Over the last couple of weeks the Preps have been busy settling into school and starting their swimming program. The children have been very excited and have been doing a great job of getting themselves into a routine. This last week the Preps have also started their specialist program. They have had their first Art, Sport, Mandarin and PMP lessons.

In the classroom we learnt about the letters ‘A’, ‘I’, ‘S’, and ‘T’. We have been busy making snakes and a ‘T’ shaped Tigers. The Preps also enjoyed making and tasting ice blocks for the letter ‘I’. In Numeracy we have started learning about the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4. We also found out about squares and rectangles and have had a go at drawing them.

**Reminders:**

*There are still a number of Preps who do not have a Library bag or Art smocks. These can be purchased from PSW uniforms.*

*NO SCHOOL for Preps on Fridays during February*

*And there is only one more Friday left to book your child’s English Online Interview. Please see your child’s teacher to book in your appointment.*

*Students need to have their Communication Diaries in their school bag everyday.*

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Monday 15th February
  - Prep School Photos
  - Swimming
  - Prep Home Readers Begin

- Wednesday 17th February
  - Last day of Swimming

- Friday 19th February
  - NO SCHOOL/EOL Interviews

- Friday 4th March
  - NO SCHOOL FOR PREPS

- Monday 7th March
  - Students start FULL TIME!
  - Homework program begins

- Monday 14th March
  - Labour Day Public Holiday

- Tuesday 15th March
  - Curriculum Day (No school)
Home Readers

On Monday, the Preps will be starting their home reading program. They will be using their blue ‘library bag’ to transport their reader cover with yellow log book and reader to and from school everyday.

Encourage your child to change their reader by themselves every morning from the trolleys.

Try to read every night and record the title of the book in your child’s yellow log book. See inside the reader cover for more helpful tips.

Late /Early Departures

If your child arrives late or needs to leave early, they must check in at the office first before coming to class. This will automatically notify their teacher.

Fruit Snack

The Preps are encouraged to pack at least one healthy snack in their lunch box. Children are given the chance to eat this snack in the morning session.
School Nursing Program

Your VISITING SCHOOL NURSE for 2016 is

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In 2016 the School Nursing Program will continue to provide:

- Distribution of a confidential School Entrant Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) to all parents of prep children. (The questionnaire provides parents/guardians with the opportunity to raise any concerns they may have about their child’s health and development with the school nurse).
- Response to parents/guardians concerns as identified in the SEHQ.
- Assessment of children referred by parents or teachers to the school nurse in Grades 1-6.
- Follow-up of children where school nurse intervention is required.

The SEHQ 2016 continues to cover general health, dental, speech and vision development. It provides a clinical tool to assist nurses to prioritise those children who may require further assessment / support in the early school years and enables teachers and nurses to work collaboratively with families to improve outcomes for children.

If you have any concerns prior to, or following my visit to the school, please contact me on the above number.

I look forward to working within your school in 2016.

Nurse Forms are to be returned to your child’s teacher by Tuesday 16th February.

*If any parents wish to see Ann for help filling in the Nurse form she will be available in the staff room on Wednesday morning 17th February at 9am. Ann speaks Vietnamese and Cantonese.