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Term 4 – Week 10

Hello parents, carers, students and friends of Padstow North PS

I would like to congratulate and thank you all for a wonderful year at Padstow North PS. Our students, staff, P&C members, parents, caregivers and families make our school the harmonious learning community that it is. While it has been a sad year where we farewelled two outstanding members of our school community, Mr Bowden and Mrs Davies, we have seen many achievements and had many celebrations. Congratulations everyone! I wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday season, and look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

What's new in 2015?

Padstow North PS newsletter 2015 - beginning Term 1 2015 families will receive a coloured newsletter twice per term - Week 4 and Week 8. The newsletter will still include lots of the great stuff they do now, however will be enhanced to include an article from each of your child's classes. The newsletter will be posted on our website. If you do not wish to receive printed copies of the newsletter in 2015 please tell Mrs Peterson in the front office.

Bell times – to allow for an uninterrupted 2 hour learning session at the beginning of the school day, lunch will begin at 11am and conclude at 11.45am. Recess will begin at 1.15pm and conclude at 1.45pm. All other bell times will remain unchanged.

Sport day – our sport day will be inclusive of the whole school, and will be Friday. K-2 students will participate in their sports program after lunch while 3-6 times will be the same as this year.

Assembly – to avoid an overlap with PSSA on Fridays our school assembly will be held on Thursdays from 1.45pm until 2.30pm. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Staff parking and pedestrian safety

Just a reminder that parents and carers must not use, or drive into, the driveway gates.

Platinum!

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for their platinum award and will receive their medallion at our Presentation Day assembly 15 December 2014:

5-6 Violet

Benjamin K
Emmanuel S
Katrina W

5-6 Lime

Jessica B
Jack G
Helena C
Ruby B

5-6 Teal

James S
Melinda I

Gold! Gold! Gold!

Suhaila M 5-6 Lime, Annabelle P 1-2 Orange, Arran A 1-2 White, Eric H 4-5 Lemon, Vincent L 1-2 Purple, Thomas B 1-2 Purple, Adrian B 1-2 Green, Maria-Zoe P 1-2 Green, Josephine P 5-6 Teal, Ava T 5/6 Teal, Jasdeep S 5/6 Violet and Saxon B 3-4 Aqua have all qualified for Gold and will receive their certificates at our school assembly Friday 12 December 2014. Well done everyone!

Thank you for taking the time to read about what's happening at Padstow North PS, we are very excited to report what our students have been doing. If you enjoy reading our newsletter and would like to see what's happening around the school more regularly go to the website: www.padstownth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au..

Natalie Armstrong
R/Principal

Novel News from the Library

Book Week book covers painted by library monitors

Stories tell us who we are.

They teach us empathy so we

Understand who others are.

They give us the power to imagine and create the future.

Jackie French

Acclaimed Australian author Jackie French has been the Australian Children's Laureate for 2014 and will continue in this role for 2015. A fulltime writer for over 25 years, Jackie French has written in excess of 140 fiction and non-fiction books for children, young adults and adult readers and won more than 60 Australian and international awards.

The role of the Laureate is to promote the importance and transformational power of reading, creativity and story in the lives of young Australians.

The theme for French's term is 'Share a Story'. She said *"There are a million ways to share a story. To read to a child on your lap; to have a child read to you while you cook dinner; to read to the dog when it has to go to the vet to calm it (or you!) down; to join a storytelling session at your library."*

Thank you to those students who have returned books to the library. However, there are still a few students with outstanding loans. All library books are now due back. If your child brought home an overdue notice please ensure that the outstanding items are returned or paid.

The Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be handed out to students at the Gold Assembly on Friday 12th December. Congratulations to all the students who completed the challenge this year and to the 2 students who obtained a Gold Certificate for successfully completing the challenge for 4 consecutive years.

Thank you to the library monitors for all their help this year. A special thank you to Helena Cazouris, Hanan Narvel and Emmanuel Scionti who have been library monitors for the past two years.

Thank you also to the Mrs Nguyen (Darrel 3/4 Amber's mother) who has covered books for the library throughout the year.

