

**Term 1  
2022**

# What's the Buzz in Prep @ Burrowes



## Welcome to our Newsletter

### SOME THINGS TO

#### REMEMBER:

#### SCHOOL START TIME

- School begins at 8.30am

#### WATER BOTTLES

- Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle with them every-day. This must be filled with water only.

#### HATS

- Each student has been given a school hat. Hats will be kept in the classroom, they are not to be taken home.

### Thank you!

Thank you to all of the parents who have brought in their child's book pack. There is still time to bring them to your child's classroom if you have not already done so.

### Before and After School Routine

- School starts at 8:30am, if your child is running late, you must sign them in at the office and present a late slip to the classroom teacher.
- If your child is sick, please phone the office on 3802 3333 to inform them that your child will not be attending school on that day.
- Before school, all students are to sit in a line outside of their classroom ready for the bell to ring. If you need to talk to a teacher, please make an appointment with them either before or after school. Due to preparing for the day, teachers are not to be disturbed unless there is an emergency or you have made an appointment. Thank you for your understanding.

### Playground Before and after school

Just a reminder to ensure the safety of our students, that there should be no prep students or their siblings on the playground and play equipment before and after school. Thank you for understanding the importance of this issue as we endeavor to keep students and children safe. In the morning, students are to be lined up outside of the classroom ready for the bell.



EVERYDAY COUNTS!



## Library Borrowing

- Please ensure your child's library bag is clearly labelled with their name.
- please ensure your child brings their book back each week so they can continue to borrow.
- Books that are not returned or become lost will be at a cost to parents/caregivers

## Tuckshop

You can :

- order tuckshop for your child online or order in person at the tuckshop in the morning, before school. Please be mindful that this includes ordering ice-blocks. prep students are unable to purchase items at the tuckshop during the day and older siblings are unable to bring ice-blocks to the prep area so please follow the tuckshop ordering process.

## Home Reading

- It is encouraged that you read with your child everyday!
- We encourage 10-15 minutes of reading with your child per night as well as practicing writing their names and recognising the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that those letters make.

## Fruit Break

- Please ensure your child has a cut up piece of fruit each day. This will be eaten at our fruit break. Time.

## Messy play

- Please remember messy play will be held every Friday.
- Remember to send your child with a messy play shirt.

WE WANT TO SAY A BIG

thank  
you

FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Carr - Prep A

Miss Aydogar - Prep B

Mrs Henare- Prep C

Mrs Inwood-Prep D

Mrs Mason- Prep E



# Welcome to Prep - Term 1, 2022

Welcome to Prep at Burrowes State School. We hope you have enjoyed your first few weeks of school. We are all excited about getting into our learning in Prep. Here is an overview of what we will be learning in Prep over this term:

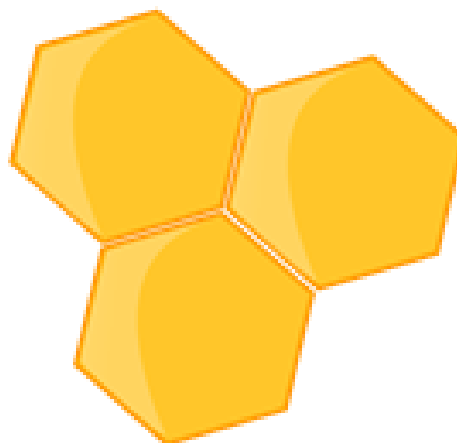
**English:** In English we are learning to identify our names and the letters that make up our names. We are beginning to identify the sounds that letters make and identifying words that begin with that sound and letter.

We are also learning to retell stories.

**Mathematics:** Numbers, numbers, numbers! We are learning all about our numbers from 0 to 10. We are looking at what the number is and how we can create that number using objects and materials. We are sorting objects into groups by what they look like, their shape or their colour.

**Science:** In Science we are exploring and investigating the needs of living things. We are learning about what living things need to survive and how we can prevent living things not having the things that they need.

**HASS:** We are exploring the important events that we celebrate in our lives by thinking about our homes and our families and what makes that important to us.

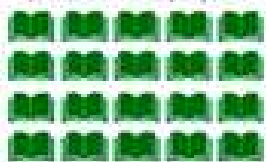


# Parents have asked, 'What can I do to help at home?' Here are some ideas!

## Why Read at home?

### STUDENT A READS

- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year



 SCORES IN THE 90TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

### STUDENT B READS

- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year



 SCORES IN THE 60TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

### STUDENT C READS

- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year



 SCORES IN THE 10TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days; Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**

## Counting and Sorting

Students will be learning to count from 1 to 10. They will be taught what a number is and how we can create that number using objects and materials. Students should be able to identify a number and the amount that number makes. Have a go at asking your children what a number is when you see them in the world around you. Ask your child to count out the pieces of sandwich they have. Encourage counting while building with lego.



Students will be learning about sorting by colour, shape and size.

Encourage your children to sort numbers that are the same together or sorting their toys from smallest to largest. They can sort their lego pieces into the same colour groups.

## Reading at Home

Remember to bring your child's home reading folder to and from school **everyday**. We encourage 10-15 minutes of reading per night as well as practising writing their names and recognising the letters of the alphabet and the sounds that those letters make. You can make this fun by you reading to them some books of interest. You can also make practising their name fun by cutting up magazines with the letters or spotting the first letter of their names as you are walking through the shopping centres. Supervise your child using playdough to make letters or numbers. This will increase strength in their fingers too!



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