



Grade 1 & 2

Newsletter

June 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

June

Tues & Wed 19th & 20th

3– Way Conferences

Free Dress Day (Tues 19th)

Donations to help save the leadbeaters possum can be made via Qkr

Fri 29th

Last day of TERM 2

Early finish 2.30pm

July

Mon 16th

Start of Term 2

August

Mon 8th

Book Week begins!

We extend a warm
WELCOME to
Emily Scarbro :-)
She has taken over from
Haley and will be
working with the
Grade 1 classes
Wednesday to Fridays.

Incursion - “Just Like Me”

On 30 May, we had a great incursion called “Just Like Me”. The incursion looked at the life of children in Ghana, Uganda and India and how it was both similar and different to our lives in Australia.

It covered ideas such as:

How the children get to school
What the children’s learning environments are like
What education means to children
How the children access water and how much water they use
What children eat and how often
Daily responsibilities

We watched a video, played a gameshow and took part in some activities outside which was set up like a village with games using a tyre and plastic bag soccer ball, sweeping with brush brooms, collecting water to wash dishes, attending an outside village school and carrying buckets of water for household use.



Learning about how other people live is an important part of both our geography and intercultural capability curriculum and our students were very involved in the discussions and activities. Many would like to do some small thing to contribute to those young people who don’t have our advantages, so we will be discussing this over the next few weeks.



*'Just like Me'
The Patch grounds
became a small
Ugandan village :-).*



Exciting News!!

Haley Burke gave birth to a healthy boy on Sunday 10th June. We congratulate Haley and her husband Michael on the safe arrival of 'Spencer Jay'. Big brother Quinn is very excited about having a new little brother to hang out with :-).



Premier's Reading Challenge



The Premier's Reading Challenge is still open and students still have until the first week of September to complete it. Most students are already reading as part of their homework and the challenge offers an added bonus for their hard work. Regular reading from an early age is vital for success

at school and has lifelong benefits. The challenge encourages children to read more and promotes a love of reading. Since the challenge began 14 years ago, more than 2.5 million students have read nearly 45 million books. You can find information on the challenge at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx>

If your child is interested, email Jess Holden:

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Inquiry Unit Term 3

Next term our inquiry unit is called Enterprise. We will be looking at needs and wants, money and how it works. We will also be preparing a stall for our festival next term. In order to tune in to the topic, we thought it would be great to have a few parents talk about where they work – particularly if you are involved in running a small business or working within a larger business involving sales or manufacturing. Any ideas and offers (weeks 4 and 5 next term) will be gratefully received.

STEM

Earlier this term, we used Wildlife Monitoring Cameras to find out which animals visit and live at our school. We looked at three different areas – the Garden, the Wetland and the Arboretum. We discussed the positives and negatives of each environment. We were excited to see Wombats, Ringtail Possums and a variety of native birds. We were a bit concerned by the number of domestic cats visiting our school, especially late at night! We will do some more monitoring later in the year and will hopefully find more native species!



TERRACYCLE

Terracycle is back! Our school is participating in the Colgate Oral Care Recycling Program. There is a box just outside the Uniform Shop for collection. Bring in **Toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, toothbrush and toothpaste tube outer packaging, floss containers.** These items are not recyclable in kerbside recycling programs, so this is a great opportunity to keep them out of landfill. Once collected, the tubes and brushes are separated by composition, shredded and melted into hard plastic that can be remoulded to make new recycled products. We also get a small amount of money in exchange for number of items collected (\$0.02 per unit received) so the more items you bring, the more money we can receive!



Three Way Conferences - 19th & 20th June

Three way conferences for grades one and two will be held on Tuesday 19 June and Wednesday 20 June. The conference gives your child the chance to share some of their work with you and hopefully to allow you to celebrate growth and achievements together. It also offers a snapshot what children are doing in class.

Bookings for three way conferences can be made on Sentral and close on Monday 18 June.

Reports

School reports for the first semester will be sent home on Friday 23 June. Our aim with reports is to give you an idea of where your child's learning is compared to the Victorian Curriculum. Results are based on what we see in class and together with some testing and we moderate results to make sure that everyone in the one/two level is making similar assessment for similar work.

While not all students move at a consistent pace, our aim for all our students is that they make a year's progress over the academic year and our focus is on learning rather than individual results. Our suggestion is that you celebrate improvement and effort, discuss what your child enjoyed (and didn't) and decide if you need to work with your child on any academic or behavior goals for next semester.

As usual, if you have concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

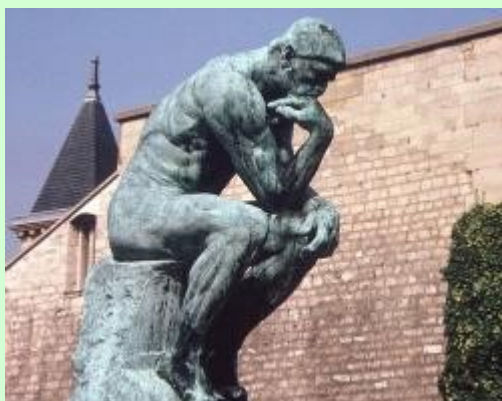
Philosophically thinking...

Needs and Wants



- ♦ *Needing and wanting are different things. Neve 1B*
- ♦ *They can sometimes be the same thing. Charlie 1B*
- ♦ *Wanting stuff is not needing the stuff. If it's food you need it. Oliver 1A*
- ♦ *We want lollies, but we don't need them. Avalon 1A*
- ♦ *If you need it and don't get it, you might not survive. If you want something and don't get it, you will still survive. Ollie 2B*
- ♦ *You're born knowing what you need, you already know that you need to eat and drink. Cael 2B*
- ♦ *Babies don't know how to speak, but they do know what they need. Jack 2B*
- ♦ *We all need the same things, because there are three things that everything living thing needs, shelter, food, water, and air. Josh 2A*
- ♦ *If you want a toy but your mum says you cannot get it, it's not like the world is going to end. Archie 2B*
- ♦ *If you're poor and you don't have a house, you could look a house and say I want that....sometimes you can want something that you need. Abby 2B*

Thinking is....



Thinking is having a growth mindset. Paige 2B

Thinking is drawing a picture in your mind. Isla 2B

If everyone thought the same the world would be really boring.

Cael 2B

Thinking is like cogs in your brain going around and around....

Alexander 2A

Not one single human thinks the same. Hunter 2A

Thinking is electricity. Alex S 2A

Thinking is a lightbulb exploding inside. Georgia 2A

Thinking is space...who knows what's out there? There could be aliens or another planet....or even another galaxy....Alex S 2A

Thinking is something you can't always control. Elsie 2A

You can think in your sleep. James 2A

If you have any issues/concerns or just want to meet with any of us for a chat about your child, please feel free to contact us via email.

*We are always happy to make a time to meet with you.
Have a wonderful holiday break with your beautiful children :-)*

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