

Foundation News

8th March, 2018

In Literacy

In Reading, we have continued to learn a new letter every day using Letterland and Cued Articulation. Over the last fortnight we have learned the letters: 'l', 'f', 'b', 'j', 'r', 'q', 'v', 'w' and 'u'. The students have completed a daily Letterland craft activity and their work has been displayed in the classrooms. We are also reading a daily 'Big Book' and beginning to spend a short amount of time on Independent Reading every day. Please ensure that your child is returning their Take Home Book every day in order to exchange it for a new one. We are currently sending three Interest Based books home per week.

In Writing, we have started to explore Narrative texts. We have discussed how to begin a Narrative and the features of a Narrative such as "characters" and a "setting". We have also started writing about our Cooking sessions on Wednesdays. This week the students wrote about the vegemite or jam sandwich that they made. We are encouraging the children to "hear a sound and write it down" by saying the words slowly and writing down sounds that they hear.

In Maths

In Week 5, we learned about Positional Language. The children learned to describe the location of people and objects using terms such as "in front", "behind", "between", "beside", "around" and more.

In Week 6, we have explored numbers from 10 to 20 and discussed how the first digit in a teen number represents "10". We created teen numbers by adding an amount onto 10 and used tens frames to show two-digit numbers using concrete materials.

'World of Maths' Incursion

On Tuesday, the students went to the hall for our 'World of Maths' incursion. The instructor brought a number of different Maths games for the students to enjoy, such as: building a bridge with blocks, racing monkeys, moving objects through mazes and many more fun Maths games. Some of our Grade 6 students assisted in running these activity stations and did a fantastic job! The students enjoyed their first ever incursion.



Coming Up

March 12th – Labour Day (Public Holiday)

March 16th – School Community Movie Night

March 20th – School Photos

March 29th – Junior Disco/End of term (2.30pm finish)

Specialist Timetable

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 have both commenced in Week 6. As of Week 7, our Cooking sessions will run on a Tuesday morning from 9.00am. Thank you to all the parents who have returned the Parent Helper forms for P.M.P. We will be creating and distributing a P.M.P roster in the coming days. Please feel free to attend all P.M.P sessions even if you are not rostered on. P.M.P will not run on Monday 12th March due to Labour Day.

Buddies

Our students had a second session with their Grade 5/6 buddies in Week 5. The buddies assisted the Foundations in creating an Australian flag and rip-and-stick Sun. It is great to see the Foundations starting to develop a rapport with their older buddies.

Badge Ceremony

The Foundation students attended their first whole school assembly on Wednesday. The students sat beautifully for a long period of time and participated in singing the national anthem and school song very enthusiastically. Our Junior School Council members for Foundation were called out the front to receive their badges and represented Foundation proudly.