Bankstown City Council is once again offering a variety of holiday activities and workshops and is running its annual *Summer Reading* competition. Contact the library for details and bookings.

Susan Harris
Teacher Librarian

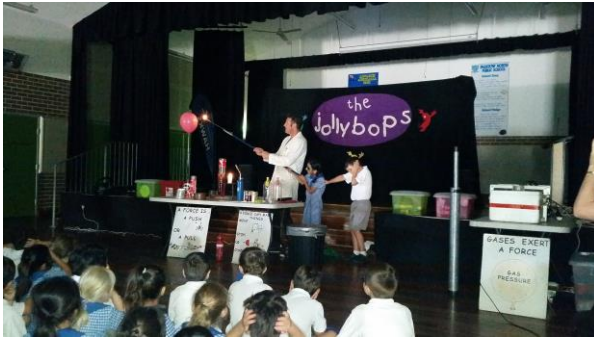
Reading Recovery

This year 8 students participated in the Reading Recovery program to develop their ability to read and write independently. They learnt the necessary skills to effectively read and write and how to transfer these skills back into the classroom. They all worked very hard, reading and writing everyday and made excellent progress in literacy. Keep up the good work!

Mrs K King



Jollybops



On Tuesday 18th November 2014, the Jollybops Science Show came to Padstow North Primary School to showcase some amazing science experiments. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 were entertained by a show that brought science alive through exciting, stimulating and interactive demonstrations. Scientific principles were presented in a fun way, by the shows' characters Rusty the Robot and The Jolly Professor. The students watched on in amazement as water changed colour, gas created rings in the sky, fire exploded balloons and many more discoveries. Here is a recount from a student in Kindergarten Red.

Jollybops

Today we had an experiment. It was called Jollybops. I didn't like when the balloon popped and when it was going to pop I put my fingers in my ears. It was funny when the robot put his head into the balloon and when the balloon went up. It was so funny. It was also funny when the Robot loved Mrs S. I liked when the cylinder changed colour. I liked when the Robot had the toilet paper in his mouth and it was so long.

By Kostas



School Swimming and Water Safety Program

In Weeks 5 and 6 of this term, 60 students from 2 to 6 attended the School Swimming and Water Safety Program at Revesby Pools for 10 consecutive days. All the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have improved their swimming, water safety and confidence. At the end of the fortnight the students received a certificate for successfully completing the course, which highlighted their achievements.



Season 3 PSSA Sport Reports

Cricket

Both of our cricket teams enjoyed tremendous success in 2014 with their hard work at training enabling them to make the finals. Our seniors played a hard fought game against Picnic Point in the final going down by 26 runs. It was an intense and skilful game which demanded our players' full concentration in order to play their highly motivated opposition. The end result might have been different if we held our catches in the field and the final score doesn't quite express how well our seniors actually played. Our juniors played Panania and remained competitive and focused and went down by only 1 run. It was a roller coaster of a game where both teams at different parts of the game achieved some success. The atmosphere was very intense in this game which is reflected in the score, 58-57. Congratulations to both teams on their exceptional results for the year. Well done all players!

Mr Grinham - Coach

Touch Football

PNPS entered both a Junior and Senior Girls Touch Football team for the current PSSA season. Both of the teams consistently played fair and honest games and represented our school fantastically. Unfortunately neither team made it to the finals this year but both teams had successes during the season, scoring tries and defending well. The junior girls impressed with each new week, developing their skills and playing as a team, this enabled them to chalk up a very convincing win for their final game of the season! We look forward to next year as this sport continues to grow and be developed at PNPS.

Ms Bradley – coach

T-Ball & Softball

What a wonderful season the girls have had! Both teams made it to the grand finals convincingly (T-Ball girls undefeated). Unfortunately, because of the School Spectacular being held on the same day as the grand-final, the softball girls were short many players (Many thanks to the girls that were called upon at short notice to fill in the empty spots). The girls played a very tough game under very hot conditions. Panania proved to be very good on the day and beat our softball girls 17 to 1 (the only team that they have lost to this season).

