

# WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 3/4 ?

*Hello everyone!*

*We are nearing the end of term one, the weather is getting colder but our students are continuing to work hard and achieve great results.*

## Literacy

Students have loved exploring our mentor text, *The Stone Lion* by Margaret Wild. We have investigated the different characters, identifying their pivotal moments in the story along with how/why it made them change or see things differently. Students loved analysing the different character traits within the book. They not only looking at the characters physical traits but also their personality traits and ensuring they are using evidence from the text to justify their thinking. In Writing, we have been learning about Narrative writing. Many students are enjoying the challenge of ensuring they are maintaining the reader's attention throughout their piece by only including relevant and important details. Some amazing pieces are being produced and will be ready for the final publishing week of Term 1!

## Numeracy

Pizza, cakes, lollies and chocolate bars have been discussed a lot in Numeracy over the past month, as students have been enhancing their knowledge of fractions. We have been learning how to make a whole and equivalent fractions, ensuring everyone gets an equal share. Students enjoyed challenging their thinking with decimals and finding the relationship between decimals and fractions. We have also been learning about chance, discussing the weather and if it is impossible for it to rain elephants in Wandin North. Students were able to use their knowledge of fractions and decimals to assist them in showing the likelihood of an event occurring. We began investigating whether events were independent or dependent by often relating this to everyday things.

## First Contact

Students have thoroughly enjoyed investigating and learning about Indigenous culture throughout this Term. We have looked into the different bush foods and how the Indigenous people used plants not only as food but also medicines, along with many other things. Students have thought about life onboard the First Fleet, thinking about the conditions you would have to live in and the consequences of these conditions. We are very excited to begin watching the *My Place* series and learning more about Indigenous culture and our past!



## Global Incursion

The Indigenous incursion featuring Sean Choolburra was both informative and educational. Students enjoyed interacting with Sean using rhythm sticks, a didgeridoo and acting out traditional stories to assist Sean in explaining how stories are handed down from generation to generation. Students learnt about traditional paint, costumes and fire making skills. Sean also demonstrated how traditional dance can enhance all forms of dance. His dancing skills were enjoyed by all, especially when he called upon students to dance with him.



## Athletic Day

On Friday 22nd students took part in our annual athletics day in Mount Evelyn. All students participated in the day and had a great time. Students from Wandin North displayed our school values and a Growth Mindset excellently throughout the day, often seen supporting other students, not only from Wandin North but other schools. We would like to congratulate all students who received a top 4 place in any event. A massive thank you to all of our amazing parent helpers!



## Reminders

- If you would like to see your classroom teacher before school, teachers are available and on duty from 8:45am until the first bell.
- Teachers have created FlexiBuzz chats with all parents, this makes communication and organising meetings easier. If you did not receive a conversation from your classroom teacher please let them know ASAP!

## Absences

We love seeing smiling faces at school! If your child is sick and will be absent from school, please use FlexiBuzz to contact your class teacher with an absence report.

## Important Dates

Thursday 4th April– School photos

Friday 5th April– Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 23rd April– First day of Term 2