Welcome back for Term 3! We are sure the Preps enjoyed their well earned rest after a busy Term 2. This term promises to be just as action packed as last and we can’t wait to get going!

INQUIRY
This term we will be learning about ‘Survival’, asking students the big question, ‘Does our survival depend on other living things?’ Students will be exploring what living things need to survive and developing an understanding that weather and location can affect survival. Students will also be investigating our impact on the environment and looking at what we can do for the future.

We will visit CERES in August, as our shared experience. We will be looking at animal shelters, where our food comes from, netting for water bugs and a bin sort/plastic fantastic.

To help us with our Inquiry we would appreciate donations of:
- Supermarket catalogues
- Magazines
- Cardboard cylinders (no toilet rolls please or food products)

ICT
This term students will be learning to use Samsung Tablets and Netbooks to enhance their learning. They will be learning to take photos and videos using the tablets and digital cameras and record their stories and ideas. Students will also be using applications and programs to research and display their understandings for English, Mathematics and Inquiry.

FAMILY MATHS AND ENGLISH TUBS
Some of you may have already taken home the Family Maths or English Tub. The tubs include a range of hands on Mathematics and English experiences and ideas your child can explore. You don’t need to complete all of the activities, just choose a selection of 4 or 5 that appeal to your family.

Please ensure that contents are returned on the date stated so we can be certain that all students get a turn at each tub.

ENGLISH
Guided Reading sessions are occurring daily in all classrooms, matching each student to a reading level suited to their skills. Students are also involved in shared reading with the whole class, as well as word study and letter/sound development sessions in like ability groupings.

As students’ skills develop at an individual pace, your child may begin to notice that his/her fellow students are reading from a different coloured box, on different word lists or doing different letter blends to them. At school we are constantly reiterating that wherever you are is fine, as long as you are doing your best.

If your child asks you those ‘tricky’ questions like, “Why aren’t I on Green Box?” Explain to them that they are reading beautifully and when they are ready their teacher will know and move them. It is not a race, and children who are moved up before they are ready often stop moving altogether as their confidence can be shattered.
**MATHEMATICS**

The Mathematics focus for this term will be consolidating numbers to 20 and will involve counting forwards and backwards and from non zero starting points. Students continue to break numbers apart and add and share groups of numbers.

We will be exploring measurement concepts such as capacity and explore 2D and 3D shapes. Students will continue to use hands on and interactive activities to develop their skills and understanding.

**SHOW AND TELL**

Show and Tell will run again this term with students continuing on the same day as term 1. Attached is a Show and Tell timetable with your child’s day as a reminder. Please ensure valuable items are not sent to school as we can’t ensure their safety. We also continue developing listening and speaking skills through a range of other stimuli.

**BOOK WEEK**

Book week is also coming up from 18th—22nd of August. Prep children will be able to come dressed as their favourite book character and parade in front of their parents and peers. We encourage the children to bring along the book they are from.

**AUSLAN**

This term in Auslan students will be revising the alphabet signs and how to sign their name. Students will also begin signing farm animals, pets and colours. Students will look at animals in terms of their colour and begin answering simple questions like “What colour is the pig?” in 2-3 sign sentences including the noun (animal) and verb (colour).

Once again as an additional form of communication please feel free to contact me via email

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**TERM 2 HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Minibeasts and Miniworlds Incursion**
- **Minibeast Hunting**
- **Alpha Productions ‘Cinderella’**
- **Wildlife Exposure Incursion**