

# WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 3/4?

*Welcome to Term 3! With a busy and productive Term already underway, we can't wait to see what our students achieve. We extend a warm welcome to Miss Wilkinson who is teaching in 3/4S, we know that the students (and staff!) are very lucky that she has joined us. We farewell Mrs Saynor and wish her well on the arrival of her first baby, she will be very missed!*

## Literacy

In Reading, we have enjoyed studying the memoir Owl Moon with its beautiful description. Students have been using text connections, inferring character's thoughts and feelings, as well as creating and evaluating their predictions to get a deeper understanding of the book. We have enjoyed watching the student's understanding grow during the Term and they have created fantastic thinking spirals using text evidence to explain their thoughts about the story



In Writing, students have been using significant events in their life, from daring motorbike rides to family holidays, to write memorable memoirs. They have explored using Bold Beginnings, Mighty Middles and Excellent Endings, along with descriptive language to draw readers into their story. Students

have continued to build their use and knowledge of parts of speech and have especially enjoyed learning the verb, adverb and noun raps!

We encourage students to read nightly.

## Numeracy

The 3/4 teachers think we might have some future designers on our hands, as the students explored redesigning the school by putting their multiplication and division skills to use in real-life situations! Students have also been learning more about chance, including expanding their ability to describe chance using different methods and correct vocabulary. Students have continued to hone their pattern finding skills when completing skip counting and multiplication practise: we encourage you to ask the students to show you some at home using their homework tasks!

Over the coming weeks, students will be exploring fractions, decimals and geometry.



## Ski Trip

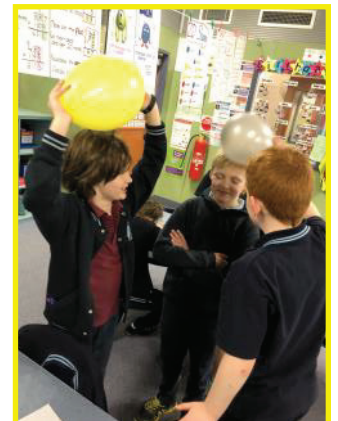
On Friday 27th July, 20 Grade 4 students and a brave Miss Hoehne travelled to Lake Mountain to spend the day learning how to ski. With many laughs, a few falls in the snow and one big snowball fight, everyone had a fantastic trip...even if there were a few sore muscles on Monday morning! We would like to thank our parent helpers and those who volunteered to attend.

## Digital Technology

With drum beats, cats meowing and animals doing the Moonwalk, who would have thought coding could be this much fun?! This Term students are exploring and developing their computer skills through coding. This not only involves students using their computer skills, but it also incorporates problem solving, Literacy and Mathematics skills. Students have begun to create their own block codes using the program Scratch, and will continue to develop their skills as the Term progresses.

## Forces and Functions

Through our integrated studies, students will be investigating various forces and functions. We have begun exploring different forces and classifying them as contact or action at a distance forces. Students will be looking at scientific procedures and will complete different experiments to learn more about how these forces work.



## Important Dates:

**End of Term**— Friday 21st September

**Start of Term 4**— Monday 8th October

**Camp**— Wednesday 17th October - Friday 19th October