

February 1, 2018

Prep Newsletter Welcome to Prep JH and Prep EM!

DEAR ROOM 1 AND 2 FAMILIES

Welcome to Prep 2018. We hope you have had a wonderful and restful holiday, and we are really looking forward to working with you this year! This is the first of our class newsletters, which you will receive each term. We just wanted to outline some important information at the start of the year which will assist you and your student to settle in.

Timetable: Each week students participate in a range of specialist classes. The timetable for each class is listed below.

Prep JH:

Monday: 11:10am to 12:00pm: Visual Arts

Monday: 12:00pm to 12:50pm: PE

Tuesday: 9:50am to 10:40am: Performing Arts

Thursday:, 9:00 to 9:50am: LOTE

Prep EM:

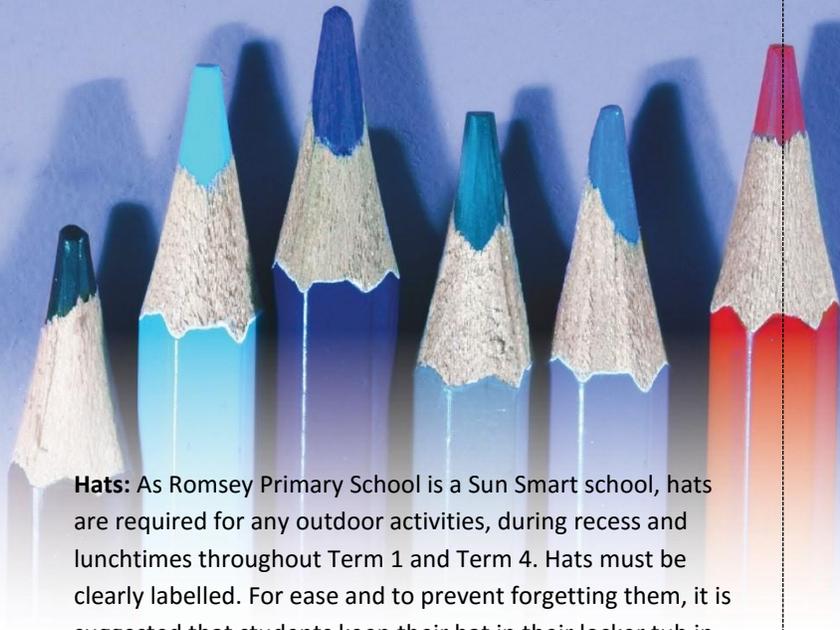
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These times and days can change, depending on events happening around the school. Library times will be determined once the library is up and running again after its recent renovation.



Hats: As Romsey Primary School is a Sun Smart school, hats are required for any outdoor activities, during recess and lunchtimes throughout Term 1 and Term 4. Hats must be clearly labelled. For ease and to prevent forgetting them, it is suggested that students keep their hat in their locker tub in the classroom. To assist other staff members and students to identify and assist your child in the yard, particularly when they are settling in, students in prep will have a coloured ribbon with their name on it around the edge of their hat.

Home reading:

Each student will bring home Just Right books, as well as class made books to practise concepts learnt in class. Please read regularly with your child at home and record their reading in their reading diary daily. This diary can also be used for communication as well.

Spelling:

Romsey Primary School has a whole school SMART Spelling program. Students will receive a list of words each week to practise at home. More information about this program will be sent home with the first list of words.

Important dates for Term 1:

