

WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 1/2

Term 2 - June



Wow! Can you believe we are already halfway through Term 2? We have been having a blast learning lots of new topics in all areas of our schooling. Our STEAM Open night was a huge success with lots of existing and new families visiting our school and participating in a range of fun activities.



Readers Workshop

Students have been continuing to learn about persuasive texts and reading our Mentor Text "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs"



Whilst reading this text, we have been focusing on the Synthesizing strategy. This strategy focuses on how a reader's thinking changes as they progress through a book.

Students show their thinking by using thinking stems such as:

At first I thought _____ but now I know _____

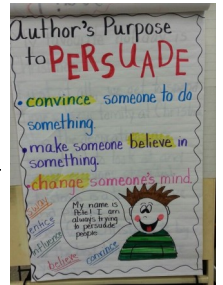
This allows students to reflect on past thinking and predictions whilst monitoring what happens in the text.

In the coming weeks, we will be looking at Information Reports and starting our new mentor text.



Writers Workshop

Over the past few of weeks, students have been immersed in our **Persuasive** unit and have been completing their persuasive letters. They identified their **audience** (Who they want to persuade) and their **purpose** (What they are trying to convince their audience to do) so they could write a letter to persuade their chosen person. They have been learning to form opinions, develop reasons and learnt about devices such as rhetorical questions, powerful verbs and writer's voice.



This week, we begin our immersion into information texts in preparation for researching and creating their animal poster. The student's visit to the zoo will help inspire them to choose an animal they'd love to learn more about.

Don't forget to check out the Writers Wall in the school office to see some of the Grade 1/2 work on display.

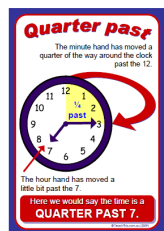
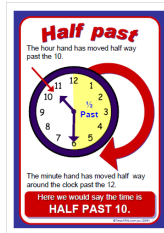
Maths

Over the past 2 weeks, students have been working very hard to develop their knowledge and understanding of time.

Students learnt about telling the time using model clocks and being able to use language such as o'clock, half past and quarter to/quarter past.

Students are making connections with events that take place on the school day and identifying regular times that these events occur at.

Next week, we begin our unit on Patterns.



Zoo Excursion

On Thursday the 27th of May, the 1/2 students embarked on an exciting journey to Melbourne Zoo. We had an absolute blast looking at all the amazing animals and gaining inspiration for our next writing task. Students also participated in the Explorer's Workshop, learning about animal habitats. A big thank you to all our parent helpers to come along!



Vocabulary

Children need to have a rich vocabulary that continually grows through language and literacy experiences, in order to comprehend and construct increasingly complex texts.

The 5 key words we are focusing on for Weeks 1-5, from our mentor text 'I Wanna Iguana', are **compassionate, concerned, exactly, responsible and sensitive.**

Please talk to your child about these words. **Talk about the words instead of asking too many questions.** Tell your child what these words mean. Encourage your child to use these words in a sentence.

Reminders

Drink Bottles - Please send a drink bottle with **water** to school for your child to leave in the classroom during class time.

Compass - Don't forget to check the Compass App on your devices to keep you up to date with things happening at

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