Prep for Prep

Can you believe that there are only 12 weeks until Prep starts in 2017!!!

Here is a list of everyday activities that you can do with your child to prepare for them school.

12 weeks (31st October- 6 November)
- Re-read the same book all week. Discuss characters, feelings, make predictions about future events, change the setting, an event or character. How will that affect the story?

11 weeks (7 November-13 November)
- Use the scales at the supermarket (in the fruit section and at self-serve check-out). Use language such as weigh/weight, heavy, heavier than, heaviest, light, lighter than, lightest.
- Compare to bathroom scales at home.

10 weeks (14 November - 20 November)
- Peg the washing on the clothes line. The action of using pegs will help build muscle tone in fingers and improve fine-motor control.

9 weeks (21 November-27 November)
- Develop your child’s listening and memory skills.
Give three step instructions. For example while they are tidying their room… “Put your car in the box, your teddy on the bed and shoes in the cupboard.”

8 weeks (28 November- 4 December)

- Visit a local library: get a library card, practise selecting a book and borrowing it. Many Gold Coast City Libraries run services for families and young children.

7 weeks (5 December-11 December)

- Discuss car colours in the carpark. What colour is the most popular? What colour is the least popular? Is there a colour you did not see?

6 weeks (12 December-18 December)

- Give your child a ‘shopping list’ so that they can be involved in finding items during grocery shopping. Putting it all away when you get home is a great sorting exercise.
- Discuss where food comes from: different meats, eggs, dairy, rice etc.

5 weeks (19 December-25 December)
• Use your ‘travel time’: count in the car (forwards and backwards), play simple rhyming games (cat, hat, sat etc., hit, bit, sit etc., fun, run, sun etc., hot, cot, shot, pot etc.)

4 weeks (26 December- 1 January)
• Build a block tower or sand castle. Use language such as tall, taller, tallest, short, shorter, shortest, long, longer, longest.

3 weeks (2 January -8 January)
• Look for the first letter of their name on signs and in magazines and newspapers. Try to think of other words that start with the same letter.
• Begin developing independence to open items which will be in packed lunches such as bananas and cereal bar packets. Remember you can snip the packets and cut the top off the bananas to make it easier for your child.

2 weeks (9 January -15 January)
• If you haven’t already done so, get hearing checked and vision tested by an optometrist.
• Wear in school shoes.
• Discuss school specific vocabulary such as ‘office’, ‘assembly’ and ‘tuck shop’.
1 week (16 January - 22 January)

- Practise getting up, getting dressed, having breakfast and leaving the house by 8:30 am for at least 2 consecutive days (this may be as simple as going outside and play in the backyard).
- Get plenty of rest.

First day of school is **Monday 23rd January 2017**.
Please remember for the first week of term that students should be collected at 2:30pm.