

# Welcome to Prep



## Our Class is PYD

Your Teachers are:

Mrs Cheryl Wallace

Teacher Aide: Miss Donnie

School Hours: 8:45am-3pm

Office Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm

Office – 3821 8111

Absence Line – 3821 8181

If for any reason your child is going to be away, please ensure you notify the school.

# Important Days

Monday – Parade 2:30-3pm

(Attendance by invitation)

Tuesday – Music, Tech and PE

Wednesday - Library



# Curriculum Overview

## Literacy

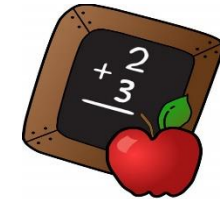
Term 1 Focus – Under the Sea

- Phonics program (Soundwaves) – Children learn 2 to 3 letters/sounds a week.
- Reading and Writing groups.
- Responding to familiar texts and making their own personal connections.
- Sight Words – 1 to 2 new word each week.
- Handwriting–forming letters correctly.

- Writing – letters, child’s name, simple sentences and holding pencil correctly.
- Oral Language programs

## Mathematics

- Counting, sorting, subitising, patterning, reasoning, recognising and writing numerals.



## Science

- The Living World, 5 Senses, Our Material World, The Weather, How Things Move.

Prep also includes HASS, Fine and Gross Motor activities, Technologies, Art and Craft, Indoor Activities and Social Skills

## How You Can Help Your Child

- Read with your child every day.
- Revise the weekly letters/sounds/numbers

- Have a positive attitude about school and learning
- Engage in fine motor activities – tracing, cutting, threading, playdough, pencil grip etc.
- Practice sight words regularly

## Thornlands Behaviour Expectations

SSE – Supportive School Environment

1. Be Respectful
  2. Be Responsible
  3. Be Safe
- 3 Behaviour Levels
  - Rewards Day each term
  - Bucket Filling System

## Tuckshop

- Open Wed-Fri at first lunch only
- Place order (including ice-blocks, drinks) before school or online.

## How Much Food to Pack?

The following is a guide –sandwich and yoghurt for first break. A sandwich or some type of filling food is very important.

Cheese, crackers, fruit for second break.

Please send along a small serve of fruit/vegies each day for brain break (in a separate named container) and a named water bottle.



## Uniform shop

The uniform shop is open Mondays at 8.30am.

## Housekeeping

- School begins promptly at 8:45 am.
- The roll is completed at 8:50am. If your child arrives late you must go to the office to get a late slip.
- Please return your satchel every day. We use it for homework, school notes and library borrowing.
- If your child is absent, please ring the absent line and leave a message.
- You can receive the **newsletter electronically**. This can be done by visiting our school website and clicking the Calendar and News button. A Newsletter tab will appear. Once you click this tab you will be able to view a sign up option – to receive the newsletter via email.
- Please download the QSchools App which is extremely helpful.

- All medications must go through the First Aide Room. Classroom Teachers are not allowed to administer medications.
- There are 3 options available when paying for extra activities at school. These are:
  - BPoint using the number on the invoice emailed to parents. (Please ensure your email details are up to date.)
  - Office – Eftpos any day between 8.30am and 3.15pm.
  - Office – Cash in a sealed envelope Tuesdays or Thursdays before 10.30am.
- Payment plans are available by making an appointment with the Business Manager as soon as possible.
- Please discourage your child from bringing toys and personal belongings to school.

Please feel comfortable to discuss with us any concerns you may have. I believe team work and open communication is important for your child's learning. You can do this via email or by making an appointment to sit down with us.

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