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## Principal's Report

This week staff have been able to "unveil" during pick up and drop offs enjoying a taste of fresh country air. It was really lovely to hear the comments from parents telling us you are glad to be able to see our faces again.

We are hoping that when the education department updates its guidelines we may be able to stop and talk and catch up again. Whilst the Premier makes broad announcements for the general public of Victoria and we are so very glad of our reduced restrictions, it always takes the Department of Education and Training some time to interpret these within the school context. Please be assured that as soon as we can welcome you all back we will have the gates open and our smiles will be wider.

Last night we were able to welcome 10 of our new 2021 Prep students into the school. The Department of Education and Training has placed this limit on us, and also put in place strict guidelines around where students can be and how many parents can attend too. So, we will be running our Transition Program after school hours for six nights in order to welcome our new cohort of 2021 Preps into our community. Our young people last night were very excited and very independent, they visited a Prep classroom, undertook some play based tasks and then retreated to the playground.

Ms Backman confidently showed the students the senior playground and they tackled it with gusto!

I'd like to thank the 2020 Prep teachers for taking on the responsibility for this Transition, it's a testament to the dedication of our staff to use their own time to ensure the best outcomes for our newest students.

### CAN YOU HELP?

One of our Grade 2 students decided a little while ago that she wanted to shave her head to raise money for cancer. I love to think that our students are so thoughtful and caring and prepared to follow through with action. I have promised Dakota that I will put this link into the Newsletter and I ask that you consider helping her with this very worthy cause.

[https://donate.childrenscancerfoundation.com.au/CICD\\_Fundraise?id=7016F000002AG9r](https://donate.childrenscancerfoundation.com.au/CICD_Fundraise?id=7016F000002AG9r)

Thanks for your support and caring as a parent community, it means a lot to our staff. We hope we can start 2021 face to face and enjoy the strong connections we have when we can be together.

Vicki



*Even though the weather was heating up last week, many P/1/2 kids were busy putting pebbles on the gardens around the buildings, to use as fire proof mulch. The kids involved all volunteered, giving up their playtimes to improve the school grounds, taking great pride in their environment. What little rippers!*

*We also had a fantastic team of Gr 5 helpers from 3:00-3:30pm, working so hard in the heat of the day, never once complaining about how warm it was doing such physical work. What big rippers!*



## 2021 Student Requisite payments

Forms have been sent home today outlining our payment structure for 2021.

The form looks a little different this year, as it has been brought into line with the Department of Education and Training Parent Payment Policy. An overview of the policy is included on the form.

As usual, you have the option of paying your student requisites, and having all stationery items provided to your child by the school on the first day of term 1.

Alternatively, you can elect to purchase the items yourself. We ask that you please return the form to school as soon as possible, clearly marked with your preference, so we can prepare for 2021.

We appreciate your consideration of our voluntary contributions also, as these funds allow us to provide a broader range of learning opportunities for our students. Our traditionally high rates of parent contributions ensure that our school is very well resourced.

If you have any questions about the payment arrangements, please call the school office on 5944 3591, or email Beaconsfield.upper.ps@education.vic.gov.au.



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week ending 20th November, 2020



