Prep Teachers

Mrs Kristina Krikas
Class Teacher / Co-ordinator

Mrs Lisa McKenna
Teacher Assistant

**If you need to speak to your child's teacher please be sure to make an appointment to see them.**
**Language**
Each week the students will be covering the three strands of English – Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. The students will also be involved in English groups and working through learning activities throughout the week. These activities re-enforce the skills introduced by the teachers and give the students a chance to practise what they have been taught.

**Mathematics**
We devise a maths planner which determines outcomes to be covered each term. Activities are chosen to assess outcome statements. Students work in small groups rotating between the different activities. A number of open ended activity cards are used in conjunction with hands on resources. The maths program ensures that learning is fun as well as challenging and stimulating. Students will also have the opportunity to be involved in hands on activities as this creates a superior understanding of the concepts being taught.

**Integrated Studies**
This year the students will be focusing on various topics. During class discussions, group and individual sessions the students will be engaging, exploring, explaining elaborating and evaluating their work, class and group discussions, exploring, researching, recording and reporting. The topics the students will be learning about are as follows:

Term 1 – All About Us /Our Neighbourhood

Term 2 – Wild Animals

Term 3 – Toys

Term 4 – The Sea / Sun Smart

We are looking forward to a fantastic year where the students are given the opportunity to expand their knowledge of the world around them.
Science & Technology
During the year students will be taking part in exciting and fun activities and experiments. The students will be using various materials to construct objects based on our theme topics and during social developmental time. Science will also be incorporated with the topics being learnt at the time.

Art
Students are exposed to art activities every week and in most cases every day. Art is incorporated with integrated studies, science, maths and technology. Each student is very creative and they thrive on expressing their creativity through art.

Music
In music the students will be using various instruments to create musical pieces and backing for class drama.

Multiple Intelligence: Multi Age Learning & Better Buddies Program
During these sessions the students will be working together with the Grade 1 / 2 students. They will be exploring various styles of learning through a range of stimulating and exciting activities that are exposed to all the multiple intelligence learning styles: (verbal, linguistic, logical, maths, visual kinaesthetic, musical, interpersonal and intrapersonal).

The Better Buddies program is an exciting program that we are implementing into our school program. It aims at preventing bullying happening within schools and students working together across different year levels. It assists the older students in developing leadership skills and being positive role models for the younger ones.
PMP- Perceptual Motor Programme
The Perceptual Motor Programme is an exciting program where the skills needed for formal learning in areas such as Reading, Writing, Word Study and Mathematics are introduced. All these skills start to develop from birth and continue through life. There is a point where children need to have skills if they are to cope in specific subject areas and we give the children a wide range of experiences in seeing, hearing, touching, making perceptual judgments and reacting.
PMP aims to develop the child's perceptions and their understandings of themselves and their world through movement.
Children attend PMP two times each week for 40-minute sessions. At every equipment session there are Locomotion - Balance - Fitness and Eye/Hand-Eye/Foot Co-Ordination activities.

Tribes
The Tribes program has been successfully running for the past year throughout our school P-6 and extending to our school community. It’s a fantastic and effective program. Its aim is to bring students together and work collaboratively as a community by helping and supporting each other. This allows students to become more tolerant of each other and also learn to solve their differences amongst themselves.
The Tribes program has 4 agreements which all students and staff have to apply on a daily basis, these are:
  ❖ Mutual respect
  ❖ Attentive listening
  ❖ No ‘Put Downs’
  ❖ The right to participate / pass.

The Tribes program also interlinks with Restorative Justice, Circle Time and Boys Education.
**Physical Education**
This year we are fortunate again to have Mr Thompson as our P.E. Teacher. He will be focusing on particular skills with each class (60 minutes each week). These skills can also be re-enforced during extra class games.

**ICT (Information & Communication Technologies)**
Each grade has a 60 minute session in the MMC per week. These sessions will be taken by Mr Thompson. This year he will be introducing our students to basic computer skills and new programs.

**Take Home Readers**
Readers will commence from term 2. Each child will receive a bag for their reader, a reading sheet that is to be signed by a parent and a spelling book which new words will be added as they progress with their reading.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents could assist in their child's reading every night. This will build their confidence and they will begin to identify and learn new words a lot sooner.

Many thanks for your support. We are thrilled to be working with your beautiful children and we are looking forward to an exciting year. We trust that each child gains new knowledge and that new friendships are formed along the way.