The T-Ball girls had a brilliant but tough game against Panania North and after 4 innings won 26 – 21. It was one of the best games of T-Ball both coaches had seen in a while. At the end of the 3 innings the score was Padstow North 18 – Panania North 17 with 15 minutes to go. The girls proved their superiority on the field by getting 8 girls out in quick succession and going on to hit many home runs to become Undefeated Premiers.

Thanks to Mrs Gaston for support throughout the season and thank-you to the parents who supported the girls each week.

Mr Isler - Coach

MILO Cricket

2014 was another very successful year for our Milo Cup cricket teams. Our boys made it through to the Sydney South West Regional Competition and played against some experienced teams to finish 7th overall. Doing even better, the girls went on to the State Final only dropping one game and playing against private and public schools from all over NSW. The girls performed very well in all their games at State level in searing heat and rose to the many challenges, coming up against experienced opposition and playing their best cricket in the tournament in these finals. With accurate bowling, big hits, and sharp fielding the girls went on to win the State Final by one run and earned the right to go to Melbourne to play in the National titles at the MCG.

Mr Grinham - Coach



Welcome to **Mrs B's Tech Spot**

Hi all.

TECHNOLOGY and CHANGE

It's been a very busy year in the Lab and technology is becoming more and more part of our daily lives, especially in the classroom. The school APP-SKOOLBAG has increased in use to over 500 downloads, as well as the addition of a school Facebook page to support the school website.

We have increased the number of devices in classrooms, and we hope to continue this trend in 2015.

Only this week, students K-6 have taken part in **"The Hour of Code"**, celebrating the international **Computer Science Education Week**, which has involved over 61,000,000 students and teachers worldwide. It gave me a real buzz to watch Kindergarten children building code for some popular games. I have attached a video to the website version of the newsletter, so you can personally witness the event. We truly are developing 'digital natives' and some of our Stage 3 students are also blossoming into outstanding website designers.

I have enjoyed teaching technology to the students at Padstow North in 2014 and am looking forward to observing further development in our students' abilities in 2015.

TECHNOLOGY GIFTS

[A guide to technology toys](#) - click on this link for some information on what to watch out for when choosing technology toys for your kids.



PUBLISHING PERMISSIONS/INTERNET ACCESS

Families can still make changes via the school, regarding publishing permissions and student access to the internet. Contact your child's classroom teacher for a copy of the note.



Click on photo to see our coders in action!

Mrs G.Byrnes (Computer Coordinator K-6)

CAPA-Creative and Practical Arts

DRAMA Group

On behalf of Mr Grinham and myself, I'd like to pay tribute to the many hours of hard work and practice put in by our Stage 3 students. Our musical, "Olivia" was a great success, and we have once again unearthed some hidden talents.



CHOIR

Choir numbers swelled to 63 this year, and we were once again the largest contingent at the East Hills Choral Festival- 'SEASONS'. We had 6 students featured as soloists and 2 of those students have gone on to audition for the Bankstown Talent Advancement Project. The Choir lead the school regularly at K-6 assemblies and recently performed at the Kindergarten Orientation. They will complete the year with a Xmas concert for a local HOMECARE respite group, CAROLS night, as well as leading the school in a song at Presentation Day.



SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2014

Our spectacular vocal ensemble took part in the world's largest variety show last week, with 4 amazing performances at the QANTAS Credit Union Arena. Almost 4,000 students represented the state of NSW in a wonderful display of the vast talent in our public schools. There were also return performances by Anja Nissen of VOICE fame, and the VOICE kids, which proved very popular amongst the student performers and audiences. A group of students were lucky enough to attend the preview Matinee performance last Friday, along with Miss Armstrong and two family members. At our last assembly the Spec ensemble were honoured to be presented with a certificate from the Federal MP David Coleman. Congratulations for all the effort that has been put in by students and parents, the early mornings and late nights are difficult, but well worth the experience of a lifetime.



