



Please find general information about planned curriculum and activities for the Prep/Year One class this term. If you need to talk to me, please email me or contact the school to make an appointment. Our classroom can be very busy before and after school and I may not be able to give your matter the attention that needed. Teachers will generally not take phone calls during the school day, as they will be teaching but you can leave messages with the office. Even though your child is in a composite class, they will still be learning and working from the same curriculum as other students in their year level and I work very closely to both year level teachers to ensure consistency takes place.

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## English

**Prep:** This term we will look at Information Reports and will write some simple sentences about dinosaurs. We learn about the differences between imaginative texts and information texts.

We continue to learn letter and sound combinations through our Soundwaves program. We also continue to build our reading skills, including recognising sight words and decodable words.

**Year One:** This term we look at Information Reports and the similarities and differences to an imaginative text. We learn how our word choices can be different depending on the type of text we are writing. We will also be looking at Procedures. We learn about commands as another type of sentence.

## Mathematics

**Prep** This term the focus on Number will see students compare and order quantities to 20 and count forwards and backwards from 20. Children will combine small collections and begin to represent addition with hands-on materials. Students learn about 2D and 3D shapes and will also investigate length, mass and capacity.

**Year One:** We will continue our focus on number throughout this term, counting to 100 in a variety of ways and representing two digit numbers. We represent simple addition and subtraction and counting problems and learn some basic number facts. We will also be learning about the features of 2D and 3D shapes. We also look at length and capacity in Measurement.

## Geography

**Prep:** In Geography, our focus will be on familiar places. We will: observe and name the features of familiar places; view and locate Australia on a globe and a map; use directions to describe how to move from one location to another; and, represent the features of familiar places such as our school and playground.

**Year One:** Our HASS unit is 'My Changing World'. We will look at features of places in our local area, how features of places change and how special places can be cared for. We will also look at simple maps, locations and directions.

## Science (Earth and Science)

**Preps:** In our Science unit, '**Weather in our World**', children will explore how daily and seasonal changes in our environment, including the weather, affect everyday life. They will explain the characteristics of the weather and identify the reasons why clothes and activities suit various weather conditions.

**Year One:** Our Science unit is all about features of sky and landscapes around us. We notice different weather conditions and how they affect the sky and we discuss changes of the moon. We learn about how landscapes can change and why they might change.

## Technology

In the Technology unit, "**It's Showtime**" students will follow sequenced steps to make simple puppets. They will explore the design process in readiness for making their own puppet with a moving part.

Students will also explore how plants and animals are grown for food, clothing and shelter. They will look at how food is selected and prepared for healthy eating.

## Health

Along with consolidating our school expectations of 'Be safe', 'Be respectful' and 'Be a learner', we are also spending time identifying our emotions (and those of others) and how to deal with them in appropriate ways. They will explore ways to interact with others in a variety of settings. In addition to this, Year One students learn about how we all have different strengths to our classmates.

## Arts

In our unit this semester, we learn the skills of Drama through the presentation of a short puppet show. The children work in small groups to write, create and perform a simple story with a puppet.

## Important Term Two Events

**100 days of Prep/ school.**  
**Parent Teacher Interviews (week 3)**  
**Prep students excursion to Amaroo.**  
**Book Week** in August.  
**Life Education** in August  
**Fathers' Day celebration.**  
**Under 8s Day** (last week of term)

Please keep an eye out for emails from the office with more details about these events.

## School Rules

We have 3 main school rules at Highfields State School: **Be Safe, Be a Learner and Be Respectful**. We are a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school and will have a weekly, whole school focus on an expected behaviour.