

Thursday, April 26, 2018

PREP UPDATE NUMBER 3

LINING UP

On *Monday* mornings, the Prep children are now attending our whole school assemblies. As of **Monday, May 7**, children will be expected to line up at the front of the school for our whole school assemblies. It is particularly crucial for your child to be at school by **8.45 a.m.** each Monday to ensure that he/she does not miss the important information being shared at our whole school assemblies and has sufficient time to line up in the appropriate area with his/her class. *While the national anthem is playing, latecomers must wait until the end of the anthem before joining their grade.*



The Prep children have displayed excellent manners and been attentive listeners at all of the whole school assemblies that we have attended so far. The Prep teachers are extremely proud of this respectful behaviour and look forward to seeing it continue for the rest of the year.

From Tuesday through to Friday, the Prep children continue to line up in the usual place near our classrooms at the back of the school. If it is raining before school, children need to listen for an announcement and follow the instructions given. At times, particularly when the rain is heavy, the children may be instructed to enter their classroom from **8.35 a.m.** *Children are not to enter the classroom before school on any other occasion unless advised by a teacher.*

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM

The School Nursing Program offers all families a free health assessment for children in their first year at school. A registered school nurse with expertise in the areas of child health and development is employed to carry out health assessments of children in grade Prep. This service can assist in the early identification of health problems and offer advice, information and (if appropriate) referral on to other services if health concerns are identified. The School Nurse will visit Iramoo Primary School during late May. If you have not already done so, please complete the School Entrant Health Questionnaire sent home last term and return it to the office as soon as possible.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

This year our school has employed an Occupational Therapist. The O.T. supports children with social, emotional, sensory, physical and other personal needs. The OT will be working with children who have been identified by the school as requiring additional support. During Term 2 our OT will be visiting each of the Prep classes to identify children who may require additional support. If your child is identified as requiring OT support you will be contacted by the school for further discussion and to provide you written consent. There will be no cost to families for this service.

HEADPHONES

As part of our Literacy and Numeracy programs we use Reading Eggs and Mathletics in the classroom. Children are asked to bring in a pair of headphones or earphones (earbuds) **suitable for use with an iPad (3.5mm stereo headphone jack)**. If you have yet to send your child with a set of headphones please do so as soon as possible. Basic headphones are available for purchase from the school office for \$10.

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