

# WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 3/4 ?

***Hello everyone!***

***We are nearing the end of term 3, we have survived some cold and rainy days. Bring on the warmer weather and sunshine!***

## **Literacy**

Students have enjoyed exploring our new mentor text, Let's Make Some Great Finger Print art by Marion Deuchars. We have investigated the amazing creations and presentation of the book, while learning about how to match our own writing with the audience and purpose. Students enjoyed asking questions of the author, particularly thinking about where her inspiration for the book may have developed. In Writing, we have been learning about Procedural texts and the importance of giving clear and specific instructions that follow a logical order. A great way to test this was by making our own finger print artworks. We look forward to seeing how creative students get when publishing their procedural writing.

## **Numeracy**

We have been enhancing our knowledge and understanding of fractions along with how they connect to decimals and percentages. Students have loved relating their learning to chocolate bars, pizza and even bread sticks. We have also been challenging our thinking when finding equivalent fractions using multiplication and division. Students enjoyed learning about chance, discussing how events can be impacted by previous outcomes and determining if events are independent or dependent. Students loved designing their own games and seeing if they could 'manipulate' it to ensure the outcome was always them winning.

## **In Someone Else's Shoes**

Students are absolutely loving our inquiry unit this Term. They have been learning about different disabilities and the impact they can have on a person's life. Over the past few weeks students have been designing resources/equipment that could assist people with a disability to complete everyday tasks, we may have some future inventors in our classes.



Students took part in a mini expo, in which they showcased their design, explaining how it works and how it would assist people with the chosen disability. We cannot wait to have our incursion from Vision Australia and hearing about the challenges people with vision impairments face every day.

**Reminder: On the 4th of September all students are required to bring a gold coin donation for our Vision Australia Incursion.**

## **Book author visit**

On Thursday 15th August, students were lucky enough to have a visit from book author Adam Wallace. Students took part in a workshop where Adam explained how he gets the ideas for his stories, giving us some spectacular demonstrations of his dancing—which the students loved. Students enjoyed being taught how simple it is to create amazing drawings to enhance their work.



## **Book Week Dress Up Day**

Students loved dressing up as their favourite book character. There were so many amazing



costumes and students loved showing off their creative sides, or their parents' creative sides.

## **ICT**

Students have loved learning about coding using our Spheros. A highlight for many students was our 'Sphero Olympics' which took place over several weeks, finishing with a soccer match. Many were sad as we are moving onto different areas of Digital Technology, including typing skills and exploring different publishing programs.



## **Important Dates**

*Vision Australia Incursion—Wednesday 4th September  
End of Term 3—Friday 20th September, 2:30pm  
Start of Term 4—Monday 7th October*