Mrs G.Byrnes (Choir/Spec Vocal Ensemble Coordinator)

P&C Report

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the P&C members who are leaving us this year for all their hard work and their years of service. I particularly like to thank Phill Allsop-Guest for all the endless hours he has put into the P&C as President for the last 3 years.

I am honoured to have been elected as President of the P & C for 2015 and look forward to working along side all the staff and parents of Padstow North Public School.

I have been part of the Padstow North Public School community since 2008, with the arrival of our eldest daughter and look forward to many more years at Padstow North until our youngest sets off for her next chapter of her journey.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual School Christmas Carols Night which will be held on Friday 12th December 2014.

Our first P & C meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 10th February. I look forward to seeing you there. Also, we are looking to fill the positions of Senior and Junior Vice President.

Faye Cazouris
P&C President

Out-going President's Report

As out-going president of the P&C at PNPS, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me, not only during my 3 years as president, but also the 6 years I have been involved in FUNdraising at PNPS. When I first became part of the PNPS P&C, I had a vision of the improvements that could be achieved through active FUNdraising and with the support of parents, students, families, friends and staff at PNPS. As I look around the school now I am proud to see what the P&C has achieved. Together we have raised enough FUNds to air condition every classroom and the offices, add new play equipment for K-2 students, install a new newcombball court, transform the run-down tennis courts into a multi-court which is the envy of other local schools, and install new ovens in the canteen ...The list goes on.

Throughout my 3 years as president I have been supported by an amazing group of parents, whose encouragement has helped me to fulfil my goal. My sincere thanks go to each and every one of you. I hope that you will support the P&C and its new committee as you have supported me, and that you will work together along with Ms Armstrong and the teaching staff to continually improve the facilities for our fantastic children. I wish Faye Cazouris, the new P&C President, and her team success as they take over the P&C baton. I would also like to thank my wife Lyn, and daughters Amy and Phoebe for their support and encouragement. It has been an absolute pleasure to be involved with the P&C and to meet so many wonderful families along the way.

Phill Allsop-Guest



From small beginnings come great things
-proverb

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Canteen News

LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN - FRIDAY 12/12

This is my final newsletter and last two weeks as canteen co-ordinator as Nahah is moving on to high school next year. I would like to thank everyone that has helped in the canteen over the past 6 years that I have been on the canteen committee. I have met some truly wonderful people and I know that it will be strange not calling in to the canteen most mornings and having a chat and a laugh. I thank everyone for supporting the canteen and making my role a pleasurable one and I hope that you will continue to give your support to Nahaa who will be replacing me.

We had our second fruit day on Monday and it was another success with a profit of \$147.80. Thank you to Jamie who purchased the fruit at a great price from Sydney Markets.

On the last day of term, Wednesday 17 Dec, we shall be giving the canteen a thorough clean. Help is needed so if you are able to drop in for a while all help will be greatly appreciated. Cake and coffee will be flowing, the more the merrier and the quicker it will get done.

Thanks again volunteers.
Have a wonderful holiday,
Carlie Williamson



Our School Banking Day is every Tuesday

Tuesday 9th December is the last day for school banking



Thank you to all those students who have saved this year and I hope you will continue to save in 2015.

Remember to make at least 1 deposit in January 2015 to receive your **BONUS** interest.

If you would like your child to participate in the School Banking Program, the Commonwealth Bank will be at school on 6th February 2015 from 8.30am-9.30am – Southern End

There will be new gifts available as soon as I receive this information I will pass this onto you.

The Swimming Bag and the Projector Cup still remain very popular. Commonwealth Bank have placed additional orders for these two items but they will not receive delivery until Term 1.

You can still order these two items as normal but they will be on backorder, they will be sent to our school as soon as they arrive in Term 1, next year.

