

Prep Information

What a **FABULOUS** start to school!

I'm sure you all have questions that you need answered but didn't want to bother the teacher... Here is some information that we hope you find informative.

- ✓ During Term One and Four children must wear their hats at school. Hats will stay at school until the end of term one, then we'll send them home for cleaning. ☺ Remember No Hat - No Play.
- ✓ Children will attend the school library once a week. Due to current the construction work on one of our buildings, the library is being used as a classroom. Once the work is completed, library sessions will commence. Library bags and books will be sent home after the children's library session. We ask that all books are returned in their library bag. Remember No library bag-No books.
- ✓ If you haven't brought in a Library bag or art smock for your child, please arrange this as soon as possible, as specialist classes begin next week. (See timetable below.) Please make sure they are clearly labelled. Thankyou.
- ✓ All late arrivals/early departures need to be reported to the office to sign the appropriate book prior to entering the classroom or departing the school.
- ✓ Please endeavour to be at school by the **8:45am** bell. This will give your child time to organise themselves for the day ahead. Once they're organised the children will participate in a short activity to tune minds into school. Once the 9am bell rings, we will sit on the floor and begin our learning instruction.
- ✓ Assembly is held every Monday morning. Everyone is welcome! Assembly is usually held on the basketball court, however if it is raining it will in the PAC. To ensure a smooth transition to and from assembly, please say your goodbyes before we head off to assembly. Each Monday, the children need to be at school at 8:45am. Due to security reasons, I will be locking our classroom door at 8:55am as we head over to the assembly area. If you are running late, please meet us at assembly.
- ✓ To support your child's English and Mathematical learning they will participate in a variety of language experiences and cooking activities, throughout their time at Altona Primary School. These activities will involve your child using kitchen utensils, frying pans, etc. as well as, eating the delicious food we make. **No child will ever be made to eat what they cook; the learning is in the preparation and process, with the added bonus of eating!** Parents will be notified prior to a major activity and we would love parents and/or grandparents to assist with such activities.

- ✓ We have a classroom post box. If you need to communicate with your classroom teacher, the post box is the most effective way. Simply put your info into a note and get your child to post it in the classroom post box.
- ✓ One of our aims at the start of a new year is to develop your child's independence. You can assist your child in many simple ways: allow them to carry their own bag, putting their own bag away, and take out their belongings to start the day, post notes into the classroom post box (situated on the teacher's desk) and place their lunch order in the tub.
- ✓ If your child is going to be away from school you will need to inform the school, by either calling the main office, sending me an email or sending a note once your child returns to school.
- ✓ If your child cannot participate in Physical Education (Sport) a note must be supplied excusing them from participation.
- ✓ Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled, as this allows an easy return to the correct child if lost.
- ✓ Homework... Yes, I know it is only four days into their schooling life, and yet we have already been asked "When do we get homework". Much to the children's disappointment written homework doesn't begin until Term Two. Reading homework will begin in week 3.

Prep T Specialist Timetable

Monday: ART - Mrs. Cain
Tuesday: Mrs. Larter - Each week Mrs. Larter will complete an activity with PrepT, which will be set by Ms Thompson.
Tuesday: ICT - Ms Thompson (weekly)
Wednesday: Music - Mrs Lynch
Wednesday: Physical Education (Sport) - Mr. Morris Children MUST wear runners to school on this day.
Thursday: ICT - Mr. Corroon (fortnightly, beginning in week 5)

We are looking forward a sensational year ahead!
Many thanks for your support

