Welcome to Term 3. We had a very enjoyable Term 2 and we are sure Term 3 will be even better. It is great to see all the children returning to school happy, ready to learn and in full school uniform. Our Prep focus in the playground this term is to play safely and remember the “Hands Off” rule. We are sorry to say there have been a few issues with students so we are encouraging safe and fair play.

Inquiry Learning
This term sees the Prep Inquiry question as “What are the Arts and how do they help us express ourselves?” As part of this Inquiry topic the students will be learning about different forms of the Arts and ways they could express themselves and their emotions. We are hoping to put on a small school performance towards the end of term. More details will be sent home soon later.

Winter
Hats are not compulsory during Term 3 however, you may like your child to wear a school beanie during the colder weather. Please remember if your child is sick it is best that they stay at home until they are fully recovered so they maximize their learning while at school.

Specialists
Our timetable for Term 3, including our Library (except for Prep M) times, will remain the same.

Home reading
PLEASE continue to listen to your child read every night. This is extremely beneficial to your child’s continued success.

Alphabet books/Magic Words
This term the alphabet books will come home again with the focus letter being one we haven’t covered in either term 1 or 2. This term we will be revising all the letters learnt so far. Please help your child learn their magic words as they are crucial to reading development.

School Fees
Please ensure your school fees are paid. Students will miss out on upcoming performances and swimming lessons we have during the term if payment is not up to date. We would not like to see this happen to the students, so if you need assistance in paying please see Veronica in the office.

Head Lice
Could you please check your child’s head regularly for head lice

Reading and Writing Tips
To encourage a keen interest in reading their take home books and to extend your child’s vocabulary and understandings, ask and answer relevant questions. It is great to see so many students returning their reader folder regularly. The students are also excited to be learning their Magic words and Oxford words. Please continue to help your child learn to read, write and find these words in their books.

Most students are writing one or two sentences independently. Allow your child to write at home listening and recording the dominant sounds. Encourage them to read their sentences to you.

Maths Tips
As well as using dice, dominoes are a great way students can practise their counting, counting on and counting back skills. Students are now becoming more confident in working with larger numbers.

Aerobics and Dance
Emma Bellman will be coming in every Friday to teach the students aerobics and dance. This will complement our Inquiry/Discovery Learning. The times are: 11.30–12.30 – Prep C and A 12.30–1.30 – Prep D and M

Important dates
• Tuesday 22nd July Pete the Sheep Performance 1.15p.m.
• 100 day celebration – Friday July 25th
• Friday August 8 - Parent Teacher Interviews
• Monday August 11 – Pupil free day
• Emma – every Friday 11.30 – 1.30 Aerobics/ Dance.
• Thursday September 18th – Prep Concert (to be confirmed)
• Last Day of Term – Friday September 19th