



# Fig Tree Pocket State School

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Dear Prep Parents,

Welcome to Prep 2009. Your children have settled into the prep program with enthusiasm and high energy. The weather has provided a few challenges for us but we are managing to access much prized outside activity times when the sun shines and it is not too hot.

First term is very much about establishing routines, procedures, rules and acceptable behaviour patterns. This is a long process that requires constant attention and practice.

The children are learning to be independent and responsible; to listen and concentrate and to work in groups and alone. They are getting to know one another and make new friends.

During first term our groups work around a theme of nursery rhymes and fairytales.

In the other three terms the children will negotiate with the teacher their own group focus for the term eg last year the children covered such topics as shops, hospitals, dinosaurs and outer space.

The specialist lesson times for your child are attached to this letter on a separate sheet that you may wish to keep handy at home. The children will now have the following classes each week:

- 2 H.P.E. lessons
- 1 Music lesson
- 1 Library lesson

This term the children spend both lunch breaks in the prep area. We eat in the classroom and the children are supervised.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Life education – March 20 to March 30
- Easter Bonnet Parade – Thursday April 9
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*Before Easter the prep children will meet their buddies who will help them make their Easter Bonnets and walk with them on the day.*

We are all looking forward to another exciting year of prep.

Regards,

Pattie, Liz and Michelle

Chris and Cheryl

Marion and Fiona

11 February, 2009