

SPECIALIST NEWS!



ART

The Preps proved to be fantastic painters and print-makers last term, as they learnt all about colours and colour-mixing, among other things. This term's focus is 3D construction. Look out for wooden spoon people, paper cup Olympic mascots, 3D scenes and more! Their "neat desks", completed last week while studying the school value, Responsibility, were well constructed and creative (see left). I am so proud of their progress in both work and study habits, and cannot wait to see what they produce this term.



MUSIC

Last term's lessons involved stories, sound-effects, dancing, songs, games, and the use of instruments. The Preps became familiar with the sounds different percussion instruments made, and experimented with making a range of sounds with them, e.g. long/short, loud/soft, etc. This term, they will study sounds/silence, same/different, high/low, and rhythm and beat, among other musical concepts. Lessons will be based on the Kodaly Method, which is an approach to music teaching developed in Hungary during the mid-twentieth century by Zoltán Kodály.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Prep students are excited about continuing to learn new physical education skills in Term 3. They will learn more about catching, throwing and bouncing. This term students will also be participating in more movement based activities such as dance and gymnastics. We will also cover Basketball and participate in the St John First Aid in Schools program. An overall focus for the term, will be on using equipment correctly and safely. Swimming also happens this term, which is an important aspect of the PE program and will be in weeks 9 and 10. The Prep students need to bring water bottles and wear their runners on Fridays.



JAPANESE

こんにちは。 In Japanese class, Prep students will learn about numbers, animals and body parts this term. They will also learn Japanese songs and play games in Japanese. They will learn how to make origami artworks. They will also learn to write their names in Japanese.

