

Prep Newsletter

Term One 2018
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Our Prep students hard at work

Welcome to Movelles!

Welcome to the first edition of our Prep Newsletter for 2018. Students should be congratulated on a fantastic start to their school life. All Prep students are now settling into the routines of school with ease. Beginning school is a very exciting time for you and your child.

The Prep classes for 2018 are:

Prep A – Mrs Monica Capruciu

Prep B – Mrs Marie Graham & Ms Helen Gavran



Arrival Time

Children are to line up in the mornings with their class in front of the Prep area and wait for their teacher. Classrooms are open at 8:50am for children to come in and unpack their bags and begin the morning session. Please encourage your child to independently come into the classroom and unpack their own bag.

The mornings can be very busy, so if you need to speak to your child's teacher concerning an issue, it is best to make an appointment at a suitable time.

Please remember that school starts promptly at 9am. The start of the school day is extremely important and we expect that children will arrive on time.

Legal Requirement

All parents are mandated by law to go through the Office in regards to any student inquiries re: dropping off lunch, jumper, school bag etc. This includes picking your child up early or dropping your child off late. Parents are asked to refrain from entering the Prep area after dropping their child in the morning. This minimises any disruptions during instructional time in the classroom.

Lunch Orders & Canteen

If you would like to order a lunch order for your child, please write the order, your child's name and grade on a brown paper bag and enclose the correct money. Lunch orders are to be placed in the lunch order box in your child's classroom in the morning. Please do not take lunch orders directly to the canteen. The children have been shown the canteen area and can buy snacks at play time. Canteen order lists can be picked up from reception. Please limit the amount of spending money brought to school, \$2 or so is plenty.

Clothing

Please ensure ALL of your child's clothing, including hats, are clearly labeled. This helps us to return found items of clothing to the rightful owner.

Dates to remember

Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th February

No school for Prep students (*however please remember to attend your testing date & time*)

Friday 16th February

Whole School Assembly

2.15pm in the GP Room

Monday 11th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

– no students required at school

Tuesday 20th March

School Photo Day

Thursday 28th March

Last day of Term One – finish at 2.10pm

Leadership & Communication

Prep Classroom Teacher:

Prep A – Mrs Monica Capruciu

Prep B – Mrs Marie Graham &

Ms Helen Gavran

Sub-School Leaders:

P-2: Marie Graham

3-6: Jessie Treherne

School Welfare Officer:

Carmen Dimech

Assistant Principal:

Rachel Taverna

Principal:

Karen Wood

Your child's classroom teacher is always your first point of contact regarding concerns.

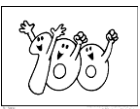
Absences & Sickness

It is essential that children attend school each day, to gain the best possible learning opportunities. Although, the best place for a sick child is at home.

We ask that you please ring the school to inform us that your child is sick and will not be attending. It is also helpful to provide your child's teacher with a note on your child's return to school, explaining their absence.

Curriculum

Our theme during Term One is 'Safe & Healthy Me, Safe and Healthy you'. Students will be learning about how to keep themselves safe at school and learn the routines and expectations required of them in class. They will be practicing safe behavior in the playground and within the classrooms. The children will learn how to use equipment, such as scissors, iPads, robots and sports equipment safely. This will be done through lots of hands on activities. We will develop fine motor skills and offer them many opportunities to develop social skills. We will link these learnings with English and Maths as much as possible. The Interactive Whiteboard and many hands on activities will be used to optimize student engagement and learning. In English, the students will begin learning different features of books. They will start learning letters and words and use these to help them begin reading simple stories. Students will also focus on the importance of pictures in helping us read as well as 'predicting' what may happen in stories. Students will begin writing texts using their own experiences as ideas. In Mathematics, we will be looking at developing fluency in counting forwards and backwards; from 0 to 20 initially. They will be looking at words such as first and second to indicate position. Students will be learning days of the week and when different events (like their birthdays) occur in their lives. Children are also keeping count of the days they have been at school. We will be celebrating



Days of School!

School Photos

School photos will take place on *Tuesday 20th March*. Payment envelopes will be sent home closer to this date.



Please make sure that your child is wearing the Movelles Primary School uniform on the day of the photos.

Take Home Books

The children have already received satchels containing their

- Take Home Books
- Diaries
- The Magic 100 Words (M100W) – i.e. the Golden Words
- An alphabet chart.

Parents are required to read the take home book to their child first, and then ask their child to read the book back to them. Parents are also asked to sign the Diary each day and keep count of the number of days your child has read (N.B. only count weekdays [not weekends or holidays]). We would also like parents to help their child go through the names of the alphabet letters and the 'common sounds' they make e.g. A – 'a' as in apple. Finally, we would like parents to ensure their child practice recognising the Golden Words, as these need to be memorised.

The Take Home Books will be changed each day, so please ensure your child brings their satchel to school every day.

School Nurse

The District School Nurse will be visiting our school sometime this term. She will administer a routine check up on each child to ensure that things like their eyesight and hearing are as they should be.

Parents or guardians are required to fill in forms and authorize permission in order for your child to participate in this program. Teachers are giving the forms out during the Prep interview sessions held on Wednesdays. Please see your child's teacher if you have not received a form.

How many days has your child been absent this semester?

0-6	<i>This is within normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.</i>
7-10	<i>This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over one year of schooling between prep and year 10.</i>
11-20	<i>This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on up to two years of schooling between prep and year 10.</i>
20+	<i>This is a very poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss over two and a half years of schooling between prep and year 10.</i>



Sun-Smart Policy

Movelles' Sun-Smart Policy states that children must wear hats outside during Terms One & Four.

During this term the children are required to wear a hat when playing outdoors and during Physical education sessions. We encourage children to bring a drink bottle containing water to hydrate during the day, especially during hot days and for Physical Education sessions.