UPCOMING EVENTS
Life Education
PP2 Thursday 18 February
PP3 Friday 19 February
PP1 Monday 22 February

THRASS HANDWRITING CHART
In Pre-Prep we are beginning to learn the correct way to form our alphabet letters. We have sent home a copy of the THRASS letter chart we use at St Hilda’s. It is just a little reminder of how your children should be writing their letters. Please encourage your child to write their name with one capital letter at the start and the rest lower case and to form the letters as shown on the chart.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE ACTIVITIES
Please ensure that your daughter’s teacher is informed of any changes to their After School activities. This can be done through writing it in your daughter’s diary.

SUPERVISION OF SIBLINGS
We would like to remind parents that they need to be supervising siblings at drop off and pick up time. Pre-Prep staff members are busy supervising the Pre-Prep girls and are unable to supervise siblings. Please ensure that siblings are not entering the classrooms during these times or touching resources which have been set up.

DRINK BOTTLES
Please ensure that you are packing your daughter’s drink bottle each day. With this hot weather the girls need to be drinking lots of water to stay hydrated.

PP1
It is lovely to see the girls are settling into the class routine and are beginning to form friendships with their peers and teachers. We have been playing games such as letter and number bingo in small groups which has required the girls to work cooperatively and as a team. It is pleasing to see their progress with their pro-social skills towards one another. We have been enjoying listening to our friends present their ‘All About Me’ posters and learning more about the girls in our class. Emeline and Elizabeth shared with us their interest in dinosaurs and within this discussion it was revealed that many others were interested in learning more about dinosaurs. To follow on with this we have been investigating dinosaurs and learning interesting facts about them. We have added dinosaur books to the book corner, added dinosaur puppets to the block area, watched clips on our computer about dinosaurs and have been making our own dinosaur crafts.

From the ‘All About Me’ posters we learnt that many girls enjoy cooking at home and it is also a theme that is evident throughout the girls play. We followed up on this interest in cooking by making some dinosaur cupcakes. We discussed that when cooking we need to follow a recipe and the girls assisted as we counted and measured the ingredients. They used their listening skills and pro-social skills as they took turns adding ingredients and stirring. They definitely enjoyed eating their cupcakes!
PP2
It’s been a very busy couple of weeks and I would like to thank you for being so organised with all the girls’ specialist lessons and After School activities. You have a lot to remember!
During the past fortnight the girls have been introduced to the THRASS chart, and we have been playing lots of games so they become familiar with the pictures. They have also enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with lots of different craft activities, films and songs about Chinese celebrations.
We have also been following their interest in plants, gardening and bugs, enjoying an insect provocation area, and also planting our own flower seeds in the Pre-Prep yard. Let’s hope we have some success!

PP3
We have had another fantastic 2 weeks in PP3. The girls are definitely settled now and it is so wonderful to see some friendships developing within the class.
We have been doing lots of investigative work over the past week. Some of the girls became interested in the magnetic boards that we have in our classroom so Miss Sparshott and Mrs Nolan gathered lots of magnets and information books about magnets and have been sharing these with the girls. One of their favourite activities was to test the strength of different magnets by seeing how many they could attach together! Another fun investigation we engaged in this week was making play dough. The girls requested purple play dough so Miss Sparshott suggested making red and blue to see what would happen when we mixed them together…it was all very exciting!