There are 3 items still available for immediate delivery including: Sea Streamers; Shark Key ring; Scented Pencils

In addition to this they have the following items from 2013 still available for order: Spen Moneybox; Pru Moneybox; Blue Wallet; Knuckles Jacks Game;

Thank you to the following parents who have helped on school banking this year
Franca Casacchia, Nahaa Oreibi, Trupti Patwardhan, Connie Shipton, Daisy Tan and Merrin Tischler. **We are desperately looking for new parents to train up on school banking next year. If you can spare an hour on Tuesday mornings, and are interested please let me know as soon as possible.**

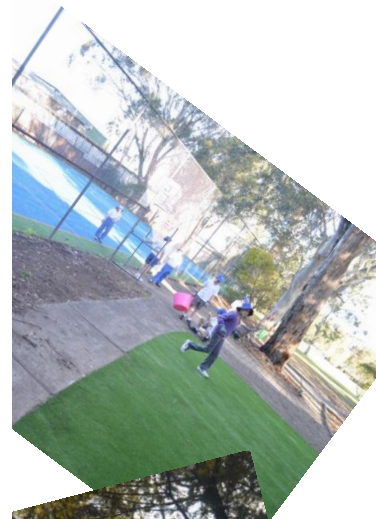
Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Padstow North Public School.

Wishing you all a Happy and Safe Holidays see you in 2015

Phill Allsop-Guest
School Banking Coordinator

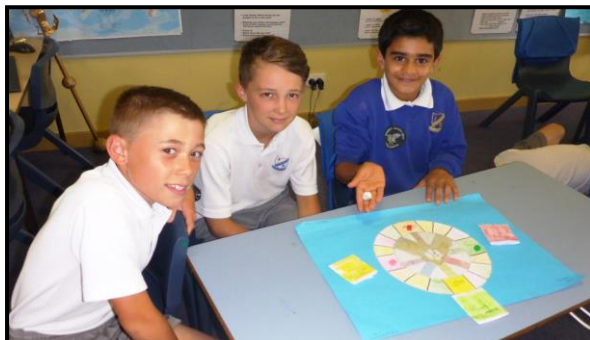
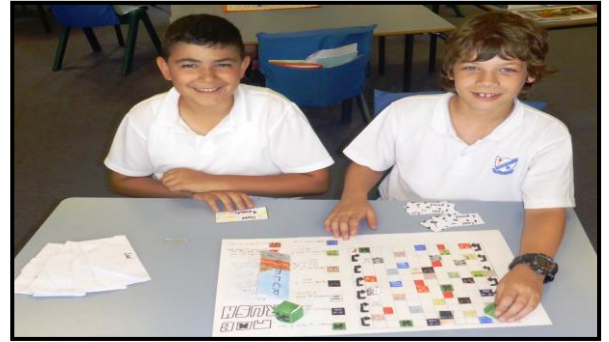
KATTTS 2014

In 2014 we certainly had our fair share of bad weather. The extreme windy and wet weather conditions meant that we removed a great deal of debris from the school grounds in the form of fallen trees, branches, sticks and leaves. Our duties were many and varied but, once again, we improved the grounds in the north and south so that our students could play in a safe beautiful environment. We cleaned the garden in front of the basketball court, unblocked drains which filled with leaves and dirt and started planning the gardens for next year's group. Our gardeners' enthusiastic approach to giving their time up brought good humour which engendered a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Thank you to all students who contributed their time and also to their parents for allowing them to stay at school an extra hour. Mr R Grinham





Year 5 Board Games



The Superstars of Kindy...









