Term 3 Week 5
August 2014

For the rest of the term news will be free choice - next term we will start our themes again.

Athletics Carnivals:
We have had a busy few weeks with the Athletics carnivals all our students participated with lots of enthusiasm. Congratulations to Mia on her Minor Girl Champion.

In Math we have been learning about mass, addition and subtraction.

Here are our beautiful art Vases

Year 1/2 - Miss Kerr & Mr Blanch

Term 3 is certainly flying by! It has been a very busy and enjoyable term already with lots of different activities happening in our class. In literacy we have been learning about how to write a procedure. This week as part of our news, the students each presented a procedure to the class. We were amazed by Joshua’s "How To Make a Jungle Cake" (it tasted delicious), inspired by Kaitlyn’s "How To Make an Origami Star" and very impressed with Levi’s new pizza creation... "How To Make A Starfruit Pizza!".

When we haven’t been at Athletics carnivals, we have squeezed in some time to make some beautiful picnic plates. Now it is full steam ahead for the Performing Arts Festival in week 7. Tickets on sale this Monday!

I have had a fabulous first 2 weeks in K/1, thank you to all the parents and children for making me feel so welcome.

I am doing my best to continue on with all the great work that Miss Azzopardi started and left me, if you have any questions or would like to touch base, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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In group writing, we have written procedures on a range of everyday activities. Focusing on using verbs and correct sentence structure. Here is Ella, Xavier and Jayden’s procedure on "How To Brush Your Teeth".

Goal: If you follow this procedure you will have clean teeth.

What You Need:
* 1 toothbrush
* 1 tap and sink
* 1 tube of toothpaste

Steps
1. Get a toothbrush and squeeze some toothpaste on it.
2. Turn the tap on and wet the toothbrush.
3. Scrub your teeth around and around.
4. Flick and rinse the toothbrush.

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Hello Parents and Carers,

Term Three has started well with many fantastic opportunities for the students. This term students have attended Healthy Harold, participated in School and District Athletics events, attended a travelling NED performance and presented a school assembly item. Coming up for the remainder of the term is the Performing Arts Festival, Tournament of Minds, a Cyber Safety workshop, The Channon Teams day and the Big Scrub Public Speaking.

In class students have been doing an Integrated Literacy program on the book ‘My Place’ by Nadia Wheatley and Donna Rawlins. This book looks at Australian history and our identity as a multicultural country. It is providing a great opportunity for students to develop their comprehension, reading and writing skills through engaging literature.

Year 5/6
Mr Cooper

In Creative Arts students designed and painted masks. Students needed to strategically plan how they would paint their masks to ensure they didn’t smudge paint over other colours. They also needed to show patients in painting detail and having to put on up to 3 coats of paint.

TWIRLY BIRDS and FLAPPY BIRD
For a number of weeks now we have been making birds as part of our wood work craft. The Year 5 students are making a twirly bird and Year 6 are making flappy birds. The difference is in the number of parts that need to be cut out of 3 ply timber with the coping saws. Mr Cooper is very picky when it comes to sanding the edges. He keeps sending us back to make them smoother. When we finally get to paint we have to do an undercoat first. After giving this a light sand we get to paint our colours on. Everyone has chosen a different design. After 2 coats we are ready to paint our perches and then string it together with fishing line. We are going to hang them in our classroom until the end of term before we take them home.

MAGAZINE PROJECT
This term everyone in 5/6 is publishing their own magazine. It is a long term writing project. Each week we have to publish a different text type in our magazine. So far we have completed a report, quiz, find-a-word, exposition and this week we are writing an procedure. All finished work is published on the computer. We often do our draft writing in our books. Future writing tasks will include a crossword, horoscope, narrative, advice column, interview, classifieds, contents and cover. Some of the magazine topics include; soccer, baseball, rugby, fishing, reptiles, dance and surfing. Our magazines will be published in colour early next term.

LITERACY WEB
Mr Cooper has introduced a literacy web to practise and improve our reading, handwriting and proofreading and editing skills. Each week we have to complete a set number of tasks but we get to choose which ones we do and in what order. It helps us to be more self directed in our learning and enables us to show initiative in our learning when we have completed other learning activities.