

WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 1

Give it your all
Read do it necessary
Ignore giving up
Take time to do it right

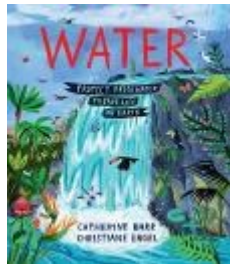
Term 4— November

What are you grateful for today?

Welcome to last edition of Grade 1-What's On for 2023. While the students are more than ready to move onto Grade 2, we are looking forward to celebrating 2023 with them in their last few weeks. Our annual school Christmas concert, meeting the our new grades, class parties and an exciting Colour Fun Run to finish the year are just a few of the thing things we have planned. **Here's some of what's been going on in Grade 1...**

Readers Workshop

We began the month **analysing** our fiction mentor text *Walk of the Whales* by Nick Bland, before moving onto our next non-fiction text *Water: Protect Freshwater to Save Life on Earth* by Catherine Barr & Christine Engel. This persuasive text led us to help **summarise** the text by focusing on what was important, rather than what we found interesting. We used the feature of the headings to help us focus on the main parts.

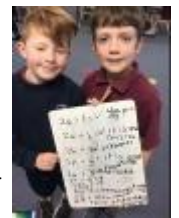


We then moved onto analysing again but with multiple non-fiction texts, including *Be a friend to Trees* by Patricia Lauber and *Minibeasts* by Kingfisher Readers. Once again we focused on the print features but this time with non-fiction, including:

Maths

We began the month by learning about measuring Mass. The students loved using the balances scales and weights to measure classroom items. The students showed how much their understanding of the topics we've covered this Semester has grown by completing different Essential Assessment tasks.

During the assessments we revisited Time by reading and making time on both analogue and digital clocks. We then revisited our 4 number process of: Addition, Subtraction, Division and Multiplication. The students loved showing their understanding of the different strategies including using number lines and fact families.



Writer's Workshop

Finishing our Narratives, we incorporated our special visitors from Sustainability/H.E.R.O.E.S into our stories, protecting the Earth. We focused on editing, making sure we were using our capital letters and full stops, but also building a great story with strong characters.

We then dived into Persuasive writing using our mentor text, *Water: Protect Freshwater to Save Life on Earth* by Catherine Barr & Christine Engel. We chose our opinion again from the Environment and used arguments and evidence to persuade our Grade 1 audience why we need to protect our planet.

The students this week will begin drafting their letters to their Grade 2 teachers, sharing their likes, dislikes and what they

Homework Books & Readers

Please ensure you are assisting your child with their reader's each school night as well as recording their daily reading in their **Yellow Reader Book** (please see your classroom teacher if you need a replacement). Encourage your child to be practising their **Magic Words** or **SWST Words** in their lined homework books over Summer break.

Reminders

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 hydrated during learning time, even on cold days.



Free Dress Day

After learning about the endangered Leadbeater's Possum, we were more than excited to dress up to raise money for their foundation.



What's Coming Up!

Tuesday 5th December – W.N.P.S Christmas Concert 5:30pm BYO picnic dinner. Concert begins at 6pm

Tuesday 12th December – Meet the Teacher

Monday 18th December– Special Awards Assembly

Monday 18th December– Class Parties

Wednesday 20th December– Colour Fun Run

Wednesday 20th December– Last day of Term 4-1:30pm dismissal!

Tuesday 30th January– First Day for students in Term 1, 2024