GRADE	STUDENT/S	GRADE	STUDENT/S
0B	<b>Eva S</b> Wow, Eva! You have really stepped up with your writing. I am so impressed with the effort you are putting in and I just loved your writing about the rosellas. Keep it up gorgeous!	0B	<b>Eli N</b> Eli, you are working so hard to bump up everything you do! I loved your three star drawing of Phoebe this week! Keep working hard Eli.
0G	<b>Sacha B</b> For working really hard on your writing. I love that you are taking your time to sound out each word and making sure you include your finger spaces. Great job Sacha!!	0G	<b>Jackson H</b> For working hard to make your writing more interesting. Jackson I love how you are including more details to your writing. Keep up the great work.
0Z	<b>Brayden B</b> For hard work in writing. Brayden, I am blown away with your knowledge of letters, sounds and digraphs and of how you are applying these in your writing and always having a go. Well done, Brayden.	0Z	<b>Zac B</b> For his excellent retelling of Scattercat using puppets. Zac, you blew me away with your retell, you recalled so much of the story word for word and in order! Well done, superstar!
1A	<b>Evie M</b> You have turned into such a confident risk taker in class, you are now able to make mistakes without becoming upset. Well-deserved for all your hard work Evie.	1B	<b>Oscar T</b> You are an absolute delight to teach, Oscar. You listen carefully to instructions and are always up for a challenge. Well done on being a kind and considerate class member. You are a star!
1L	<b>Olivia S</b> For your thoughtful responses to the class books that we read. We love to hear what you're thinking about when we read.	2J	<b>Finn P</b> You have demonstrated a great attitude to your writing Finn. You are developing creative problems to engage your audience. Keep up the amazing creativity Finn.
2M	<b>Will F</b> For editing your writing with great detail on Tuesday. You made sure to find misspelled words and had some great ideas within your text. Well done Will.	2P	<b>Lir A</b> For your positive attitude to your learning. You are growing in confidence and we love having you in our class.
34K	<b>Juzzy D</b> Juzzy for your positive attitude and determination towards your writing. You are reflecting on your work and finding ways to bump up your ideas and edit your writing until your final draft reflects your true meaning and purpose. Thank you for being such a valuable member of 3/4K Juzzy.	34L	<b>Jasper M</b> For your incredible effort with producing top quality work this week. Keep it up, Jasper!
34L	<b>Ethan B</b> For demonstrating persistence with the problem solving tasks in maths this week. Keep it up, Ethan!	34M	<b>Harper R</b> For her amazing confidence when tackling new Maths concepts this term - Go Harper!
34W	<b>Harry P</b> For the resilience and positivity you have shown since joining our class this term. You are a friendly and helpful member of our grade and we love hearing you share your ideas. Keep it up, Champ!	56G	<b>Macy K</b> For her display of problem solving skills regarding her Celebration Book. Macy your resilience is beginning to develop into a real maturity. Keep up the great work!
56L	<b>Laura P</b> It has been wonderful to see you develop your self-confidence throughout the year. You should be very proud of your personal growth and many academic achievements. We love having you in 5/6L!	56L	<b>Blake B</b> For your enthusiasm to learn new things and share your knowledge throughout all of sessions. It's been wonderful to see your confidence grow throughout the year. Thanks for being such a valuable member of 5/6L!

## PREP POWER



Last week the Preps were lucky enough to be invited to a virtual incursion where they designed their own Santa Sleigh. They had to carefully think of a design, which needed to have a place for Santa to sit, a place for the presents to be stored and how the sleigh was going to move (either a push or pull force). We had so many wonderful and creative designs that we think Santa might be able to give the reindeers a rest this year and use some of the Preps great designs instead. It was an awesome session and it was fantastic to see all the students get involved and show off their imaginative sides.

We have also been working hard in writing over the last few weeks, with students really focussing on creating ideas to make their writing more interesting. We have been blown away with how far all the students have come with their writing, it has been so wonderful to see.

Have a great week.

Alex, Carla & Rachel.



What a great week we had, students have been working really hard and producing some amazing work! During our writing mini lessons we have been working on 'what makes a good sentence' and 'how to make our writing more interesting'. It is great to see so many students taking these lessons on board and using the techniques taught in their own writing.

In maths we have focused on number, division and also location. We have been using words such as right, left, behind, in front and next to describe the location of objects or to give directions to areas in the school.

Keep up the super learning Grade 1s,

Bianca, Paige, Mel and Tim.

## Junior Jivers

## YEAR TWO TALL TALES

Throughout the last 6 weeks students have been focussing on our writing and in particular looking at the types of sentences that we use. The development in students has been amazing and I thought it would be good to share a few examples of our

WOW sentences.

*The moonlight glowed as I sat under a tree. I smelt the daisy's under me.* **Eva**

*One day as the beautiful sun hit the ocean, three girls played.* **Layla**

*We slept all day and all night. When we got up we were bouncing off the walls like bosses. We stopped and we saw a U.F.O screaming to our garden, it landed in our flower patch, where Blaze was smelling the flowers.* **Lachie**

I think you would agree these are wonderful examples of our writing progression.

This weekend, Dakota from 2M is shaving her head for cancer fundraising. Her mum will be filming it and her dad will be shaving her head with an electric shaver. Dakota's friend Zoe will also be shaving part of her hair for the cause.

