

Foundation News

23rd February, 2018

In Literacy

Over the past fortnight, each class has read a weekly 'Big Book' as part of our daily shared reading. We have focused on being able to recognise a letter and recognise a word. The students are also using their finger as they track the direction of reading. This supports their understanding of spacing between words and sentence structure using capital letters and full stops.

We have continued introducing a new letter and sound each day and the students have loved reinforcing their learning through our Letterland program. We have investigated 't', 'i', 'n', 'g', 'o', 'p', 'e' and 'k' and the Cued Articulation for each sound.

In Writing, we have enjoyed 'having a go' at writing recount and descriptive texts. We have written texts to describe our own features, e.g. 'I have blue eyes' and 'I have long hair'. In the coming weeks, we will be exploring the Narrative text type. We are encouraging students to 'hear a sound and write it down' and to use their developing knowledge of letters and their corresponding sounds to 'have a go' at sounding out words.

SHOW AND SHARE

As part of our Literacy program, students participate in 'Show and Share' each week in order to improve their speaking and listening skills. The students have been given a day for their 'Show and Share' presentation. We encourage you to assist your child in selecting relevant speaking items to bring in to share with the class.

In Maths

We have been exploring the numbers 0 – 10 using a variety of 'hands on' materials and learning activities. Tasks have included matching and comparing number collections, making towers of unifix blocks to correspond with numbers on a number line and representing various numbers using counters and a 'tens frame'.

Foundation BBQ

What a wonderful night! A huge thank you to all of the families who came to our Foundation Year Level 'Meet and Greet' BBQ. It was absolutely fantastic to see so many of our students and their families enjoying the night and visiting our classrooms afterwards.



Coming Up

March 5th -From this date **ALL Foundation students** will commence fulltime school.

March 6th – 8th – World of Maths Incursion

March 12th – Labour Day (Public Holiday)

TIMETABLE

****Please note that changes have been made and this timetable will begin starting Monday 26/2***

Monday – LRC (Digital Technologies) (FA, FB, FC)

Tuesday – Cooking, LOTE, Performing Arts, P.E (all classes)

Wednesday – Art (FA, FB)

Thursday – Art (FC, FD), LRC (Digital Technologies) (FD)

REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that students should not be arriving at school any earlier than 8:45am. The time prior to this is vital for teachers to be able to prepare and set up their daily learning programs to ensure quality education.

P.M.P and Cooking

Our P.M.P and cooking programs will begin in Week 6 when school commences full-time. We would really appreciate some extra assistance on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for P.M.P in our hall (2:30pm – 3:30pm), and Tuesday mornings for cooking (9:00am – 10:00am). Please note that all parent helpers require a valid WWC (Working with Children's Check). We thank you in advance for your support.

BUDDIES

What an exciting time! The Foundation students were very excited to meet their Grade 5/6 'buddy'. We spent the session tracing and creating our hands that will form our special Friendship Tree. We also read picture story books with our new buddies ☺

