

# Welcome to Prep in 2018!



Welcome parents and students to Prep at Kororoit Creek Primary School! We are excited for a memorable year full of many new experiences, events and lots of fun. It has been a great start to the year with all students settling well into their classrooms. We are so happy to see many smiling faces in the classroom as well as outside in the playground.

Within the Prep Team, there are nine teachers and classrooms:

Sarah Weeks (H01), Meggan O’Dea (H02), Madison Murdoch (H03), Amanda Turner (H04), Norel Sawan (H05),  
Dilge Hungerford (H06), Sarah Elliot (H07), Jade Phillips (H08) and Bridgette Fraser O’Donnell (H09)

## Swimming

The Preps have all had an amazing start to swimming this term. Just a reminder to parents to please write your child’s name on each item of clothing to ensure everything comes home with them. Students have received goggles and swimming caps, which will remain in the classroom.

If you would like to come and watch your child swim, you are more than welcome! You will be approached by your child’s teacher and required to wear a visitor lanyard. If you are helping in the change rooms, you will also need a parent helper lanyard as well as a current Working with Children Check. Please ensure you have given a copy of your current Working with Children Check to the office. Please allow your children to try dressing themselves at home so they are able to further develop their independence.

## Term 1 Homework

This term as the Prep students are still settling into their first year at school they will be practicing their reading skills learnt in class. They will get 3 levelled texts to take home for the week, and swap these every Thursday, The repetition of the texts encourages students to practise their one-to-one correspondence and recognition of high frequency words with familiar books. Students will change their books every Thursday in class and are expected to bring the books back to school each day in their reading satchel ready to be read during independent reading. Please record the books your child has read in their yellow “My Home Reading” book. These books will be checked by teachers every time students reach an award page.

## Term 1 important dates:

- The Prep’s first week of full school will be week 5, commencing the 26<sup>th</sup> of February.
- Kororoit Creek Community Picnic, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February starting at 5.30pm.
- Curriculum day, Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. This will be a student free day.
- Labour Day Public Holiday, 12<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Last Day of term 1, Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. Students will finish school at 1.30pm.

# Unit of Inquiry

## Who We Are

### Central Idea:

Understanding who we are builds resilience and supports collaboration.

### Lines of Inquiry:

- The uniqueness of individuals
- Common characteristics shared with others
- Interacting and playing constructively with others.

**Concepts:** Perspective, responsibility, connection

**Related concept:** Self

#### **Skills:**

- Respecting Others
- Non-verbal communication

**Attitude:** Empathy

During this Unit of Inquiry, students will develop their sense of self by exploring their likes and dislikes, strengths and weaknesses and different emotions they experience. They will compare themselves to others, discovering common characteristics as well as their own unique qualities. Students will inquire into how they can interact and play constructively with others while investigating and applying the different skills required when collaborating. Through problem based learning and developmental play students will develop their ability to show persistence and resilience and reflect on how they could improve or change their thinking.

### Literacy

At the beginning of Prep, students will participate in engaging language experiences where they will focus on developing their ability to communicate ideas through student lead conversation as well as transferring their experience by drawing and writing simple stories.

Students will focus on developing their alphabet knowledge, focusing on automatically recognising both uppercase and lowercase letters as well as the phonemes they can make. To build students confidence in reading they will participate in daily reading where they can practice the fundamental reading skills, such as pointing to the words and using the pictures to help tell the story.

### Numeracy

The Prep students will be experimenting with the Number concept. They will focus on exploring numbers, beginning with numbers to 10 by reading, making and writing numbers in various ways. Using a range of hands on materials they will develop their knowledge of patterns and how they can copy, continue and create their own patterns. Students will focus on describing and sorting familiar shapes and identifying these within their environments.