If you would like to donate, you can follow this link

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The Year Two Team

Matthew Payne, Clare Johnson, Jane Ludlow and Donna McDonald

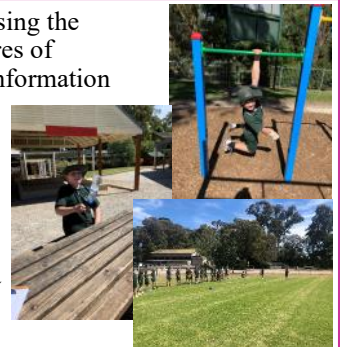
## MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Over the last fortnight the 3/4 students have been using the Guinness World Record books to explore the features of



non-fiction texts. They have become proficient with a variety of skills and can locate information using a contents page, sub-headings and index. Students have used the numerical records to undertake a range of math problem solving activities including estimating, comparing and ordering, measuring, timing and rounding. On Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November the students participated in a BUPS Guinness World Records day. Students participated in a range of activities and events linked with their interests. At the end of each session students regrouped to share their discoveries and results, speaking confidently in front of their peers. We hope they all enjoyed their day participating in a

range of activities and building on their math knowledge. Two notes were sent home to the grade 4 students about Wilsons Promontory camp which will be taking place in week 4. The dates are 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February. It is important that we get these permission and medical forms back as soon as possible as we need to pass on medical and dietary information to World Strides (company organising our tour) and the Surf School. Georgi, Karine, Lauren, Lorraine and Bree



## Sensational Seniors Scoop

We are currently on the home stretch with only 4 weeks to go and what a busy remainder of term we have in the 5/6 area. On Friday two notes were sent home for the grade 5 students about Wilsons Promontory camp which will be taking place in week 4. The dates are 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February. It is important that we get these permission and medical forms back as soon as possible as we need to pass on medical and dietary information to World Strides (company organising our tour) and the Surf School.

This week we are expecting some sample sizes to come in from the company that are making the grade 6 polo tops and jackets. More information about sizing will be sent home soon along with the order form.

We have been busy organising activities for the last week of term (celebration week) and graduation. With the current restrictions changing we might be able to alter some of what we had planned. More details to follow soon.

This week we will be finishing off our puberty unit. We have been really impressed with the maturity shown by most students as this can be an uncomfortable topic for some. We hope that these sessions have opened up the lines of communication about this topic at home.

Bec and Beth



# BUSKERS WANTED

Musicians, Dancers, Performers.....



**We're looking for Street Performers  
(first timers or professional) to  
entertain Emerald leading up to  
Christmas**

**12 – 24 December 2020**

For more information and to register contact:

Louisa Lammers (Eastern Dandenong Ranges Association)  
Email: [svpoffice@nunet.com.au](mailto:svpoffice@nunet.com.au)  
By 7th December 2020



**EMERALD BUSKERS**

## BUSKER APPLICATION FORM 2020

Date of Application -----/-----/2020

### CONTACT DETAILS

Name of act/Group:-----

Postal address:-----

Phone:-----

Email:-----

### Description of Act/Performance

☐ Instrumental only ☐ Instrumental plus vocal

☐ Dance ☐ Other

Number of participants?.....

Type of instruments?.....

Will you need power supplied?.....

What dates & times are you available to perform?.....

Would you like to perform more than once per day?.....

How many session times would you like?.....



## ONLINE - Parenting during Covid 19

### PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

A program for parents, grandparents, & carers

- Connect with other parents.
- Develop resilience as a family in difficult times.
- Looking after our families' Mental Health & Well Being.
- Getting help if you are feeling overwhelmed parenting at home.

DATE: Friday 27 November 2020

TIME: 1.00pm to 3.00pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom with a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone

COST: FREE:

#### TO REGISTER:

Sam Hewitson-Email: [sam@ourplace.org.au](mailto:sam@ourplace.org.au)  
Kerrie Russel-Email: [kerrie@ourplace.org.au](mailto:kerrie@ourplace.org.au)  
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A program for parents, grandparents, & carers

- Connect with other parents.
- Develop resilience as a family in difficult times.
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- Getting help if you are feeling overwhelmed parenting at home.

DATE: Tuesday 24 November 2020

TIME: 10.30am to 12.00pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom with a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone

COST: FREE:

#### TO REGISTER:

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