Welcome Back!

It is great to be back at school and so ready to learn!

We welcome 16 new prep students, who are making a fabulous new start with help from their wonderful peers.

Our Billabong is a busier place this year with an additional class in the space. We all enjoy working together and continue to thrive as a healthy Billabong!

We have commenced Australian Sign Language on Tuesdays with Naomi Carson – and we all love learning to speak with our hands! Also, Irene will be at Pembroke 4 days a week, which is of terrific benefit to us all. Make sure you say hello to Irene and Naomi!

We are so excited to be hopping, leaping and jumping to success this year. Be sure to visit The Billabong soon!

Term Focus: Movie Mayhem (Toy Story)

Writing Genre: Narrative

Important Dates:

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*Prep Testing on Wednesdays during February – please see your timetable.

Readers and Zipper Pouches.

Students in The Billabong have a reader in a pouch. It is important that students read, or are read to, at least 5 times a week. This is logged in their reader book. Notes can be found inside the pouch, and can be returned to school in these as teachers check them daily.
Some Reminders…

It is great to see that so many students have remembered their hats, as they are compulsory in Term One and Four. Those students without hats will miss out on play.

We are doing our best to keep our Billabong clean and healthy, so packing fruit for “Brainfood” time and limiting wrappers is a great place to start.

Runners are best for sports – on Fridays this Term.

If you have any questions or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher – either in a note in the reader pouch or a phone call. We are in partnership!

If you would like to be involved in the Billabong, feel free to join Choir on Wednesdays at recess, and Kool Kids on Fridays at 2.30.

Last week, Prep students received a School Nurse pack, which needs to be filled in and returned. Please return these to Bree Monks.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!
Thursday the 18th of February will be our fantastic night of fun. It runs at school from 6.30pm. We hope to see you then!

*Water Bottles… These should only contain water. No cordial please!!!

Pick-up and Drop-off Times

In 2014, we started a new bell system that has worked really well.

At 8.45am, a bell will sound for students to come inside. It is important that no students are inside before this time.

At 9am, music will play and students need to be sitting on the floor, ready to learn.

At 3.30pm, students will meet you outside of the Billabong. This makes it easier for all students to exit and find you!