

GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our latest newsletter edition. What a busy third term we have had! Lots of learning has been taking place in the Grade 3 classroom across all areas and the term seems to be flying by. We have been working really hard in the classroom, participating in a variety of learning activities, involving group work, collaboration, individual work and discussion. Throughout the term so far, we have enjoyed a field trip to see Marist's production of 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat' and learning about fire safety with Firefighter Craig. We still have a lot to look forward to in the next couple weeks, including Gymnastics and Book Week!

Kind regards and wishing you all fantastic rest of Term 3,
Kelsey Maher

Religious Education

In Grade 3 we have been learning about church and the meaning behind the word. The word church does not refer to the building, but the community of believers. The difference between a church and the church. A church is where we go, the building in which we go to Mass; however, the church is the community of believers who follow and live God's word in everyday. We have talked about what we know, the symbols in the church and even went to visit St Brigid's Church with our Grade One buddies to explore and find significant symbols.



SOJ Moments

Here are a few of our Spirit of Jesus moments that we have noticed in the classroom...

"People saying thank you when I open the gate for them"
-Dakota

"When I walked in the door, Oliver said hello and smiled."
-Indiana

"Tulley helped someone tie up their shoelace."
-Imogyn

"Dakota put all the chairs down on the desks."
-Tulley

"Tulley helped me pack my bag."
-Campbell

Literacy Block

In our Literacy Block we have been developing our reading and writing skills. We have begun doing group rotations this term in which we are using the model 'I am', 'We Are' and 'You Are'. In our reading group rotations we have been specifically looking at retelling stories and literal and inferential meaning. When we retell a story we have learnt that we use text specific vocabulary. When we look for literal meaning in a text we know the answer to our question is literally there, and for inferential meaning, we have to read between the lines. In writing we have been focussing on descriptive verbs, tense and clauses. We have looked at replacing our ordinary verbs with more interesting and captivating words using the correct tense when writing. We have created our own superheroes using clauses to give more information about them.



Science

In Science Grade 3 has been learning about heat, heat safety and heat transfer. We have enjoyed exploring our prior learning about heat, the 4 different types of heat and experimenting how heat transfers from one object to another. One example of an activity we have completed was exploring ways in which to heat up a spoon using items in the room. Students found some very creative ideas, including friction by rubbing it on the carpet, holding it near a heater and heat packs.



History

In History we are looking at the local history of Wynyard and how it has changed over time. We have looked at old photos of Wynyard and created a timeline where the photos belong. We have discussed how things have changed over time from the first settlement in 1860 until now. We have examined closely the photos, looking at transport, buildings, roads and clothing.

Mathematics

In Maths Grade 3 students have been learning multiplication, angles and we have begun a unit about money. We are mastering our timetables and exploring different ways we can represent multiplication such as creating arrays, grouping and repeated addition. Students have enjoyed exploring the four different types of angles and identifying them in our environment. We have noticed that when we look at an analogue clock, certain times show different angles and items in our environment have angles. We have worked together in order to create our own angles.



Fire Safety

In Week Four, Grade 3 participated in a fire safety program with Firefighter Craig in order to learn about fire safety and what to do in an emergency. We learnt all about fire hazards in the home and what to do if there was ever a fire in our household.



Joseph And His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat

On August 10, Grade 3 students enjoyed a trip to the Burnie Arts and Function Centre to watch Marist's production of 'Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat'. Everyone was really entranced in the show and enjoyed the singing and dancing in Marist's production.

