

WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 1

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Take time to do it right

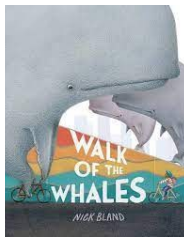
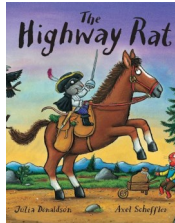
Term 4

What are you grateful for?

It is crazy to think that we are in our final term of 2023! The students have made an amazing start to Term 4. We have a busy term coming up with sports days, Christmas concert, reports and a whole lot of fun. *Here's some of what's on...*

Readers Workshop

Students started the term with the text 'The Highway Rat' by Julia Donaldson. Using this text to practice our inferring, fluency and critiquing strategies. This text has great word choices and rhyming which supported our writing unit.



This week students will begin a short unit supported by the mentor text 'Walk of the Whales' by Nick Bland. It is a narrative text, which also shares the challenges whales are facing.

Writers Workshop

We have just concluded our Poetry writing unit. Students explored different rhyming and Haiku poems. It was lovely to see students sharing their amazing piece during our poetry reading session on Friday.



We are now starting a short 2 week unit on Narrative writing. After this, students will be delving into Persuasive writing. We will be focusing on using strong word choices and arguments to convince our audience.

Maths

Students have started off the Term revisiting Place Value. We focused on reading, making and renaming numbers at different levels. They then moved to enhance their knowledge of patterns, looking at skip counting patterns before moving to investigating patterns using addition and subtraction.

We increased our understanding of time. This is always a challenging topic for students. If you wanted to support your child's understanding, we recommend you purchase an analogue clock for them to practice with. We have just completed our unit on Money too. Students loved using our money sets to count and make small collections. This week we are moving to our Mass unit, using balance scales to compare the mass of objects.

To finish the term we will be focusing on Data, Addition, Subtraction, Capacity, Multiplication and Division.



Leadbeater's Possum Talk

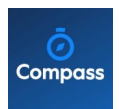
How lucky we were to have Steve from Friends of the Leadbeater's Possum come to talk to our students. We learnt about how the possum was thought extinct before being rediscovered.



Students will be having a visit from Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater later in the term. Thank you to Mrs Attrill for organising these amazing talks.

Reminders

Spelling Words—Please practise your child/rens weekly spelling words. Students can put these in sentences to sure they understand them in context.



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.



Inquiry

To begin the Term, students have been learning about changes over time. Students learnt about how toys, technology, games and school have changed over the years. A highlight for all students was spending an afternoon playing old games such as elastics, marbles, knuckles, hopscotch and skipping just to name a few.



What's Coming Up!

Wednesday 1st November—Helmeted Honeyeater Talk
Friday 3rd November—Junior Sports Day
Monday 6th November—Curriculum Day
Tuesday 7th November—Public Holiday, Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 24th November—Free Dress Day—Animal Theme
Tuesday 5th November—Family Christmas Night

Miss Emma Hoehne & Miss Natalie Johnson