

GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our final newsletter for the year!

We have benefitted from learning across all areas of the curriculum and have been participating in collaborative work, independent work and whole group discussions. We have group rotations in reading and writing, and also incorporated rotations into our Maths block through doing team challenges and a mixture of group and individual work.

As the year draws to a close and with Christmas near, we have been creative in the classroom with craft and art. We even had a mischievous elf in our classroom. We have enjoyed several events throughout the term including Assemblies and Liturgies, School Fair, SRC Disco, Brigid Factor and end of year picnic. Well done to those who represented our class in the Athletics carnival and thank you to the SRC members who represented our class throughout the year.

Kind regards and wishing you all a safe and merry Christmas break,
Kelsey Maher

Mathematics

In Maths we have been learning a variety of things during our rotations. During the term we have learnt about the connection between division and multiplication, mental strategies and measuring, ordering and comparing objects using metric units based on capacity and mass. Students have enjoyed problem solving and collaboration through group challenges such as our volume investigation, involving the group estimating capacity by ordering which items would hold the least to the most, then measuring to compare. Another mass investigation, involved students finding 12 items in the classroom that would in total be as close to 1 kilogram as they could manage.



Science

In Science we have been learning about states of matter: specifically liquids, solids and gases. We classified different objects as liquids and solids and did experiments to see what happens to solids and liquids when heat is applied, such as what would happen to chocolate. We learnt that a change of state between solid and liquid can be caused by adding or removing heat so if chocolate is heated it will melt, but if it is left in a cold place it will change back into a solid. We also made ooblek (cornflour and water) and explained our reasoning as to whether it is a liquid, solid or both. We also did a bicarb soda and vinegar experiment. In this we extended our thinking to gases and learnt that when we combine these two ingredients, it forms a gas called carbon dioxide. We have learnt that states of matter have particles that move differently based on state, so in a solid, the particles are packed tightly together and in liquids they have more room to move to take the shape of the container they are in.



Literacy Block

In Literacy block we have been learning about book reviews and personal preference for books. We have been writing our book reviews for books we have read and rating them by awarding stars based on what we thought of them and giving reasons why. In writing, we have looked at a Christmas theme and created our own elves, as well as a story about them.



History

In History we have been learning about different celebrations and commemorations around the world and also some that are recognised in Australia as well. We chose a celebration/commemoration and researched it to find out its origin and when and why it is celebrated/commemorated. We learnt about Christmas day, Diwali, Chinese New Year, Easter, Remembrance Day and Mothers Day.



Geography

In Geography we have been learning about the countries surrounding Australia. We selected a country and created a book researching information about their diverse characteristics/ culture and facts. We looked at maps to locate and write the position of neighbouring countries.



Brigid Factor

During Term Four many students participated in the 'Brigid Factor'. An immense amount of talent was discovered in the Grade 3 classroom, ranging from dancing, to magic and a puppet show. Congratulations to all those who participated. They all did a fantastic job with planning and delivering their performances.



SRC Disco

In Week 8 students across the school enjoyed a disco run by the SRC. They enjoyed the free dress and their time up in the hall where they were able to rock their dance moves and play some games.



Buddies

Grade 3 students have enjoyed time with their Grade 1 buddies helping them with arts and craft. After last term, helping them make a city, we have continued by helping them to transform their city into a Christmas themed gingerbread city. Grade 3 students enjoyed working collaboratively with their buddies to problem solve and come up with ideas.



Marist Service Week

The Grade 3 class enjoyed the Marist students helping out for Marist Service week. We were lucky to have one student who taught us some Taekwondo moves during daily PE. We really enjoyed something different for daily PE and showing how high we could kick.