

MENTONE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Foundation Newsletter

Term 3, Week 1

WHAT'S NEW?

A warm welcome to Term 3. The children were very excited to step back into the routines of school and our wonderful learning space.



The children were thrilled to see some of the new spaces in the Discovery area. We now have a Construction Zone and a Restaurant with all children eager to 'have a go' and 'let their imaginations run wild'. Please come and have a look!

We would still appreciate donations of small to medium recycled boxes, egg cartons and washed milk bottle tops. We would also like to start collecting wood off cuts to use for another form of construction.

The 31st July marks the children's 100th Day of School!! We plan to celebrate this day and would love to see the children dressed up in 'olden day clothes or as an elderly citizen' (please don't go to any expense).

Fire Brigade Visit

This week the Preps were treated the first of 2 session of Fire Education with firefighters from the Mentone Fire Brigade. The children loved learning about good and bad fires, the dangers of smoke and what to do if you are ever caught in a fire. They also learnt about things you can do to ensure your famiy is safe in the event of a fire. Please look out for the handouts that were sent home and talk to your children about having a safe meeting spot (ususally your mailbox) in an emergency.

Ask your child what they learnt from the visit! No doubt they will be keen to show you how to crawl down low and GO GO GO!



IMPORTANT DATES

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| Thursday 18 th July | Fire Ed – First Visit |
| Thursday 25 th July | Fire Ed – Second Visit |
| Wednesday 31 st July | 100 Days of School Celebration |
| Friday 16 th August | Curriculum Day |
| Tuesday 10 th September | CERES Excursion |
| Wednesday 18 th September | Grandparent's/Special Friend's Afternoon 2:40 to 3:30pm |







ON GOING INVITATION

This term we would like to invite parents into the classroom during literacy times to assist small groups of children with their learning. If you would like to assist, please fill in the timetable that is in the 'walkway' between our 'discovery' and 'formal learning' areas. (Parents will require a WWCC. Unfortunately siblings are unable to attend during these sessions.) If you have a spare 15 minutes or so, we continue to encourage you to come and listen to the children read their take-home books from 9:00 to 9:15ish Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - siblings are most welcome during this time.

REMINDERS

We have become concerned at the number of children whose parents or carers take them on a short cut to the footpath through the teacher's carpark. This is very dangerous. The children know this area is out of bounds and may become confused by mixed messages. For the sake of your children's safety, please exit using the pathways and gate.

Please note that parents, grandparents or carers are not to park in the Staff Car Park without prior permission from the Principal.

- Can we please ask that students **only drink water at school** and bring **two fruit** (fresh/raw) breaks each day
- We have a '**no nuts**' rule for our classroom including peanut butter
- Being a 'healthy-eating school' we ask that **lollies** are not brought to school, instead kept as a nice treat for home time.
- If your child is having a birthday and you would like to bring something in for the class to help us celebrate the very special occasion, could you please just bring **one item per child** and remember our 'no nuts' rule
- Please return the **2019 Payment Summary Sheets** to the office or the classroom as soon as possible
- We always welcome parent/family helpers in the classroom. If you are interested, please ensure you provide a copy of your **Working with Children Check** to the office. More information can be found at: <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>
- **Take Home Books** - Could you please ensure your child is reading their Take Home Book every night and that you sign their Reading Journal? We also encourage you to continue to read picture/chapter books to your child on a daily basis to really instil a love of reading. Daily reading is essential to help your child improve their reading ability and oral language! Thank you for your support
- **No Trash Tuesday and Thursday** - Thank you to the parents who are ensuring their children have 'no trash' in their lunch boxes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our Green Gang would be very proud of you! Let's keep trying to reduce the amount of plastics we use and bring to school!
- **Helmets** - Please ensure that all students wear **helmets** if they are riding or scooting to school. If students are not wearing a helmet, they risk serious injury in the event of a crash.