



From The Principals' Desk

Dear Families,

Today we welcomed a number of visitors to our school. Five teachers including the Assistant Principal from Truganina South Primary School, visited our classrooms looking specifically to learn about our teaching of Spelling. This year, the program *Smart Spelling* has been trialled in the Year 2 PLT and in Year 3/4. These educationalists saw spelling lessons in 3 / 4 S and 2 B and 2C, observing the explicit teaching at the beginning of the session as well as our kids at work independently. Their feedback was very positive and filled with many accolades about the work ethic of our students. They also gained some significant professional learning about the thinking behind this approach to spelling.

We acknowledge the wonderful work of Liz Beasley and Anna Swan with their PLTs and thank them for showcasing our school.

100 times the fun!

Today our Preps are celebrating having been at school for 100 DAYS! Aside from celebrating being a new Willy Kid, this project has been a fantastic daily numeracy experience as they have learned to represent numbers from 0 to 100 in a multitude of ways –using money, the calendar, arrays, etc.

The children were dressed up in a variety of different ways which represented '100'. We were delighted to see many creative costumes and some amazing representations of '100'. Please keep an eye out on Facebook and Compass for some photos of the day.

Thank you to all our Prep families for your creativity and thanks to our Prep PLT for embracing the fun! Here's to the next 100 days!

Pick-ups and Drop-offs – Safety first please

Drop off and pick up times at school can be hectic with families looking to make this process as quick and simple as possible. At times, when adults are in a hurry, it can seem an easy option to double park behind parked cars, park in one of the driveway gates, park in a nominated disabled car park or just pull into 'No standing' areas. However, this is a big issue of concern for many people in our community and let's face it, we are all busy and have places to be.

The other major safety concern relates to pedestrian behavior: parents either walking their children across the road or, even more concerning, parents *calling* their children across the road at places other than the supervised crossing. It is essential that all families obey the road laws and utilize safe pedestrian practices around the school! In recent weeks, we have had numerous reports of close calls regarding students as they move between cars to get onto the footpath. We urge all families to think of safety first when picking up and dropping off their children, regardless of how much quicker the short-cut may seem. It would be absolutely devastating if one of our Willy Kids was hurt or worse. We request your urgent support on this matter.

Reminders:

- Stay tuned to Compass on Wednesday for further information about our **Family Science evening** on Thursday August 16th at 6:15pm. This event will be limited to 125 participants.
- Parents must contact the school to inform us of their child's absence ASAP. An automated text message will now be sent to families on the same day their child is absent, via the Compass app.
- Don't forget our next **Pupil-free Day** (for Staff Professional Learning and Practice) is on Monday August 13th. OSCH Club is taking enrolments for this day.
- **Lunchtime Clubs** – Did you know that this term we have added in a Chess Club for year 3 /4 students, a Book Club for Preps and Year 1s, as well as a Gardening Club?

- **Have you checked out our French Blog yet?** There are many wonderful resources for you and your child to assist with the learning of the French language.

Have a wonderful week.

Mat and Andrea

Dates to Remember

Term 3-

Week 3- 30.07.18

Mon: '100 Days at School' – Celebration of Preps 2018!
 Tues: **UNSW English competition**

Week 4- 06.08.18

Week 5- 13.08.18

SCIENCE WEEK

Mon: **Curriculum day #4**
 Tues-Fri: **BOOK FAIR**
 Tues: **UNSW Mathematics Competition**
 Tues: **School council meeting 6:30pm**
 Thurs.: **Family Science Night**

Week 6- 20.08.18

BOOK WEEK

Mon: **The Flying Book Worm incursion**
 Tues: **Friends of Willy meeting 7pm**
 Thurs **Disco**
 Fri **Book Week Dress Up Day**

Week 7- 27.08.18

Mon-Fri: **Prep Swimming Program**
 Thurs: **Father's Day stall**
 Fri: **District Athletics**

Week 8- 03.09.18

Mon-Fri: **Prep Swimming Program**

Week 9- 10.09.18

Mon-Fri: **Year 3/4 Zoo Snoozes**
 Wed: **Kids Share Open Afternoon**

Week 10- 17.09.18

Mon-Wed **Year 3 / 4 Zoo Snoozes**
 Tues: **School council meeting 6:30pm**
 Thurs: **Year 2 Sleepover**
 Fri: **Footy Day!**
End of Term 3, early dismissal @ 2:30pm