**Prep News Term 3**

Welcome back to Term 3 – another action packed term in the Prep classrooms!

**Reading:** Students will continue to learn and practise their reading strategies, using the ‘animal strategies’ to help them to decode. This term, we will be learning about fairy tales, topped off with a visit to The Fairy Park in Week 10. We will continue with daily Purposeful Reading Activities with focus on letter/sound knowledge, High Frequency Words, reading comprehension and more. Our buddies will once again be visiting each morning for Buddy Reading.

**Writing:** We are so proud of our amazing Prep writers – they have worked extremely hard to develop basic writing skills and are now confident and excited writers who love sharing their ideas and stories on paper! This term, we will continue to use our Writer’s Notebook to develop our writing ‘ideas’. We will have a particular focus on creating our own books.

**Speaking and Listening:** The new Show and Share roster has been sent home. Please prepare your child by discussing the topic prior to their share day. Where possible, topics have been linked to our Inquiry theme.

**Maths:** As ‘Mathematicians’ we will continue to develop and refine our counting skills and number knowledge. We will be focusing on the area of measurement this term, beginning with time.

**Inquiry:** Our Term 3 topic is ‘Need it? Got it. Thanks!’ Students will compare how our ‘needs’ have changed since their grandparents’ day, and what our needs may be in the future. We will also investigate:
- My personal needs.
- Helping others have their needs met.
- Appreciating and valuing support.

**Goals:** Students will continue to participate in conferences to receive feedback about their learning and create an individual goal in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening and Maths.

**Important dates in Prep, Term 3 (more information to follow)**

**WEEK 3 - 100th Day of School:** We will be celebrating our 100th day of school with a fun filled week of activities based around the number 100. On the Friday, students will celebrate by dressing up as something to do with the number 100.

**WEEK 7 – PREP AFTERNOON TEA:** As the beginning stage of our camping program at HBPS, the Preps will hold an afternoon tea after school.

**WEEK 9 – SCHOOL CONCERT:** The Preps will be working together to create an item for the school concert. The theme is ‘The Power of Word’, so our item will be all about our own writing!

**WEEK 10 - FAIRY PARK EXCURSION:** We will be visiting The Fairy Park to cap off our fairy tale studies.

Warm regards,

The Prep Team