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Upcoming Events

September 6

Working Bee! Please help us get our school ready for our School Review! See attached job list.

September 15

School Review Day

September 17

School Council Meeting

September 19

End of term - Children finish at 2.30pm

IMPORTANT

Interest in Outside Hours Care (OSHC - Before and After School Care)?

Please consider your needs for OSHC. Any program that could possibly be offered would have to be paid for by parents/carers. Please fill in the attached form and return to Cornelia by Friday next week.

Lunch Orders are now to be placed on TUESDAYS for Wednesdays.

Make every minute count!

Please remember to bring in a note if your child is away.

Curriculum Capers

Junior Literacy

As part of National Literacy and Numeracy Week, students have been learning about different children's authors and have produced some wonderful caterpillars inspired by Eric Carle's method of creating pictures. The juniors have also been making wonderful progress on their writing! Congratulations to all students

Our Teaching Team

Teaching Principal – Cornelia Sheeran

Classroom Teacher – Ashleigh Franklin

Arts Teacher – Marina Heading

Sport Teacher – Colleen Bourke

Education Support – Jay McKelvey

Drama Teacher – Sci

Quicksmart Teacher – Yo

who are increasing their vocabulary, extending their sentence count and focusing so well. Some writing will be put on display soon!

Senior Literacy

Our classroom has been transformed with the return of Max, our beloved Axolotl. What a good reason to do some writing! Our walls have been 'decorated' with Vowel Spelling Choices. Already, students are becoming more independent and engaged in spelling as a result! Seniors have been applying for classroom jobs – filing in application letters and proving their ability to perform job specific tasks. They have been creating 'Writer's Bags of Tricks' with great ideas on how to beat writer's block. Overall, all students are making wonderful progress in their story writing. Some are choosing to dress up for Literacy and Numeracy Week as their Fractured Fairy Tale Character! We have certainly been busy.

Extract from Taleah's "The Tale of Squishie"

Once upon a time there was a frog named Squishie. He was the last child left. First there was Laura, eaten by a plastic snake. Then there was James, stabbed by a sewing needle. Then there was Lesley, he was electrocuted by a computer cable. Then Daniel, cut by an open pair of scissors. And fifteen more that we don't even mention. But this story is the story of Squishie.

One cold morning Squishie was getting hungry he saw that at the top of a heater there was a juicy rubber fly fit for him to eat. Squishie's tummy was rumbling and it hurt. He licked his lips as he imagined the crunchy rubber fly in his mouth. As he was looking at the top of the heater he said, I will get that fly I won't melt. I just know it! Squishie started to climb the heater. He couldn't wait to get that rubber fly. His mouth watered! He had his eye on that fly.

But as he was looking at the fly he wasn't looking where he was stepping. He stepped right into the bar of the heater! He pushed and slithered but he was just pushing himself further in. It was no use. He was stuck. He sat there knowing he would melt. But then he remembered he had a grapple tongue!

He flicked his grapple tongue to the top of the heater and the fly flew away. He quickly flicked his tongue again. In shock, the fly then froze on the spot. Squishie took the opportunity to enjoy his delicious crunchy fly. Yummy!

"I did it!" He yelled. "I am the bravest frog ever!"

Maths

Seniors

The children in the senior school have been looking into how subtraction is truly all about the difference between two numbers. They are increasing their strategies for solving word problems and increasing their mathematical stamina.

Juniors

This week, the juniors have celebrated National Literacy and Numeracy Week by exploring a range of mathematical concepts through picture story books. One of the picture story books was called 'One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab' by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre which is a counting by feet book. We discovered all the ways of making ten using different animal feet.

Visual & Performing Arts

This fortnight has seen more amazing student work, springing from our unit "Exploring the Masters".

We are almost ready to glaze our ceramic pinch pots, then add marbles to see how glass 'runs' when heated. The results should be amazing. Congratulations Hamish Fraser and Riley Van Berendonck on your efforts below.