Amber

Aqua



Helped the infants learn computers



Groove Nation



Making the solar ovens



School Spectacular



Dodgeball



World Cup Day

Assembly Items



Dance group

Playing in the PSSA sport teams



The Goat Island excursion



Commercials and products
Newsletters

Bluearth program



Athletics Carnival

Crunch 'n' Sip



Model Reading



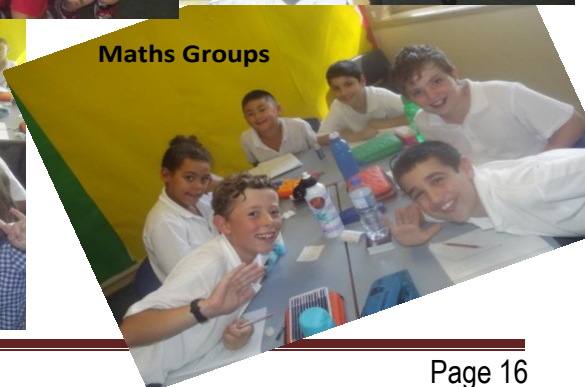
Friendship groups



Reading Groups



Maths Groups



Healthy harold



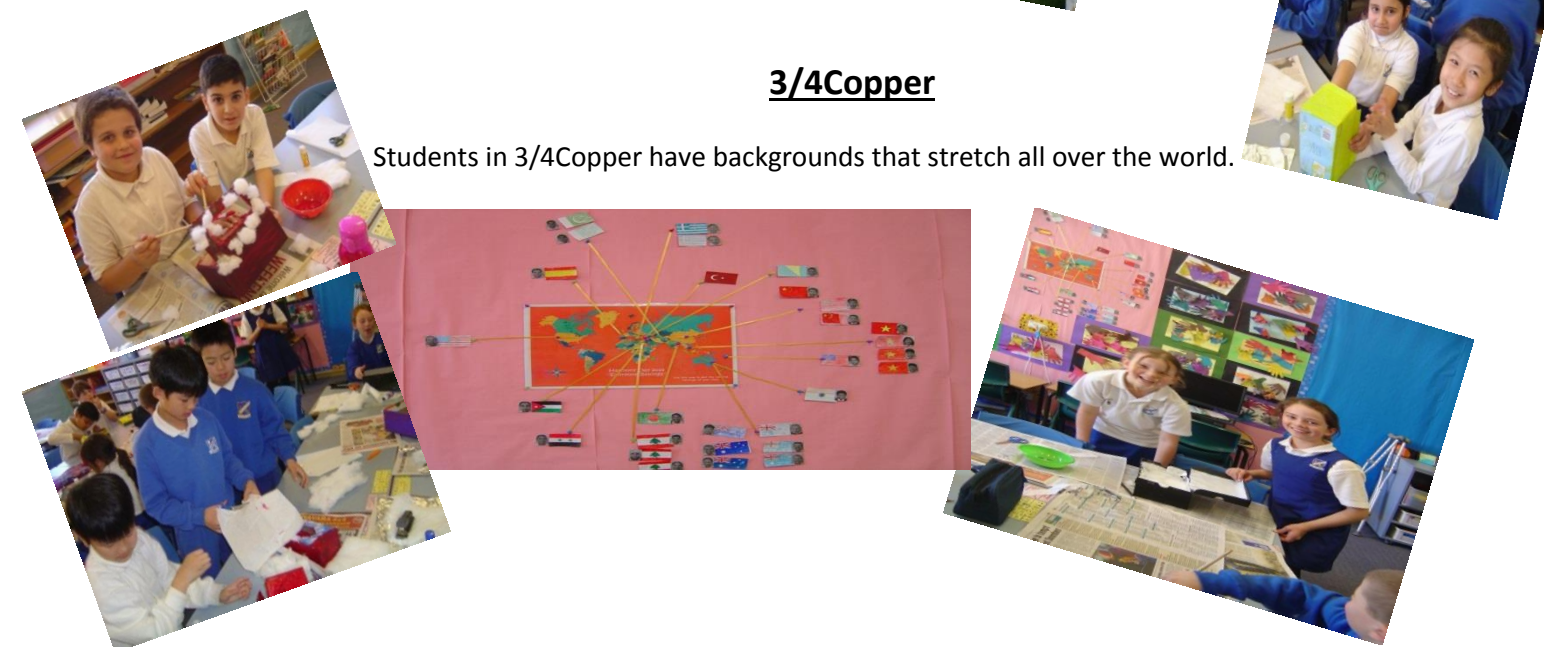
4/5 Lemon

Oh what a great year it has been! So much learning and having lots of fun! What more can we ask for: English, Maths, discovering who the first explorers were, to making a portrait of Captain James Cook with a variety of recycling material. Now let's not forget our BluEarth visits and the World Cup Sportathon. A trip into town and visiting the convicts on Kangaroo Island, to the glitz and glamour on stage with lots of drama and action. It sure has been a year to remember, 4/5 Lemon!



