
- Bikes.

The policy review is located in the foyer near PP2's front door

If you ever have any suggestions or feedback regarding our service to you, please do not hesitate to share this with us.

Kind regards, Cyndi, Amanda, Jordan, Kimberley, Katrina, Marjory, Pam and Ella.