Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Prep! I am looking forward to a year full of laughter and learning. This letter will discuss our learning content for this term, as well as other additional information for a smooth start for Term One. This term, our unit of work is called ‘Once upon a Rhyme’.

**English:** This term, students will be listening to and viewing many familiar nursery rhymes and short rhymes. We will be discussing our favourite characters from these rhymes, as well as making connections, thoughts and feelings. Students will discuss their likes and dislikes and be able to justify their answers. Students will be assessed by an oral performance of their favourite rhyme to a small audience.

**Maths:** Many different areas of math will be taught this term.

- **Number:** we will be looking at writing and counting numbers up to 10, subitise small collections, connect number names, numerals and quantities to 10, identify quantities in different arrangements.
- **Measurement:** sequence familiar events, compare the duration of events, compare objects based on length , mass and capacity using direct and indirect comparison Monitoring tasks will be undertaken with small groups, assessing these different areas.
- **Patterns and Algebra:** identify patterns and non-patterns, describe, continue and create growing and repeating patterns, use number to describe patterns, identify missing elements in a pattern
- **Location and transformation:** interpret the language of location, follow and give simple instructions, describe position

**Science:** This term, students will be learning about their five senses. We will use hands on investigations and real life examples to learn more about how our senses help us in our everyday lives. Children research and share their family history to identify similarities and differences between families. They relate their family history and respond to collaboratively developed questions in an interview. Assessment for this will be through a question and answer style interview.

**History:** Our History unit runs over the first semester. Children investigate their family history and use drawings about, and photographs and objects from, their family history to identify similarities and differences between families. PE lessons are on Monday and Tuesday; Music is Thursday and Friday; Library lesson is on Thursday. Homework and home reading will start shortly. More information regarding the homework program will be discussed out the parent information meeting.

Thank you for such a smooth start to our term – we have had such a fantastic first week and I’m looking forward to a wonderful year.

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Principal