Inquiry Science

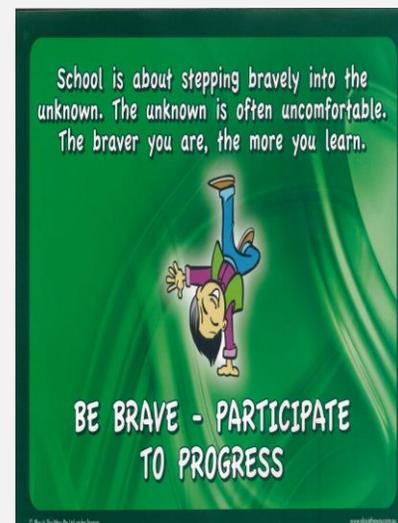
Seniors

Well, if you have never made a paper helicopter and flew it, you need to try! We conducted experiments to discover how weight may affect the speed at which an object falls to the ground. We considered the force applied by the wind's uplift versus gravitational pull. All senior students took turns to make and test a paper helicopter with different



Play is the way

This month our school wide Play Is The Way key concept is **green rule**.



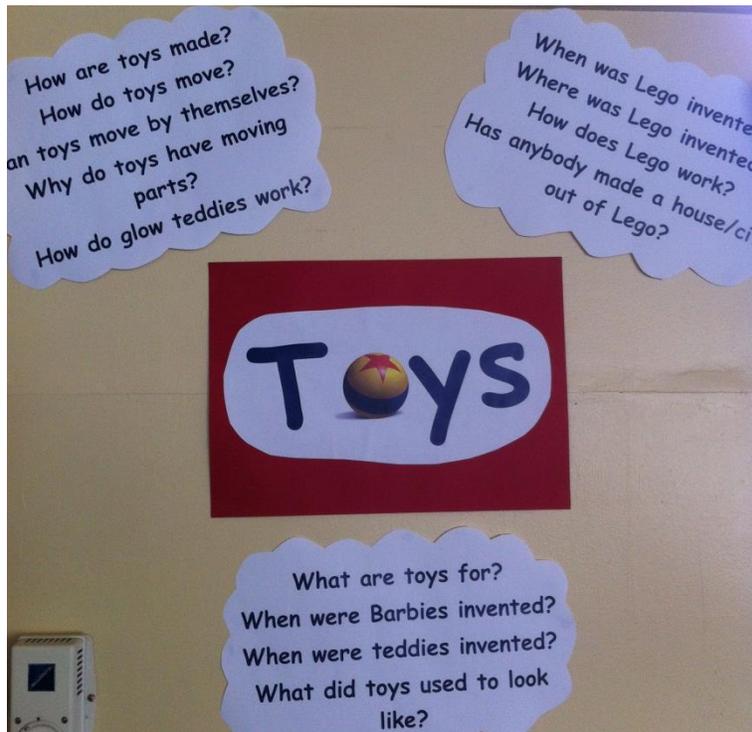
amounts of paper clip weights – dropped from a consistent distance from the ground. The experiment was so exciting and fun that we didn't realize the bell had gone! Students kept on building after lunch, even making a giant helicopter to see if it could fly a Littlest Pet Shop toy. Success!

Juniors

This week, it's all about Lego! We have watched an educational animation about the history of Lego to answer some of our inquiry questions about toys.

- How was Lego made?
- When was Lego invented?
- How does Lego work?
- Has anybody made a house or city out of Lego?

We are beginning to further explore how toys are made, how they move and the purpose of toys so that we can make toys of our own.



Bright Beginnings

This week the Bright Beginnings children explored Literacy and Numeracy week too! We read about Elmer the Elephant, discussed

his colourful skin, made a paper collage with patterns and walked as 'grey elephants balancing, step by step on a piece of string'.

We are aiming to help all children transition to school as happily as possible, including making their time with us fun, comfortable and friendly. We also assist children who attend Pre School on Mondays to be ready for that transition! Please remember to bring a small healthy snack for your child to eat during our session.

Working Bee – 6/9/14

We need as many helpers as possible to attend the upcoming working bee!

The outside tasks are:

- Clean up of rock area,
- Clean up around Art Room,
- Burn off pile on oval,
- Spread mulch pile at top car park area on garden edge along basketball court.
- Landscaping around the Duck run, and
- Weed vege area.

If parents could bring the following items it would be helpful;

- Gloves,
- Wheel barrows,
- Leaf rakes,
- Garden rakes,
- Shovels,
- Leaf Blower,
- Someone that would like to bring their wiper sniper would be useful as well.

Thanks,

Iain Fraser.

