



Prep Newsletter

Term 1

"A view to the future"



Important Dates

Tuesday January 30th	First Day
Monday 12th & Wednesday 14th February & Tuesday 20th	Getting to Know You Interviews
Friday February 23rd	Curriculum Day
Friday 1st March	March Master Month Launch
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday 21st March	Close the Gap Day
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Term 1

Welcome!

A very warm welcome to our new prep students!! We are looking forward to a great term of learning and fun. We hope that all our new families settle in well at Gembrook Primary School.

Let's be Sun smart!

Please apply sunscreen before school and bring a named hat! If you would like to bring your own sunscreen to school, teachers can remind students to re-apply.

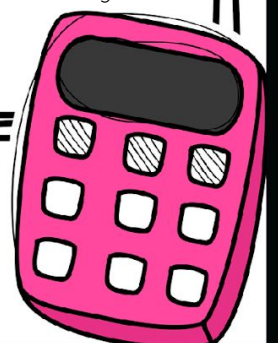
Contact

Please don't hesitate to contact the school at any time. We are happy to answer all inquiries or concerns. You may contact us via email or phone.

(03) 5968 1313
gembrook.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Reminders

School Uniforms- The weather is still going to have some colder days, so please remind your child to bring a school jacket. Students are required to wear a school hat during any outside activity, regardless of the weather, including recess, lunch, and outdoor P.E. lessons. Prep A will have P.E. on Thursday and Prep B on Tuesday, so please dress your child accordingly.
Drink bottles: Students need to bring a named drink bottle that they can drink from during class time. Please only fill this with water.
Fruit: Where possible we encourage that fruit snack be easily manageable.





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In reading, we will practise our accuracy strategies. Preps will be introduced to some strategies they can use to help them decode unfamiliar words such as Eagle Eye, Lips the Fish, and Stretchy Snake. They will also explore comprehension strategies such as predicting, visualising, summarising, questioning, and inferring. They will learn to track their thinking as they read in their reader's notebook. All students will be focusing on improving their fluency when reading aloud.

During writing, students will begin their journey as writer's by learning how to use the sounds they learn to form words. The first genre they will explore will be recounts, where they will have opportunity to reflect on their own experiences. They will engage in writing experiences, where they can do a hands on activity, and then write about it. This will help them form their ideas, as well as explore the genre in detail.

In spelling, the preps will be introduced to single sounds this term. They will brainstorm words that start with that sound and create lists in their word work book. Their sound book will come home with them each day, so they can practice them at home as much as possible. These sounds will help them learn to read and write.

<https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/english/english/curriculum/f-10>

Decoding Strategies

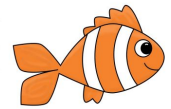
Eagle Eye



Look at the picture.

Think "What is in the picture that starts with the beginning letter?"

Lips the Fish



Get your mouth ready!

Say the beginning sound.

Stretchy Snake



Slowly stretch each letter sound to make the word

ship = sh ||| p

Practice

'The more we practice, the better we get!'

It is very important students are practicing their levelled readers, reviewing sound books, and practising cutting and gluing skills at home.



Science



Growing well provides students with hands-on opportunities to investigate the basic needs for survival of common flowering plants, and explore what happens to plants when their needs are not met. They will observe leaves, stems, and roots of plants and how plants use water.

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Numeracy



During Maths, we will focus on our understanding of place value from 0-10. We will also work on consolidating our addition through dedicated lessons and our regular Blitzmaster program. In our applied units, shape and length, we will learn to sort, describe and name familiar two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects in the environment. We will also will explore measurement language while discussing comparisons to order objects according to their length.

<https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/mathematics/curriculum/f-10>

Timetables

	Prep B	Prep A
Monday		
Tuesday	P.E. Auslan	Auslan
Thursday	Music Art	Art Music P.E
Friday	Assembly	

Routine

Independently learning a routine is very important for Term 1 of Prep. Please encourage your child to;

- Carry their own bag
- Change their reader
- Get set up in the morning
- Put on their shoes
- Go to the toilet before class
- Meet you in a certain area after school.

Inquiry



Personal and Family history.

In this unit, students will learn more and discuss the structure of their family and other families. They will explore how their family changes over time, and how they change as a person.

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