

Olinda Primary School Newsletter

Calendar Continuum

August 5 Return Parent Opinion Survey	August 11 6:30 Finance 7:00 School Council
August 14 Nursery Excursion and café	September 15 6:30 Finance 7:00 School Council

Curriculum Capers

Inquiry

Our unit is on sensory gardens this term. The children are creating their own group garden. They have completed the first part of measuring the garden and Lukas has created a scaled drawing of the area. As the children become familiar with plants that they like they will be designing the garden with plants that they can touch, are pretty to look at, smell nice and create noise or movement.

Excursions

Last week we went on two excursions.

The sensory trail in Heathmont gave the children an opportunity to look, feel, smell and listen to the plants as the wind went through them. A lot of the children were interested in the grasses and the wattle trees. We saw an interesting tree called a stringy bark tree used by the Aboriginal people as string.

At the museum the children took their time investigating and exploring the garden areas, finding plants that they could use in the sensory garden. We looked at information on how Aboriginal people used the different plants as medicine and food.

Personal Development

Play is the Way

This month our school wide Play Is The Way key concept is the Blue Rule.



Olinda Primary Schools Core Values

- Respect
- Curiosity
- Responsibility
- Persistence
- Resilience

Celebrations

Congratulations to Mariam who has moved up 2 levels so far this term and Christian who has moved up 3 levels. They have been putting in a lot of effort and have been following the green rule.



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On the 14th of August, we are planning a whole school excursion to the Kurunga Native Nursery. We will be having lunch there. Children can buy lunch with their own money if desired. Volunteers are more than welcome to come along.

Maths

Grades 2 to 4 have been learning about fractions. Some have been learning to read and write fractions. They are able to find a fraction of a number such as $\frac{2}{5}$ of 20. Lukas has been converting between improper fractions to mixed numbers and back again. He is also adding and subtracting fractions with common denominators.

Grades Prep and 1 are learning to order and sequence numbers using number lines. The Grade 1's have also been using place value. The children have been learning about location and when to appropriately use positional language such as above, below, on top of, etc.

Literacy

Grades Prep and 1 are currently developing new reading strategies and learning new spelling words. They are learning about rhyming words through memory games. They are also in the process of learning how to understand and comprehend what they are reading. They are deconstructing the stories they read by separating them into beginning, middle and end and describing the main characters' feelings at those points in the story.

Grass Gardens for the chickens

The children have built two grass gardens for the chickens so far. They covered the frames with wire so that the chickens could eat fresh grass without scratching it out.

