



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

How amazing it is to have everyone back at school and to be able to spend some time together, working hard in our Student Support Intervention Groups! Our Year 1 literacy group is focussing on applying our knowledge of digraphs and diphthongs into our reading to enhance our reading and comprehension skills. Our Year 5 Literacy group is working hard on advancing our grammar and punctuation skills. Our Year 1 and 2 maths groups are working on expanding our knowledge on larger numbers as groups of ten and some more, as well as recognising repeating number patterns and to be able to work more flexibly with 2 digit numbers and beyond!! I am so proud of how well all of our groups have settled back into working at school and look forward to the growth that they will make by the end of the year!! Great work everybody and keep it up!

Mrs Schaeppman



Kinder Quokka News

It has been an excellent start back to the term with the kids returning to school. We have got right back into the swing of things and have been enjoying lots of different activities. For writing this term, we have created our own animals and are beginning to write stories about them. The students have such amazing imaginations, and it has been great listening to their ideas. As we missed a lot during online learning, for maths we have been focusing on numbers to 30, addition and subtraction and making numbers in different ways. Our units for Science and Health this term are all about our bodies- how they move and how we can take care of them, so we have been out doing some fun activities on the playground. It really has been fantastic having the students back and it should continue to be a fun few weeks till the end of the year!

Miss Webb



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The Sugar Gliders are back and it is terrific to see them enjoying being with their friends at school. They have taken to activities enthusiastically, relishing the opportunity to learn at school with their class. The remainder of the year will be action packed and the Sugar Gliders have hit the ground running. Our cinematic retelling of 'King Pig' by Nick Bland is close to being finished and we will share with you soon. Students are enjoying using LEGO Spike robotic kits, constructing and programming various projects. We have been studying informative texts, taking a close look at extreme weather and its effects.

Our Wednesday maths has been activated and taken outside, incorporating fun games into additive strategy activities. This has been a real hit and the students are having fun and engaged. Christmas is also around the corner and students are already getting excited for the craft activities to come.

Nathan Bryant

3/4 Wombats



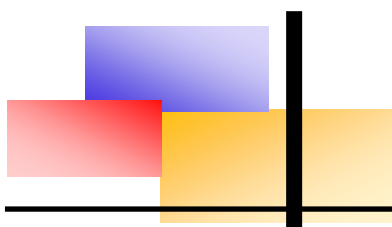
We have been so excited to have all of our students back at school and learning within the classroom. Thank you to all the parents and carers who did such an amazing job supporting their children during our learning from home period. The Wombats have been enjoying getting back into the routine of school and have been enjoying the company of their friends. During our morning sessions we have been working particularly hard on our writing. Students have been focusing on how to best develop an effective plan before beginning their first draft. Students have been crafting some amazing pieces.

During math lessons students have been learning the skill of subitising. Subitising is when you are able to look at a group of objects and realise how many there are without counting. This is an important skill that assists students in seeing numbers as combinations of other numbers which helps children to develop part-whole awareness and build familiarity with number combinations. Building from this, subitising helps to improve the student's ability to recall addition and subtraction number facts.

Students have been engaging in a variety of assessment tasks in preparation for end of year reports. This week the Wombats participated in the Check in assessment for both Reading and Numeracy. We look forward to seeing the students results.

The Wombats have been enjoying participating in art lessons. One of their favourites since returning to school has been 'Wacky Faces.' Students had to draw one part of a face on their sheet, for example a nose. Then they had to pass their sheet to the student next to them and that student had to draw another part of the face, and then that student had to pass on to the next. This continued until a full Wacky face was created.

Callan Harvey



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Tassie Devils

What a wonderful, yet very busy start to Term 4 the Tassie Devils have had! They were so excited to get back into the classroom and be with all their friends again after a long period of online learning. On that note I want to say how VERY proud I am of each and every Devil for their efforts during at home learning. They all stay committed and dedicated to their learning and tried their best the entire time. Well done Tassie Devils! 🎉

This term for writing we are focusing on poetry and so far we have worked on Haikus, Cinquain, Colour, Diamante, Acrostic and Alliteration poetry. Here are some amazing examples:

Diamante Poem- By Jasmine

Breakfast

tasty, satisfying

eating, feasting, mouth watering

bacon and eggs, pancakes, caramel tart, French vanilla slice

tasting, toppings, pouring cake mix

delightful, colourful

Dessert

Acrostic Poem- Friendship by Songkran

Full of joy and cheer

Really great to be around

I don't get to see them very often at the moment

Eventually we will all reunite

Naturally we bond together

Disagreements from time to time

Sure to help me if I need them

Happy to see my friends smile

In just two more weeks we will be playing together again

Passing time without them just doesn't feel the same

Pastel Pink Colour Poem- by Jack

Pastel pink looks like huge, fluffy clouds as the sun comes down the rest in the evening.

Pastel pink sounds like the sugary strawberry ice-cream plopping onto the sweet waffle cone.

Pastel pink tastes like fluffy marshmallows melting slowly on a stick over a brightly burning bonfire.

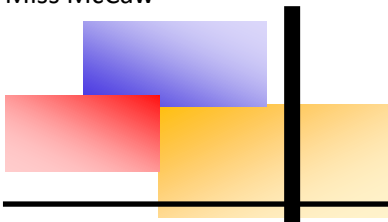
Pastel pink smells like the sugary goodness of sticky, fairy floss under the shimmering circus lights.

Pastel pink feels like the soft, fluffy icing on a chocolate cupcake topped with rainbow sprinkles that slowly dissolve in your mouth.

During home learning Year 5 students worked hard on their 2022 captains speeches. They will be presenting these speeches to the rest of the school on Friday the 26th of November so perhaps check in with your child to see if they have chosen to deliver a speech and listen to them practice at home. It is a good idea to have their speech ready to present on palm cards as well. We are looking forward to listening to them and voting for our 2022 leaders.

The Tassie Devils are looking forward to some upcoming fun days this term, especially after all their hard work on assessments since returning to school. We have the book parade and Year 6 farewell coming up and we can't wait to celebrate our Year 6 students! 🎉

Miss McCaw



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Library News

It has been so lovely to welcome the students back to the library this term!

A reminder that borrowing days are as follows:

Thursday – Kinder Quokkas and Tassie Devils

Friday – Sugar Gliders and Wombats



The last day of borrowing for this year will be Friday 3rd December. If you have any overdue books at home please start sending them back in, overdue notices will start to be sent home over the next couple of weeks.

For our book parade this year we will be parading around the block to give parents and carers an opportunity to watch the parade in a Covid-safe manner. We will begin our parade from the main gate at 10:30am on Thursday 18th November and walk down Second Street then back up Third Street before heading back into the school grounds through the main gate. Parents and carers are welcome to position themselves at any vantage point around the block ensuring that social distancing rules are followed. The theme for this years parade is Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds and students can come dressed as their favourite book character. If you have any questions about our parade please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Mrs Wilkinson

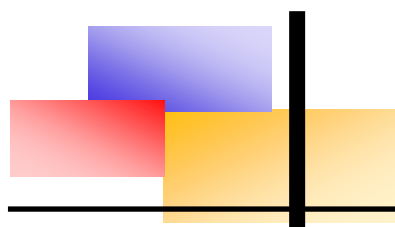
School Banking update from Commonwealth Bank



For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save. Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country. Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you. Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

Students who have been banking regularly through there school will be able order rewards and will be given order forms from the school administration office.



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