WELCOME TO PREP

We are so proud at how quickly our Preps have settled into school routines. We are working hard to get to know each other and make new friends.

We would like to thank you for your efforts in ensuring a great start to the school year. It has been a pleasure to have been greeted by eager and enthusiastic children and we look forward to a special year together.

Miss Holly Evans (Prep E) and Miss Brighid Fahy (Prep F)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In Term One, we will be focusing on:

God’s Great Family

- Exploring our own family and learning about our family history
- Learning about Jesus’ family, Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist
- Listening to the stories of God’s people found in the Bible
- Learning about Abraham and Sarah

Following Jesus-Loving and Serving

- Exploring stories about Jesus’ life and his teachings
- Learning about the events of Holy week
- Retelling the story of the Last Supper

We will also be learning about the Sign of the Cross and other new prayers that we can say together. Throughout the year, the students will also have the opportunity to participate in Liturgical celebrations, such as School and Parish Masses, as well as, Prayer Services and Meditation.
ENGLISH

In Term One, our focus is on:

Reading & Viewing:
- Learning about the concepts of print: front cover, back cover, title, title page, picture, text, concept of a letter and a word, reading left to right, top to bottom and with a return sweep to the left
- Practising the three ways to read a book (read the words, read the pictures, retell the story) and building our reading stamina
- Using one to one matching when reading (finger pointing to words)
- Learning some letters and sounds
- Looking for words we know when reading (a, the, and, to etc.)
- Exploring a variety of text types including Big Books and rhymes

Writing:
- Learning how to recount personal events through drawing and words
- Practising writing our name
- Beginning to read and recognise some high frequency words

Speaking & Listening:
- Listening to and following instructions
- Taking turns when speaking in a group
- Describing pictures
- Recognising rhyme in words

MATHEMATICS

In Term One, our units will include: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability.

In Number and Algebra, we will focus on:
- Recognising and naming numbers from 0 – 10 and beyond
- Exploring counting forwards and backwards using song, number lines and materials
- Counting and comparing small groups of objects
- Finding, continuing and creating patterns using objects, shapes and colours

In Measurement and Geometry, we will focus on:
- Recognising, sorting and naming 2D shapes
- Exploring and creating 2D shapes using various materials
In Statistics and Probability, we will focus on:

- Collecting information and representing it as a tally, table or graph

**S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)**

STEAM is a new Galilee initiative. STEAM stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. STEAM is being introduced from Prep - Year 6 for students to be exposed to more hands-on learning to prepare them for their future in the workforce. In Prep, we are going to use STEAM through hands on activities, experiments, discussions and reflections.

**In Term One, we will investigate:**

**HISTORY – Who am I?**

Some Key Questions will include:

- Who are the people in my family?
- What are some important celebrations for my family?
- When do special events happen in my family?
- Where does my family come from?
- What are some inventions that we have now that my grandparents didn’t have when they were at school?
- Who belonged in Jesus’ family?

**PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (PSEL)**

**In Term One, our PSEL topics include:**

**Self-Awareness: Recognising Emotions**

- Recognising that we have different emotions
- Recognising and how our feelings and emotions affect us

**Self-Management: Relationships**

- How to work with our peers
- Making new friends and treating them fairly
- Finding out about our friends
- Helping our friends and peers in the classroom and on the playground
HOME LEARNING

How you can help at home:
- Share prayers at home such as: a prayer before meals and prayer before bed
- Discuss special events: Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Holy Week
- Encourage your child to recognise and write their own name
- Read with your child. Encourage them to predict what the story will be about and create links to their own experiences
- Discuss how pictures contribute to the meaning of texts
- Play games like I spy?
- Draw your child’s attention to sounds in words e.g. dark and dog begin with the same sound?
- Find words that rhyme
- Create practical situations with your child that require them to count quantities of items e.g. Four forks at the dinner table
- Make patterns for your child to continue e.g. pencil, crayon, pencil, crayon.
- Assist your child to identify and recognise shapes and patterns in the environment
- Encourage your child to sort objects into specific groups e.g. sorting ‘my clothes’ and ‘your clothes’
- Talk to your child about your family history
- Share photos of your family
- Ask your child what memories they have with their family
- Discuss special family celebrations
- Talk with your child about their day
- Encourage your child to identify feelings and emotions
- Ask them about new friends that they have made
- Promote and encourage your child’s independence and responsibility by allowing them to independently line up, pack, unpack and carry their own school bag

THINGS TO REMEMBER...
- Arrive at school by 8.50 a.m. so your child starts the school day with the whole class and avoids missing out on important information
- Provide a note explaining your child’s absences to the teacher upon return
- Hats to be worn in Terms One and Four during recess, lunch and any outdoor activities
- Lunch Orders are on Wednesday and Fridays (orders completed on-line OR collected from school)
- Students need to bring a drink bottle containing water each day, so they can drink throughout the day
- If there are any medical issues or other concerns, please make the school and/or class teacher aware of these as soon as possible
- Please ensure you have purchased the blue reader bag from PSW (Uniform Shop, Port Melbourne) and bring to school, labelled. This will be used to put notes from school in and the children’s readers when we start sending them home. The maroon bag is for Library.
- Please bring in a box of tissues for the classroom
• Dismissal procedure: in the afternoon, children will be dismissed near the basketball court. Children must let their teacher know if they can see someone before leaving. If there are any children still here at 3:45pm, they will be brought to the office or taken to GOSH.

**UNIFORM**

All students should be in their full school summer uniform in Terms 1 and 4 and must have a hat. Their full winter uniform must be worn in Terms 2 and 3 (no hat required)

**SPECIALIST TIMETABLE**

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Specialist Timetable may be subject to change due to upcoming school events.
- Sports uniform is to be worn on allocated P.E. days (hat required during Terms 1 and 4)
- Library bag required every Monday in order to borrow books.

**ASSEMBLY**

*Wednesdays* at 2:40pm – 3:25p.m.
TERM ONE IMPORTANT DATES

Every Wednesday          School Assembly (2:40pm – 3:25pm)
Friday 10th Feb.           Twilight B.Y.O. Picnic (5:00pm – 7:30pm)
Wednesday 22nd Feb.       Meet the Teacher (1:30pm Dismissal)
Tuesday 28th Feb.         Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 29th Feb.       Ash Wednesday, beginning of Lent
Friday 3rd March          Parent Helper Course  Session 1:9:30am
                          Session 2:12noon
Friday 10th March         Parent Helper Course  Session 3:9:30am
                          Session 4:12noon
Monday 13th March         Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 14th March        School Closure Day
Friday 17th March         Galilee Athletics Sports Day
                           St. Patrick’s Day
Monday 20th March         Galilee Open Day
Wednesday 29th March      Assembly- Holy Week
Friday 31st March         Funky Hair Day
                           Easter Raffle
                           End of Term (1:30pm Dismissal)