Term 1 has been one filled with so much learning, fun, and exciting adventures as the students participated in the many specialist classes offered at Dorset Primary School. Every week we have tried to showcase the wonder work the students have achieved and activities they have partaken in, in the form of a newsletter item printed every week in the newsletter.

LIBRARY

With the purchase of many new books, students have been able to further enhance their love of reading and literature. The library is open at lunchtimes to allow students to continue reading and exploring their love of books. We encourage all students to borrow and read as this enhances not just their reading but writing as well.

MUSIC

If you have been lucky enough to walk through the school grounds during the day, chances are you have heard either the angelic voices of the choir rehearsing during lunchtimes, or the sounds of glockenspiels and ukuleles being played. Perhaps you thought you’re in Africa with the sounds of African drums beating in the distance as the grades 5 and 6 students rehearse for their upcoming performance in term two. Not only are instruments being taught in music but cultural understanding and appreciation.

FRENCH

This term the students in French have been focusing not just on comprehension of the language, that is, understanding the meaning of the words or sentences, but really being able to say and express the language in the spoken form. Visual cues, songs and games as well as role play has encouraged the students to speak confidently in French.Greetings are given in French as are all instructions.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It is such a great sight to see students playing team sport, learning new games and negotiating their gross motor skills whenever participating in PE.

So much is learnt on the sports field, whether it be developing ball skills, balance, negotiation skills with other team members or just achieving one’s personal best score or time. This term the students have achieved so many personal goals with focus on skill
development. Thank you to Mr McLellan for taking PE for most of term one and a warm welcome back to Mr Bell.

**ART**

It goes without saying that Dorset Primary school has amazing colour, artwork and mosaics decorating the brickwork and walls of the school. However, it is when you walk through the corridors of the school building that you have a true appreciation of the beautiful artwork the students have created so far this term. Every child’s work is displayed and celebrated as it is showcased on the school walls, for all to see.

Please take a moment as you walk by and stop to look at and admire the creativity and skill that is required to produce such work. Fine motor skills are developed as is an understanding of colour, texture, line, space. An understanding of the elements of art is developed when creating art work and this is evident in Dorset primary’s student’s art work.

**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN**

The amazing work that has gone into the upkeep and maintenance of the school garden, both flower and vegetable is a testament to how well the students have worked this term.

Their continued upkeep has provided the students with so much healthy produce to then be cooked in the Stephanie Alexander kitchen that one cannot exist without the other.

Having an understanding of where food is grown, how to maintain a garden, how to cook, skills and safety in the kitchen are all holistic learning experiences that the students take with them from this invaluable program.

Thank you to all the family members that come along and help us and support their children in this wonderful, hands on learning environment.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday.

The specialist team,

Mr Andrew Bell, Mr Kursten Tan, Mr Michael Gibbs, Mrs Annalisa Stratakos Mr Gregg Hansford, Ms Kirsten Haworth, Ms Anna Clarkson