Welcome back to Term Two. This will be an exciting term as we learn lots of new things!

Religion
In Religious Education we will be exploring two major topics:

'Jesus is Alive! Alleluia!' - In this unit children will learn about Jesus Christ’s Passion, death and resurrection and the sending of The Holy Spirit. This will be done through reading and discussing New Testament stories which explore these events and experiences.

'Protected by God' - In this unit students explore the experience of God as protector. They are introduced to stories about Moses and David who were protected by God and in turn led and protected their people. Students identify people in their own lives who are sources of God's love and protection.

Masses
Prep MW and Prep CD | Friday 1st June

Literacy
Literacy helpers will commence in Week 3. Please refer the new attached timetable. In Literacy we will continue to focus on developing children's reading skills through shared reading, small group rotations and teacher focus groups. Opportunities will arise for children to participate in oral language activities such as Show and Share and small group/whole class discussions. Oral language skills will also be incorporated into our reading rotation activities. Please find attached a Show and Share topic list for each week. Please look over each week's topic and discuss with your child.

Please continue to practise letter names and sounds, word building and reading with your child. It makes a difference! Readers will be sent home each night for you to read with your child. Just a reminder, these books are intended to be enjoyable and not challenging for your child. We will check the reading record books this is a good opportunity for you to record positive feedback about your child's reading.

Around week five we will send home a new word list each week. These lists are made up of words from the '100 most used words' in the English language and also focus words from our reading and Inquiry units.

Numeracy
This term children will continue to explore the elements of Number, Space, Measurement, Chance and Data. Children will continue to problem solve using strategies to investigate relevant problems. Mathematics is hands on where children create and explore real life problems.

Library
In term two the library will continue to be open before school 8:30-8:45am from Tuesday to Friday for children to borrow books. It would be such a lovely habit to develop to come in once a week, or more often, with your child to choose some books to read together at home. Just a reminder that when borrowing books, children will need to use their cloth Library bag. Children will continue to have their library lesson on a Wednesday.
Inquiry
How Do I Stay Healthy?
This unit will focus on looking at ways to keep ourselves healthy. We will look at making good food choices, people who help, keep us healthy and ways we can help ourselves stay healthy. We will also be having a special visit from the fire brigade, fire truck and all.

Change in Nature
Throughout this unit we will be focussing on the changes that occur in our natural environment. We will be focussing on animal life-cycles and the various ways we can organise our thoughts, ideas and new knowledge. Each child will create a grass head to observe the changes that occur when planting seeds. Could each child please send in a pair of panty hose. We would also like you to send in a photo of your child as a new born baby. We want to see the changes that have occurred in the past five to six years. Oh and have a look at how cute they were as a baby.

Spotlight on Learning
Spotlight on learning is held every Monday morning at 8:45am. It gives classes the opportunity to show case to the school community all the amazing things that they have been learning about. This term both Prep grades will be presenting together on Monday June 18th.

Parent Teacher Conferences, Reflective Portfolios and Reports.
Term 2 is a very busy term. Student Reports and Reflective Portfolios will be sent home in the last couple of weeks of the term. The Student Reflective Portfolio is a wonderful opportunity for your child to take you on the journey of what they have been learning about throughout the Semester. They will be followed up with Parent Teacher Conference. These will take place in the last week of term 2.

Specialists Timetable

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Class Blog
This term we will launch our own class blog. This is an excellent opportunity to keep up to date with what's happening in the classroom as well as comment on all our fantastic learning. An information morning will be help at 8:30am on Friday 28th April in Prep MW.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.
Thank you for your support,
Courtney and Megan