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Busy Start to Term 4!

THANK YOU

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Attachments

- Cancer Council simplest way flyer
- Family Energy Rebate
- Bathurst Library Book List for Returns

Thanks also to our ‘Friend’ Rhonda McMaster who donated an organ to the school. Her husband Ean & son Jason brought the organ to us last Friday. Students are already using it for practice.

Calendar

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In Class this Week

It’s been a very busy week in class this week with our Daily 5 each morning. The older students tutor some of the younger students during these sessions, while others are reading to Mrs Shanahan and Mr G. They have been doing a wonderful job, showing a lot of maturity for their age. Mrs Shanahan was very impressed with Grace’s reading this week. Grace was reading a book about 2 water droplets called ‘Hugo and Splosh’. It was all about the water cycle. Very important!

This week, students also began writing a text called ‘The Chameleon that Nobody Loved’. Emma and Claire finished theirs, they are such great stories!

“There’s something in the water!”

The Chameleon that Nobody Loved

One day, a chameleon named Lucy, lived in a tree. But nobody looked at her, so she thought nobody loved her. So, she went on an adventure, she went on a raft and sailed to Australia. As she sailed close to the shore, a girl, called Claire, with her dog Maxy saw her. “Look over there!” she cried. Claire swam over and picked Lucy up carefully. She swam back to the shore. Lucy said “Thank you”. Then Lucy, Claire and Maxy went playing on the beach. “Roo” said Maxy, goofily. They all became best friends forever. Emma Y2

The Chameleon that Nobody Loved

Once, upon a time there was a chameleon named Emma, who lived in the jungle. One day, her friends stopped liking her, so she decided to go to a magical land. Living there, was a kind boy named Allen. Allen looked out of his window and saw something floating on the water. He called his cat, Cuddly. Cuddly said “Why did you call me?” Allen said “There’s something in the water!” Then Cuddly, swam out and brought Emma back to the beach. Claire Y1
In joining the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Foundation Program HEPS becomes connected to a larger movement across Australia. Around 35,000 primary school children from more than 260 schools are enthusiastically getting their hands dirty and learning to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, seasonal food. With continued Australian Government funding it is hoped to grow the program to a further 400 schools.

HEPS began our own gardening and cooking program early last year, in joining the SAKGF we hope to extend and improve with training, professional development, syllabus support etc. This week Mr G and Mrs Shanahan attended 2 professional learning days in Orange. Experiences in the kitchen and garden classes will support and extend learnings across subjects such as English, Maths, Science, History and HSIE.

Garden View

Some self sown lettuce & tomato escapees!

‘Little Diggers’

In ‘Little Diggers’ this week, Mrs Rayner read “The Hare and the Tortoise” Allen said that one of the morals of the story is ‘not to brag’. Grace said that another was ‘that slow and steady wins the race’. We made headbands of the story and after recess, we acted out the story. We had great fun!

“slow and steady wins the race”

In Class with Mrs Groves

Mrs Groves, was here on Friday with Mrs Kimm. After finishing all our lessons we were able to practise the keyboard and our play. We are really looking forward to performing for the community at our end of year presentation. Don't forget to mark the calendar for Friday 12th December!
March 1963

On Friday, 5th April the school will be defending the Athletic's Shield which it won last year. This year we journey to Running Stream. This is one date that should be kept free. The children have commenced training and I hope that they will do as well as last year. If we have plenty of supporters, it could possibly still the children on to greater fame.

GENERAL

I am pleased to say that the children are responsive and keen. They are frequently bringing along specimens and articles which they find outside school hours. Use is made of these in the compilation of "Our Nature Table", and tray models etc. ("Our Dairy Farm") and Display Boards. On the topic of Display Boards, we are very grateful to the P&C for purchasing some. They are not only appreciated by myself and the children but are also a very useful teaching aid.

Children are keen to do homework and realize that a little well-done is better than a lot unguided. Parental help and interest is appreciated by the teacher and even more so by the children.

CLASSROOM MERITS

Reading - Improvement - and Home Study - Betty Campelli
Spelling King - (2)
Spelling Queen -
Bookwork -
Number - Kindergarten -
Number - First -
Paintings of the Week -

Homework & All-Round Improvement -

Classroom Competition Results

These are to the value of 2 points and 1 point. Merits are given for all aspects of school, work and behaviour. All individuals in the winning block/class are then given a lucky dip into the TREASURE CHEST.

Last week's winners were the MESSAGES, Warren, Lance, Peter, Robyn, Dean and Jim S.