



NEWS

FROM **Grade 3/4**

Literacy...

For the past fortnight in Reading, the Grade 3/4 students have been learning different strategies to summarise fiction and non-fiction texts. During whole-class learning, the students have used different templates to assist with summarising the main idea in a text.

In Writing, students have been drafting and publishing their explanation texts.

The Grade 3/4 unit completes handwriting and grammar in the same session. We practise neat and consistent joined writing with a pencil in Grade 3 and we use a pen in Grade 4, working towards getting a pen licence. After 15 stickers have been achieved (15 really good handwriting efforts), students, in Grade 4, can use a pen during their normal every day learning and students, in Grade 3, can join their letters during normal every day learning. While the students are practising neat handwriting, they are also thinking about a grammar focus, such as this week, we focused on adverbs.

Maths...

In Maths, students have been learning how to approach division problems including division with remainders.

A key strategy to thinking about division is relating it to multiplication. Students need to know that division is the opposite operation to multiplication and knowing our multiplication facts helps us with division.

The next stage in learning about division is knowing when a division problem has remainders, which are found when the total number being divided can't be shared equally. Once remainders are identified, students are then learning how to represent the remainders in fractions or decimals.

Coming Up...

Spell-ebration	13 th June
Disco	29 th June

Notes to Return...

- *Camp Rumbug*

Swimming

Last week, the Grade 3/4 students did swimming at Vicki Field's Swim School. It was a great experience for the children. They were grouped in their swimming ability levels and, for the five days, completed swimming lessons. The students all enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot about swimming and keeping safe in the water. This program is a particularly good opportunity for those students who don't have a lot of swimming experience.