

Green(Hijau) Hub News

Week 5 and 6

We are settling into the routines and expectations of school life and are now halfway through the term! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Welcome Mass and Working Bee on Sunday.

Wednesdays

This week and next week are the last of our Wednesday rest days. In Week 7, Preps will have Monday off for the Long Weekend and then attend school for four consecutive days, followed by full weeks from then on.



Indonesian

Teachers are exposing Preps to lots of Indonesian language across the school day. Novy, who helps teachers with their pronunciation and delivery of the language, comes to classrooms each week to assist us.

Ask your child what Selamat Pagi and Selamat Siang mean.

In the next few weeks, we will also learn Permisi (excuse me) and Terima Kasih (thank you)



PAIR books

Due to this week being a lot shorter, there will be no new PAIR book this week. Please ensure your book is returned in order to receive the new one next week.

The PAIR titles come home on a Monday and are collected up on a Friday. This is a Term One only program.

The PAIR book is the one that comes home in the blue bag for you to read with your child.



Parent Assisted Immersive Reading (P.A.I.R.) is an at-home

read-aloud program that accelerates reading readiness in young children.

It is designed for use with students in their first year of formal schooling.

The program involves parents regularly reading aloud to their child while at the same time engaging them in meaningful conversation about the book. *P.A.I.R.* storybooks are

specifically designed for this purpose. They come with vital prompts, tips and questions that allow parents to effectively enrich each reading session.

Follow the instructions in the book to read it with your child each night or watch the short video below.



How to read a PAIR book with your child

This book will also be used in the classroom and it is important that your child is familiar with the story.

Some students will benefit from following the program as it is designed and read it each night, going a little deeper each time.

Others may only need a couple of reads and then go back to the take home book on the other nights. You will be able to gauge where your child is at but talk to your class teacher or Kylene if you are unsure.

Volunteering at Our Lady Star of the Sea

be a volunteer



We will begin our Volunteers officially in Week 6, once Preps have settled into school and referee checks have been completed.

Timetables for class help and PMP are up on the Prep Noticeboard (situated inside the automatic doors).

Kylene will often put any reminders or last minute messages

on the whiteboard here too.

You can add your name to a timetable for a time that suits you, remembering that you will need to be an approved volunteer.

You may choose to volunteer fortnightly and alternate with another parent.

Beginning Reading Sessions

Last week, Kristen, Kylene and Alison facilitated Beginning Reader workshops on how children learn to read, with strategies and tips on helping your child at home.

A big thank you to the wonderful parents who were able to attend.

Here is the link if you missed it.

[Beginning Reading](#)

There is a great video made by Kristen and her daughter Ella, on how to read a take home book with your child.



SHROVE TUESDAY

Preps were lucky enough to enjoy a pancake with their buddies today for Shrove Tuesday. Allergies and intolerances were catered for.



Preps have an **Op Shop** stall at **Earthfest** on Friday, 20th March.



Many of you would already be aware of this from group messages and word of mouth but we require **high quality, thoughtful donations of clothing, books and toys for this stall.**

We have some wonderful parents who have volunteered to support us in this.

Cathy Rundle (Tom in Prep R) is one of our Prep Representatives and a drop off location for donations. You can contact her on 0418551762.

Nicole Wood (Harris in Prep V) is our other Prep Representative you can chat to about helping out. We will need volunteers to run the stall on the night.

Big Talk Topics

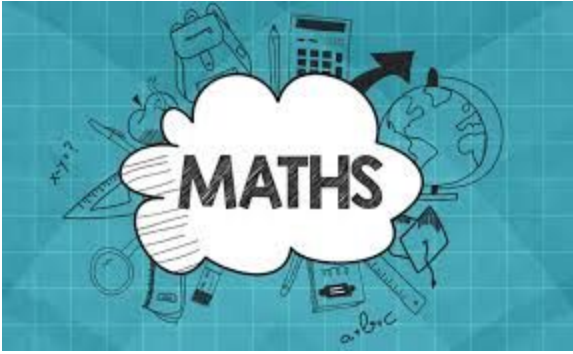
Each week we have a focus for students to get up and address their peers. It is most valuable if you can prepare your child to talk about the topic each week. Have a little practice at home of introducing themselves and what they would like to say. We do not have set days for Big Talk as yet, so your child can share on whatever day they are ready to do so.

Week 6: Share your favourite song with us. Music can lift our mood and make us feel good. Ensure the music choice is appropriate and you can send a link to your class teacher via email to play it for the class and explain their choice.

Week 7: Tell us how you are being a Good Samaritan (following on from what we have been doing in RE about Community, Shining Our Light on others and the story of The Good Samaritan)

Please ensure your child has their hair tied back at school. Head Lice are a very common occurrence and are easily transferred and spread when long hair is loose.





A permission note was sent home via Green Reading folders last week about our participation in a Maths Project. We need these forms returned as soon as possible to class teachers please. We begin this Friday.

Extra info about Prep

There is so much information to get your head around when your child starts school! Always feel free to ask but this document might also be handy in addressing some of your questions

[Prep Information Term One 2020](#)



Does your Prep have an art smock at school???



We had our first visit to Church in Week 3! The Green Hub teachers were impressed with the wonderful ideas and questions that the Preps had about our Church.



Today
Making T-shirt bags workshop AFTER
SCHOOL in Green Hub



Tues 25th Feb, 3:30pm
Join Ella and Nina's Mum Fiona and some
helpers to make these handy bags from
upcycling an old t-shirt.



Geelong Advertiser Photo for Prep
Supplement

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Date: Mon 16th March at 12pm

Geelong Advertiser photographer will be out
to take class pics of our gorgeous Preps.
These photos will be published in "My First
Year" Souvenir Liftout coming up.
Full names will be printed. If you do not want
your child in this supplement, please notify
your class teacher.

Earthfest 2020



Fri 20th March

From 4:30pm-7:30pm
Volunteers required to run stalls. See Parent
Reps Cathy or Nicole if you can help out for
an hour or so.

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Have a great fortnight!

