what's on in 5/6

MARCH - APRIL 2023

TERM 1

Our students have had a wonderful Term 1 and all of the teachers are incredibly proud of their efforts. This term has been extremely busy, with NAPLAN, Harvest Market, school photos and more! All the 5/6's should be proud of their resilience and flexibility. We hope all our WNPS families have a wonderful and restful break

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READING & WRITING

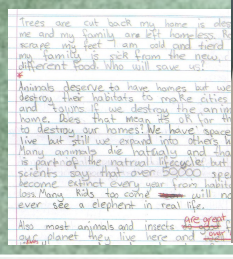
We have been focusing on author's purpose. Using the acronym PIE, students have been analysing a range of texts and deciding whether they have been written to persuade, inform or entertain. Students have found that many texts are actually multi-genre and have often been written for more than one purpose. In reading, students have been enjoying working in groups to expand their comprehension capabilities together before applying what they have learnt while reading their own books.

Students have been using their knowledge of author's purpose to start writing amazing persuasive pieces. We have been learning about all the different persuasive techniques we can use to make our arguments stronger. Some topics include; why we should adopt pets, stopping pollution, making contact with alien life, and playing sports.

Everyone Should Adopt A Pet

I sit quietly in my cage and the door opens. A man bends down and looks through my bars. He starts talking to the adoption worker. She nods and begins to open my cage door. Soon I'm in his arms and we're walking to the car. I feel so happy I feel like my tail will fall off from wagging as we get home and a little girl picks me up in her arms and holds me tight. This is what it feels like to get adopted.

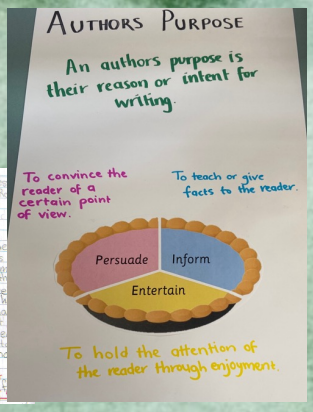
Did you know that pets actually increase your happiness? Having a pet can make you happier without you even realising. Don't you want to have a happy home? You can make your child happier just by simply getting them a dog! Or a cat, or anything they or you want. You should know that pets make people happy. Your child can't wait for a pet and to be happier than they already are.



Trees are cut back my home is also me and my family are left homeless. I scrape my feet I am cold and hard my family is sick from the new, different food. Who will save us?

Animals deserve to have homes but we destroy their habitats to make cities and farms if we destroy the animal home does that mean we all have to destroy our homes? We have space to live but still we expand into other's homes. Many animals die naturally and that is part of the natural circle but scientists say that over 50,000 species become extinct every year from habitat loss. Many kids too some ~~[illegible]~~ will not ever see a elephant in real life.

Also most animals and insects ~~the~~ are great ~~[illegible]~~ our planet they live here and ~~[illegible]~~ our

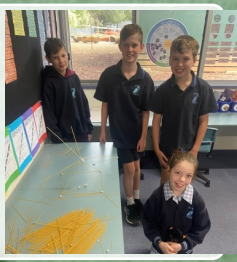


NUMERACY

In maths we have continued looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. Students have learnt how to convert back and forth, from fraction to decimal to percentage. We have also begun adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing these numbers. Students used their multiplication knowledge to work out measurements of areas within the school grounds.

INQUIRY

Students have continued to explore democracy and how the Australian government works. We have investigated the roles of leaders and followers, and have looked at how laws are made and enforced.



RESILIENCE

The Resilience Project has been wonderful this term. We have continued exploring the role gratitude can play in our everyday lives and ensuring we spread kindness and positivity.

REMINDERS

Homework: It is an expectation in 5/6 that students are reading every night. A new term long homework task will be given to the students ahead of Term 2.

Compass: Camp permission and payment is listed as an event on your child's compass page. This is due on the 19th April.

KEY DATES

Wednesday **5th April** – Twilight Sports
Thursday **6th April** – Last day of Term 1
Monday **24th April** – First day of Term 2
Tuesday **25th April** – ANZAC day Public Holiday
Tuesday **2nd May** – Gr 3-6 Athletics
Tuesday **9th – 12th May** – Camp Howqua