

WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 3/4 ?

What a busy and exciting Term 3 we have had so far!

All Grade 3/4 Teachers were thrilled to see how much fun all of the students had on camp as they explored Sovereign Hill. Thank you to students, parents and other helpers for their wonderful efforts that made it happen. We were delighted with how well behaved the students were and their participation in all of the activities!

Literacy

Our new mentor text is called Ice! Poems about Polar Life. It is a non-fiction poetry text which explores a variety of topics including the environments, animals and life that exists in the Polar regions. During Book Week, we explored a range of different texts which included The Katha Chest, Jetty Jumping, The Boy Who Shrunk His Name and Norton and The Bear. The students then completed a portfolio task to critique some of these texts. They enjoyed exploring the wonderful range of Book Week texts and sharing their personal opinions about the characters, storyline and message within the text.

In Writing, we are completing our unit on Poetry. We began by brainstorming a variety of ideas by going on nature walks, using colour as our inspiration and reflecting on our 5 senses. The students all developed wonderful ideas. We have been creating free verse and diamante poems.

Students are working their way around the writing cycle and are using different strategies to improve their writing. These strategies are discussed in both small groups and in whole class discussions.

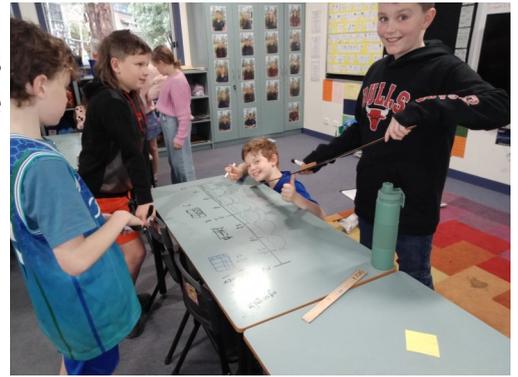


Maths

Throughout the previous weeks, we have been completing our unit on Fractions and Decimals.

We have covered a range of concepts including equivalent fractions, fractions on a number line and exploring the relationship

between fractions and decimals. The students have thoroughly enjoyed completing hands on and group tasks to consolidate their understanding.



Mapping

This Term we have been working on the topic 'Our Island Home'.

We have just started a new project which will continue until the end of the Term. Students were required to pick a country that they have minimal background knowledge of, and research the following information:

- Graphing data about rainfall, population, temperature, imports and exports, highest mountain/longest river, languages spoken and comparing this data with Australia.
- Research information about tourism, history, religion and culture.
- Map and label their country.

Students have been very engaged and excited about this project and have enjoyed finding new information about their country.

Important Dates

- Friday 9th September– Curriculum Day.
- Friday 16th December– Last day of Term 3: Early dismissal– 2.30pm

EMPEROR PENGUIN

I am the emperor.
The emperor of ice.
Three below zero
is my paradise.
I am the emperor.
I am the king.
All of Antarctica's
under my wing.
I am the emperor.
I'm regal and royal.
Here it's so freezing that
nothing can spoil.
I am the emperor.
I am the lord.

My pointed long beak
catches fish like a sword.
I am the emperor.
An imperial bird.
I hatch from an egg,
and I'm feathered not furred.
I am the emperor.
I rule from on high.
I'm mighty almighty—
too bad I can't fly!

EMPEROR PENGUINS are the largest penguins on Earth. They can grow to be four feet tall and weigh up to one hundred pounds. With their streamlined bodies and flipper-like wings, they are well suited for swimming. Penguins can dive hundreds of feet deep in the cold ocean waters near Antarctica. There they feed on fish, squid, and krill. They rest on the ice during winter. After, the female lays a large egg, she transfers it to the male, who keeps it warm atop his feet with his brood pouch, a warm fold of skin on his abdomen. After two months, the egg hatches and the female returns to care for the chick as the male goes off to feed.

CAMP PHOTOS!