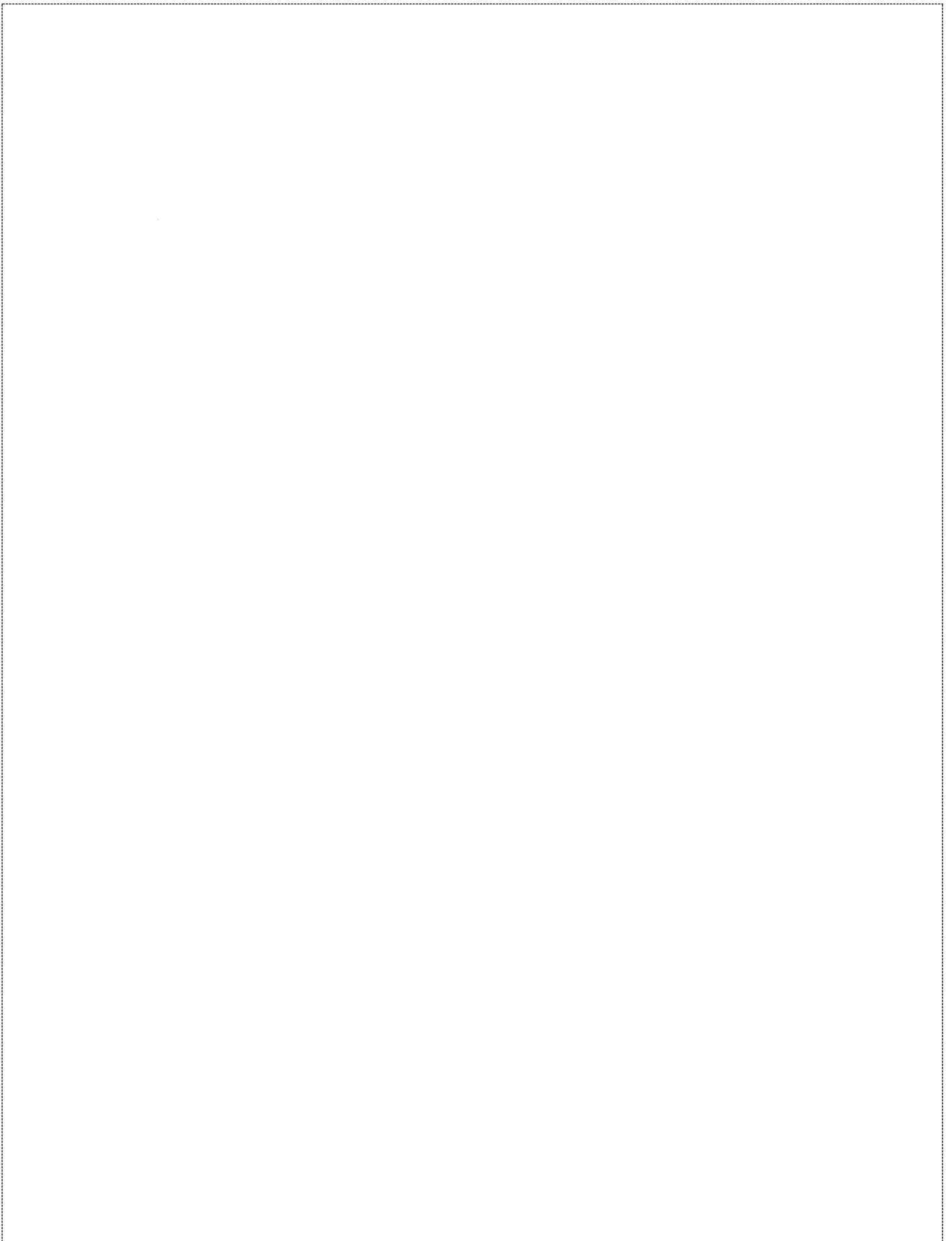
Wednesday, Feb 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, March 7th: Prep students not at school; 1:1 student assessments.

Monday, 12th March: Labour Day holiday.

Wednesday, 14th March: Prep – 2 Athletics Day.

Monday, 26th March: Whole School Cross Country.

School photos are in Term 2, on the 24th of April. Please check the newsletter and class notes for other important dates as they arise throughout the term. Notices will also be displayed on the classroom windows.



Please label hats, clothes, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc. clearly! It makes it so much easier to find and return lost property.

Supplies:

Thank you for bringing in your child's school supplies. Most classroom items, such as rulers, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue sticks etc. will be shared on tables and will be replaced as necessary from spare supplies. Books will be labelled with colours and animals to assist students to independently identify their own items. Personal items such as headphones, art smocks and reader diaries will be labelled.

Allergies:

As we have students with different allergies, part of our daily routine will be for students to wash their hands and faces using baby wipes to remove allergens after consuming food.

Parent Helpers:

Prep JH and EM will be working together this year to build a strong learning community. This will allow students to develop relationships with all members of the Prep community, develop strategies to deal with distractions, allow for consistent teaching of the curriculum and utilise teacher and support staff strengths. It will also support the development of the skills in the You Can Do It program, such as organisation, resilience, confidence, getting along and persistence.

Later in Term 1, once students have settled into primary school, an expression of interest form will be sent home for parent helpers within the classroom. Parent helpers need to have a Working with Children card to be able to assist within the classroom and must attend one of the parent helper training sessions from 9am to 10am, Tuesday 20th of February or 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Thursday, 22nd of February. Please see the office or the teachers if you would like any information on how to obtain a Working with Children check.

Newsletter and Updated:

The school newsletter is sent out weekly via email. Please make sure you have your current email address recorded with the office to ensure you receive the newsletter as it contains important school information. The newsletter is also available on the Romsey Primary School website. We also have a school app called Updat-ed, which sends out important messages. Please see the office if you need assistance setting this up.

Canteen money:

Students will be given a canteen list. To order lunch from the canteen, please write their name, classroom number and order on an envelope, paper bag or reusable lunch bag and include the money for the order. There is a lunch tub which is taken to the canteen in the morning and sent back at lunchtime with lunches in it. Please remind your child to put their lunch orders in the lunch tub at the beginning of the day.

The canteen is also open during recess and lunch times for over the counter sales of snacks. It is recommended that students don't make over the counter purchases until the 19th of February and they have a limit of \$1.00, in case they lose it. Please remember that canteen money is the responsibility of your child.

A large focus of Term 1 in Prep is settling into primary school, setting up routines for learning and developing independence. Please assist us to build these skills by allowing your child to carry, pack and unpack their own bags, waving good bye at the door when they are lining up and waiting outside during class times.

Communication:

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to come and see us before or after school, or alternatively, ring the office. Please note we do have meetings, yard duties and other commitments throughout the week, so we will return your call as soon as possible or book an appointment for a suitable time. Please also use your child's diary for communication with classroom teachers.

Thank you,

Erin Moore and Jacinta Hipwell.



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