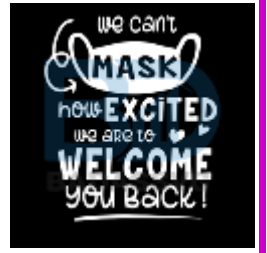


WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 1/2

Term 3 - July



We made such an amazing start to the term and were shattered to go back to Remote Learning on the 16th of July. As usual, our students have shown resilience and quickly moved into Remote Learning almost seamlessly. We are so proud of our students attendance in live lessons and small group reading sessions. We are so thankful to be back onsite now. Yay!



Readers Workshop

As most of you are aware, we have been working on the mentor text, *The Lost Girl* during Readers Workshop. Children were making predictions based on the first few pages of the text during Remote Learning. We can now tell you that we have completed the book and have loved asking THICK questions about it.



We are now moving onto the reading strategy, Determining Importance. It is one of the trickier strategies for our students and we encourage you to help your children determine the most important parts of a text during your nightly reading.

In the coming weeks, we will be starting our

Writers Workshop

Over the past few of weeks, students have been immersed in our **Narrative** unit and have been completing their ideas and planning phase. It may seem like we spend a lot of time developing ideas and planning a story. However, if our students don't have a clear understanding of their own ideas, who their characters are and the events that will happen in their story, it makes it nearly impossible to write a narrative with all the necessary elements that make sense and logically flow for the reader.

We break up our Narratives into three main parts. The **Bold Beginning**, the **Mighty Middle** and the **Excellent Ending**. We plan each part to help us write our best possible stories.



Maths

Over the past 3 weeks, students have been working very hard to develop their knowledge and understanding of Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. Thank you for helping your children with this during Remote Learning. We loved watching hopscotch videos and seeing colourful rainbows surrounded by rainbow facts.

Now we are moving onto our Multiplication and Division units. These concepts may seem difficult for Grade 1/2 students. However, we teach the students many different strategies to help them understand these concepts.



Special Visitors and Google Meets

This month we have had a number of students on extended family holidays who we have missed dearly. Luckily for us, due to technology, we have been able to speak to some of these students via Google Meet to hear about their adventures. It brings so much joy to our students seeing a friend and hearing their voice after a while.

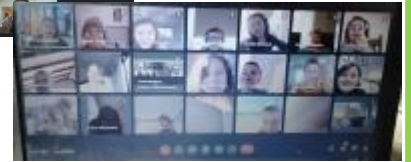
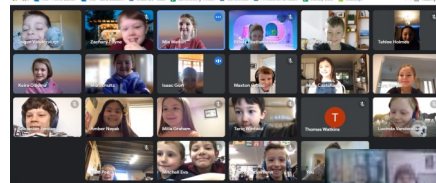


Do you know what else brings students great joy? Puppies! Thank you to Mia for bringing in Roxy for Show and Tell!



Remote Learning

On Friday the 16th of July, we were shocked to be put back into a snap lockdown, which meant more Remote Learning. The 1/2 students were amazing as usual. They quickly learnt how to play with their backgrounds which was a highlight for them. We will continue to cross everything that we can complete this term, and the rest of the year, onsite. Thank you again for your support with your children during Remote Learning.



Reminders

Matilda— This wonderful whole school event has been rescheduled for Monday the **16th of August**.

Author Visit— Sue DeGennaro is due to visit on Thursday the **26th of August**.

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

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