3/4Copper

Students in 3/4Copper have backgrounds that stretch all over the world.



In 3/4 Copper, students enjoyed hands on activities linking English, Mathematics, Science and Technology by investigating, measuring, testing and reporting in class activities.

Students have also enjoyed learning about poetry and the different styles. Here are some examples:

Diamante Poem

Boys
Handsome, cute
Working, learning, playing
Good, bad ... Pretty, sensible
Dancing, cleaning, chatting
Make-up, hairstyle
Girls

Limerick

There once was a baby in a park.
Who was very young and could bark.
She called a vicious dog
That caught a green frog
So the poor baby cried in the dark.

Cinquain

Flowers
Scented, perfumed
Wilt, grow, bloom
Heavily fragranced colourful petals
Rose

Riddle

I have a bed, but I don't sleep.
I have a mouth but I don't talk.
I am alive.
You can touch me, but I am cold.
I flow.
What am I?
I am a **River**.

STAGE 3 HIGHLIGHTS 2014



5/6

5/6 Lime enjoyed playing a variety of games and sports for fitness. Our favourite was soccer and fortress ball. These games made our class work as a team. CF



LIME

5/6 VIOLET - Wonderful Year Guys



The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss

Writing is a big part of my life
because I use it every day. I
can express my feelings
through writing. DM

Mistakes
are proof
that you
are
trying!

You are all
STARS!



I enjoyed writing books for Kindergarten
because it was a fun experience and I liked
teaching the little kids something new. ZA



5Lemon are enjoying a Blueearth Challenge. Did they manage to fit their bodies in the hoops?



4/5 Lemon - Well Done

I think it's time for
some art appreciation
and using our
imagination by using
different material to
create a portrait of
Captain James Cook.



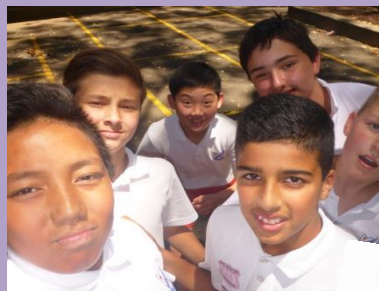
I liked making bowties and creating artworks. SM



I enjoyed the science experiments about electricity. JO



Drawing and games make maths fun! IW



Be who you are and say
what you feel, because those
who mind don't matter, and those
who matter don't mind.
-Dr. Seuss

5/6 Teal - We Had a GREAT Year!



**CHILDREN NEED TO BE TAUGHT
HOW TO THINK,
NOT WHAT TO THINK.**

5/6 Teal really like our back wall because we had a great experience making it. This back wall is a tree in the rainforest showing the different layers, such as the Emergent, Canopy, Understorey and Forest Floor. The leaves are made up of words that we know of the rainforest. We all helped in making a tree from the rainforest and we thought it looked good. MT

Yesterday is history

Tomorrow is a
mystery

Today is a
GIFT!

**ENJOY HIGH
SCHOOL
YEAR 6**



Allow
yourself
to be a beginner.
No one starts
off being
excellent.

FOR YOUR DIARY

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|------|--|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 11 | 15Dec - Presentation Day - Yr 6 Market Day | 16 Year 6 Farewell | 17 “WOW” Factor Talent Show Students last day. HAPPY HOLIDAYS | 18 Staff Development Day | 19 Staff Development Day |
| 1 | 26 Jan Australia Day Public holiday | 27 Staff Development Day | 28 First day for Term 1 2015 Yrs 1-6 Kindergarten Best Start | 29 Kindergarten Best Start | 30 Kindergarten Best Start |
| 2 | 2 First day of school for Kindergarten | 3 - Swimming Carnival - School Banking resumes | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 3 | 9 | 10 P&C Meeting 9.15am School Hall | 11 - Scripture lessons commence | 12 | 13 |
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