

WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 3/4 ?

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope everyone had a safe and relaxing break and that the Easter Bunny brought lots of chocolate for everyone!

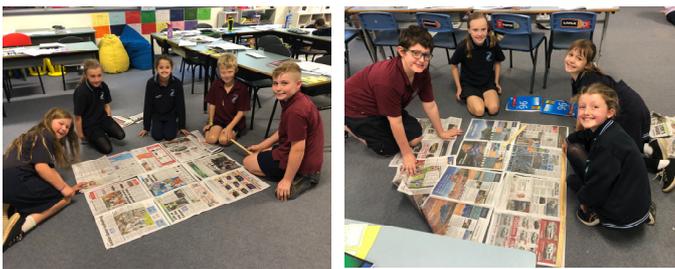
Literacy

We are starting off Term Two by looking at persuasive writing. The students have been analysing a text called 'More Money, Less Toys' which is about how children should be spending more of their time outside and less time playing on technology. Interestingly, most students have shown that they agree with the authors opinion. The students have been discovering the different ways that an author can try to convince their audience to agree with their point of view. The students have been using what they have learnt about persuasive devices in Reading to write their own persuasive text in Writing.

Numeracy

So far this Term students have been practicing using their place value knowledge to add and subtract numbers using mental strategies. The students have been using their knowledge of place value to show numbers in different ways, such as in pictures and words.

We have also been looking at measurement. In week 1 they were challenged to find different classroom objects, measure them and add them together using their addition strategies to try to make exactly one metre. The students were highly engaged and had a great time guessing and checking different measurements. We have also been learning about area and perimeter. The students really enjoyed trying to create a square out of newspaper that was exactly 1m^2 with some tough judges!



ICT

The students are very excited about Term Two in ICT because they will be participating in the Spheros Olympics. Spheros are a robotic ball that can be programmed from an iPad to follow different commands. Using the Spheros is the students first introduction to coding in ICT this year. The students will be teaching their Spheros to move in different directions, to change colours and to perform different tricks and movements.



Sustainability

Throughout Term 2 we will be learning about what it means to be sustainable. The students will be exploring what sustainability means at home and school, and the impact of climate change on the environment. The students have begun this topic learning about the importance of fresh, clean water to humans and animals. They have created a hypothesis about which materials would make the best water filter and will be spending time testing their hypothesis by making a water filter using different materials to see which one produces the cleanest water.



Camp

Camp this year will be held in the last week of Term 2 (June 26th-28th) at Oasis Adventure Camp in Mount Evelyn. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks. At this stage we recommend encouraging your children to have sleepovers with their family and friends to get them ready to sleep away from home, especially if this is their first camp.

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

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th May—Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 14th—Thursday 16th May—NAPLAN
Tuesday 21st May—Cross Country
Wednesday 22nd May—Open Night
Friday 7th June—Curriculum Day
Monday 10th June—Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th June—Grade 3/4 Camp
Friday 28th June—Last day of Term 2