



**MATER DEI**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Communication Note

### Peeking into Prep...

Week 8, Term 3, 2019.



#### What we have been learning this last fortnight:

##### **Literacy:**

Students have continued exploring various texts with the focus on retelling with adequate detail. Students have been doing this using oral language, puppets, playdough figures, drawing pictures and writing. Students are now expanding on these ideas by writing their own recounts of various stories, concentrating on the correct use of capital letters, full stops, sight words (spelling of them) and finger spacing.

##### **Numeracy:**

Students have continued focusing on ordinal numbers and addition sums using correct symbols. Students have enjoyed using the iPads and smartboard games to consolidate this.

##### **Religion:**

Students have been busy preparing for today's Liturgy for the Mater Dei Feast Day. What a lovely turn out of parents and guests, thank you. We also enjoyed a picnic with parents, friends and our buddies on the oval at morning tea. Students have also touched on Joseph as Jesus' dad, making connections between him and our dads; and preparing some gifts for Father's Day.

##### **Science:**

This week we have continued discussing how we can use our senses to keep us safe. We have also discussed the difference between needs and wants and identified things that we need to stay alive and safe.

~~The next two weeks sees the end of our classroom pets. We thank Pet's Galore for their assistance with this experience for our students. It has been a wonderful learning experience that the students have thoroughly enjoyed.~~

*\*Keep practicing your reading and sight words at home!!*

## **Reminders:**

**After school** - There is to be no playing on the school playgrounds after school. There is no teacher on duty to monitor students. Please ensure your child adheres to this school rule.

**Mystery Readers** – Just a reminder that our **classes are still in need of mystery readers on Friday afternoons at 2:30pm**. Please see our week 10 communication note from last term for further details. Preps love to have visitors in our classrooms!

**Lost Property** - In an effort to get on top of the ever increasing items that are left around the school, please be aware that the current Lost Property locations in the school have been sorted through and anything with a legible name on it has been returned to the rightful owner/family. Any items that did not have a current family name, will be moved down to the clothing pool, for collection up until the end of term. Failing collection, these items will be donated to the clothing pool stocks. Going forward, this will be done on a fortnightly basis in order to manage this around the school. If you are missing items, namely jumpers and tracksuit tops etc, please check at the clothing pool at 8.30am on a Thursday morning. Additionally, if all families could check their uniforms at home it would be appreciated. It is common for the children to pick up the wrong uniforms and take them home inadvertently.

**Art Show** – In preparation for the upcoming Mater Dei Art Show, prep students are asked to bring in a shoe box to use as part of their construction of a 3D animal habitat. Any size shoe box is fine and if you have any extras, please send these in also.

We are calling for anyone willing to help to set up and hang art on Tuesday and Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September. Please contact Caitlin Douglas via text or email on 0408 738 436.

**Assembly time** – Assembly is now held at 11:05am on Fridays straight after morning tea. This will enable our upper grades to participate in interschool sport on Friday afternoons.

## **Dates to remember...**

Parent/Teacher interviews - Monday September 16 - 3:30pm onwards

Mater Dei Art Show – Wednesday September 18 -

Last day of term – Thursday September 19

Pupil Free Day – Friday September 20

*Enjoy your weekend!*

*Keeping in touch,*

*Pam Wells, Alice Kenny, Rebecca Logan and Kara Wann*



