

WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 1/2

Give it your all
Redo if necessary
Egnore giving up
Take time to do it right

September

What are you grateful for today?

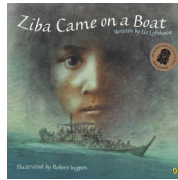
As the end of Term 3 is approaching, it is with great pride that we reflect on another wonderful term. All students have demonstrated how far they have come this year in their learning. We are looking forward to a restful break with our families, and to energise us for our last action-packed Term 4.

Readers Workshop

This students began the month by using the whole school mentor text: *A Boy and a Ball* by Phil Cummings. They worked on improving their comprehension, fluency and vocabulary.

Grade 1's main focus' were: making connections, parts of speech (verbs, adjectives and nouns) and predictions. We continued to look at Phil Cummings as an author by using his other texts: *Boy* and *Crumbs*.

Grade 2's continued to look at the theme refugees from *A Boy and a Ball* and read *Ziba Came on a Boat* by Liz Lofthouse and Robert Ingpen. They first revised synthesising or noticing when their thinking about a text changes or does not change. Then they moved onto inferring, by using pictures and the author's words to infer character's traits and behaviours. Lastly, students practiced critiquing the author by sharing their opinions about the author's words and believability of problems.



Writers Workshop

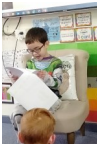
Grade 1s immersed themselves in exploring great examples of narratives before developing their own narratives. They used story maps and what they love to create an engaging narrative.

After Grade 2s explored setting descriptions, they dived into exploring a deeper understanding of using dialogue and suspense to enhance their narratives.

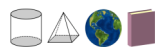
Both Grade 1 and Grade 2s have immersed themselves in procedures, learning the importance of using precise words when giving instructions. They had fun making pizzas and fairy bread, drawing emojis to name a few.

Thank you to all families who came to celebrate our authors. The students were very excited and demonstrated how far they have come in their writing.

Please make sure you check out the Writer's Wall in the school's office.



Maths



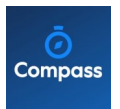
The Grade 1s developed their Numeracy by diving into **Multiplication and Division**. We enjoyed using concrete materials to make equal groups and learning different strategies including arrays. Next we revised **Fractions** using shapes and collections. For the last two weeks students have been expanding their vocabulary of **Location** by creating and using maps.

The Grade 2s began the month by exploring **3D shapes**, followed by building on their number awareness by revising **multiplication and division strategies**. Lastly they have been conducting experiments to find the likelihood of events occurring in their topic **Chance**.

Reminders

Magic Words/SWST—Please practise with your child/ren, their weekly spelling words.

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



Drink Bottles: Please send a drink bottle with **water** to school to keep your child/ren hydrated during learning time.



Book Week

Last fortnight we celebrated Book Week by exploring our First Nation's culture. Each day we read a book written by an indigenous author and then we did a follow up activity. We created our own acknowledgement of country, learnt about the different seasons in Arnhem Land and some of the struggles they have encountered.

On Thursday we enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book character and participated in a whole school parade.



What's Coming Up!

Wednesday 7th September— Grade 1 Sleepover

Friday 9th September— Curriculum Day— Pupil Free Day

Friday 16th September— Last Day of Term 3- 2:30 dismissal

Monday 3rd October— First Day of Term 4

Miss Carly Bell, Miss Emma Hoehne
Miss Natalie Johnson and Mr Tim Langley