Ardeer South Primary School
Prep Parent Information Bulletin

Early Years
The Literacy Program consists of a daily two-hour literacy block from 8.45am to 10.45am. During these two-hours the students work in small groups and develop literacy skills, through shared and guided reading and writing activities. In order to keep disruptions to the Early Years Program to a minimum we would appreciate your assistance by having your child at school on time and by speaking to your child’s teacher at appropriate times (see Contacting Teachers below).

Attendance Times
School programs begin at 8.45am. Please ensure that your child is at school on time (8.45am) and is picked up on time (3.15pm).

Take home books
Returned daily. Read with your child and sign daily

Contacting Teachers
If you need to see your child’s teacher regarding a school matter, please do so between 8.30am - 8.40am and 3.15pm - 3.30pm or ring the office to arrange an appointment time on 9363 2768.

Absences
If your child is absent from school, a note of explanation is required. A verbal explanation by the parent or a phone call is also acceptable.

Leaving the School Grounds
Parents are required to sign the “Early Dismissal Book” in the office if they wish to take their child home early.

Library
Each student in Prep is provided with an orange bag for library borrowing. Please make sure the books are cared for properly as parents will be asked to pay for damaged or lost books. The library books are to be returned each Monday and a new one is borrowed.

Art
An old shirt or smock is needed to protect student’s clothes. If you have not brought one please bring as soon as possible

Excursions
Excursions are organised by teachers to provide students with new and varied language experiences. Much work is done before and after the excursions. Please allow your child to participate.

Visiting Artists
Ardeer South Primary School runs a stimulating incursion program, which is intended to provide language stimulus and experiences to the students.

Term One: Aladdin (1st March)
Term Two: Bully No More (May 3rd)
Term Three: Making the Impossible Possible (Aug 17th)

Valuables
To avoid any problems please do not send valuable toys or other items to school. We are not responsible for lost or broken toys.

Medication
Parents are required to complete the Student Medication form (located in the school office) for their child to receive any medication during school hours.
Asthma Medication
It is very important that all children with asthma have their medication (puffer and spacer) in their bags EVERY day, even if they are not having an attack or feeling ill. Asthma attacks can occur without warning and can be life threatening, so your child will need to have medication on hand at all times. Please remember to check the expiry dates on medications from time to time. You will also need to complete an Asthma Medication Management Plan at the beginning of the year and again if your child’s treatment changes.

Water Bottles
Students have been issued with a plastic water bottle which will be kept in the classroom and refilled as required.

Swimming
Swimming will be held at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre from 23rd August to 3rd September 2010.

Healthy Habits - No Chocolate Bars or Lollies Please
We encourage students to bring fruit or other healthy snacks for playlunch. Fruit cut up in small pieces in a plastic container is preferred. Healthy children need nutritious food, exercise and lots of sleep. Please make sure your child goes to bed early. If you wish to bring a cake to school for your child’s birthday please bring cupcakes only.

School Uniform – Labelling
Please ensure that all pieces of clothing are labelled with student’s name.

Home Address & Telephone number
Teach your child their full name, address, telephone number and birthdate.

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**Time**
*Time* is the most important thing you can give your child. Spend some time talking / playing with your child.

- Help them learn to write their name
- Teach them their full name, address, telephone number, birthdate

**Things to do at Home**
- Help them learn to write their name
- Read to your child
  - Talk about the pictures
  - Ask what might happen next
  - Take them to the local library
- Provide colouring books, pencils, textas etc.
  - Encourage them to draw. Check their pencil grip
  - Talk about their drawings
  - Provide jigsaws, pack of cards, play-dough, board games etc
  - Say nursery rhymes and sing songs
  - Cut and past from magazines and newspapers
- **Cooking**
  - Let them help. Talk about what is happening eg. Stir, pour, mix
  - Talk about the ingredients
- **Bath time**
  - Pouring from one container to another
  - Floating and sinking
- **Colours**
  - Talk about colours eg. “Bring me your black shoes”. “Wear your red jumper”
Shapes
❖ “How many sides has this shape?”
❖ Differences and similarities between shapes

Numbers
❖ Counting in sequence at least to twenty
❖ Recognising numbers
❖ Writing numbers
❖ Play dice and card games
❖ Find numbers in newspapers, magazines, road signs, telephones, supermarkets
❖ Teach address and telephone number

Letter names and sounds
❖ Start with their name. “What does it begin with? What sound does it make?”
❖ Look at signs, print in books etc.

• Magic words check every night (when you see them in their take home books)

Encourage Independence
Let them do things for themselves eg. Put toys away, eating, dressing themselves, carry their bags, put lunch orders in lunch box etc

Watch less T.V. Go to bed early

Prep Teachers: P/1T Mrs R. Taylor / Mrs M. Sanelli
P/1R Ms S. Rosini
P/1D Mrs L. Adams / Mrs S. Hoarebury