

Green(Hijau) Hub News

Week 3(tiga) and 4(empat)

This Tuesday Preps will have their first Specialist Day where they rotate through subjects including: Phys Ed, Drama, STEM/Science and Health. Class teachers plan for the next fortnight on this day. Be prepared for your child to be extra tired after all the excitement of having four teachers in one day!

Sports Uniform to be worn
on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** each
week



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](#)

Wednesdays



Have you booked your Rest Day Wednesday appointment through CareMonkey?
Please see your class teacher or Kylene if you have any difficulty.



Pick up

Thank you for waiting out in the passive play area to relieve the congestion in the Hub. If your child attends after school care, please notify your class teacher which days and care they are attending.

Seesaw

Are you on Seesaw yet?

A QR code came home in your child's reading folder last week.

Follow the steps to download the app

(if you don't have it already) and once approved by the class teacher, you will be able to see your child's journal.



Green reading folder and PAIR book

This folder is to come to school and go home each day.

In it, you will find reading material with a journal to fill in, word lists and any other communication we send home. Mondays are when the Newsletter is prepared and we will usually send any notes or messages in the folder on this day.

Today your child will bring home a blue bag containing a PAIR program book

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

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

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



If you would like to volunteer as a helper in the Hub, attend excursions etc, we are offering a session to explain the paperwork required, expectations we have of our volunteers and some strategies for working with the students in your care on:

Thursday 13th February at 7pm

or

Friday 14th February (after Assembly) at around 9:30am in Green Hub.

All are welcome, but if you have attended this session in previous years or have your paperwork and already volunteer within the school, there is no need for you to attend this session.

Duration: approx 40mins

Timetables for class help and PMP will go up on the Prep Noticeboard soon (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

Kristen and Kylene are offering a Beginning Reader workshop on how children learn to read, with strategies and tips on helping your child at home.

Thursday 20th Feb: 7pm Green Hub

(Miss Georgia's classroom)

or

Friday 21st Feb: 9:30am (after Assembly) in

Green Hub

Duration approx 1hr



SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday Feb 25th is Shrove Tuesday.

This is the day before Ash Wednesday and traditionally was the day when all sugar and flour was used up before a period of fasting began in Lent.

To acknowledge this tradition, students will be making pancakes in their classes. If you are available to assist with cooking, please email your child's teacher. If you have a lemon tree and would like to donate lemons, they would be greatly appreciated.



Preps have an Op Shop stall at Earthfest on Friday, 20th March. We have some wonderful parents who have volunteered to support us in this.

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.

Cathy Rundle is one of our contacts on 0418551762 and has offered to be one of the drop off locations currently being organised. More details to follow.



Preps need named art smocks and library bags please (which is the Me Bag once it returns home). We also request a box of tissues to be donated to the classroom at the start of each year. As you can imagine, we go through a lot!



This week your child will start to be introduced to the characters in the Kimochi Program that we use to complement our Social Emotional learning.

What are Kimochis?

KEY.MO.CHEE means "feeling" in Japanese.

Kimochis look like toys, but they are actually tools; communication tools that help kids manage feelings in positive ways to promote well-being and success in school and life. These tools will help us deal with big feelings.

Which Kimochis® character are you?



HUGGTOPUS®
is overly affectionate.



BUG is a caterpillar
who is afraid of change.



LOVEY DOVE®
can worry sometimes.



CLOUD® is a bit moody
and unpredictable.



CLOVER is a four-leaved
clover with bad luck .



CAT
is a little bossy.



BELLA ROSE
is sensitive and sweet.



There has been lots happening in Prep already, apart from the set up of routines and expectations and of course, eating and going to the toilet!

- Morning circle, where we come together in a positive way to start the day with a fun welcome, prayer and time for special announcements happening in the lives of our Preps
- Learning how we can talk to God, setting up the Prayer Space and making the Sign of the Cross
- Our first Big Draw, an introduction to our Big Write program across the school
- PMP
- Sounds in words, where we focus on one sound each day for the rest of the term. This can be hearing it at the beginning/middle/end of words, generating other words that sound like this, identifying the syllables in the word and pronouncing the sound correctly. These sounds include the more complex of oo, or ai etc, not just the 26 letters of the alphabet.
- Letter activities that give lots of fine motor skill practice such as cutting, tracing and drawing
- Reading Big Books together that are interactive and provide opportunities to further develop their early reading skills.

- **Number work:** reading, recording, modelling and counting numbers at their own level. It may be manipulating numbers to 5, 10, teens or to 100, depending on where they are currently at.



<p>Beginning Year Mass</p> 	<p>Friday 14th Feb at 12pm</p> <p>We will also pop up for a visit on Thursday prior to Mass to have a good look around and find out more about the Church</p>
<p>Volunteer Info Session</p> 	<p>Thurs 13th Feb 7pm or Fri 14th Feb after Assembly</p>
<p>Beginning Reader Session</p> 	<p>Thurs 20th Feb 7pm or Fri 21st Feb after Assembly</p>
<p>Bushfire Dress Up Day</p> 	<p>Fri 21st Feb</p> <p>Come dressed as someone who helps in the community. See Newsletter for more info and details of where our money will go</p>

Welcome Mass for Preps and new families
Green Hub Working Bee



Sunday 23rd Feb, 9am

Mass at the Church, where Preps will receive a special welcome from Fr Darian and the Parish Community. Following Mass, there is a Green Hub working bee at school, finishing off with a picnic. BBQ sausages will be available or you can BYO food. This is a great opportunity to meet other families.

Shrove Tuesday



25th Feb

Approved school registered volunteers are required to cook pancakes with our Year 6 Buddies. Email your class teacher or Kylene if you are available. Cooking will happen in the morning block between 9 and 11am. If you have a frypan, it would be handy to bring that along.

Geelong Advertiser Photo for Prep Supplement



Date TBA

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

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What an epic Hub News to get through...

If you have read to the end,



GIVE YOURSELF
A ROUND OF
Applause

And have a great fortnight!

