

# GRADE ONE

## Term 2 Newsletter

Term 2 has been packed with lots of wonderful learning opportunities and exciting activities. The children had great fun in Dance Fever, a visit to the 'Aladdin Trouble' Pantomime, a Guest Speaker in Science and a Trivia afternoon.

### ENGLISH

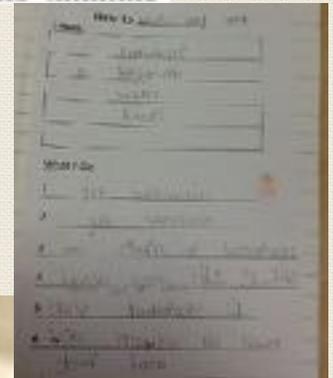
In English, Grade One are enjoying their reading, spelling and writing activities and are making the most amazing progress. This term our Reading has focused on the identification and implementation of various strategies to assist with decoding, thus developing word accuracy and comprehension skills. This is achieved through modelled, shared and independent reading experiences with whole class, small group and individual activities.

In writing, the children are including the 5W's, (who, what, where, why and when) to create interesting Narrative and Recount texts. We have also had fun creating Procedural texts. The children have learnt the importance of providing clear instructions in order, so that their procedure can be followed with a successful outcome.

The children are continuing to develop their oral language skills to expand their vocabulary and to develop confidence and sharing of ideas. They are encouraged and challenged to use new words regularly in context.

The children are all taking care and showing pride with their Handwriting lessons. This improvement is progressively evident in their letter formation, placement of letters and more uniform letter size.

The 'Letters and Sounds' Spelling program is showing great progress with the students placed to allow learning of recognition and writing of sounds, digraphs, trigraphs and alternate spellings and blends, individualised to the students current needs.



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## RELIGION



Grade One have been extending their knowledge of prayer and the Bible. We have enjoyed learning about and connecting with Parables from the New Testament. We know the Hail Mary prayer and following our 'Mustard Seed' Godly play experience, we have also learnt a 'Mustard Seed' prayer where we ask God to help us to grow to be the best that we can be. The children love to select and sing a large variety of songs of praise in our daily prayer times. We have been learning about the Sacrament of Baptism, the symbols of Baptism and Church. We have participated in the role play of our own Baptism celebration and can identify items in the Church such as the Baptismal Font. Grade One have very respectfully attended mass in the St Brigid's Church this term.



## MATHS

In Maths we have continued to work on our number skills. We loved working on our number 'Blast Off' Investigation. We have explored the wonders of Space through this investigation and created an impressive class wall display. The students worked cooperatively with a partner and individually to sort, classify, match and calculate number facts on rockets. These number facts included doubles, near doubles, counting on, counting back and zero facts. When we had five number facts for our number, we were able to launch our rocket into space with a partner to reach 'Planet Mars.' Then we aimed to reach 'Planet Hope' with our individual mission facts rocket. We have also enjoyed exploring 2D and 3D shape. We looked at the properties of shapes and constructed shape towers. We illustrated our towers and labelled each 3D shape. We are discovering the concept of capacity and had fun estimating and measuring volume using different shaped containers and rice.



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## SCIENCE

In science, we have completed our habitat dioramas and made beautiful homes for our animals to live. The children did a fantastic job of presenting their diorama to the class. They articulated the features of their animal and habitat and explained the elements that their animal needed for survival. This activity also heightened the awareness of looking after our environment and that we can all help. We have explored changes in the sky and weather patterns by observing the weather each day. The children predicted the weather forecast and then recorded the actual weather for one week. We discovered that it is very difficult to predict the weather and although it is Winter, we still have some lovely sunny days! We were very fortunate to have a visit from Ranger John. He brought in some animals for us to see and discussed their features, diet and habitats with us. We have all learnt some very interesting facts.



## HASS

In Geography, we have been exploring natural, constructed and managed features in the school and the wider community. The children transferred this knowledge to design and create their own island that illustrated the three Geographical features. The children named their island and labelled their Geographical features. We are learning about different parts of the world, looking at the seasons and hot and cold areas around the globe. We have discovered the Indigenous Australians have between two and six seasons depending on their area and food supply. They move around according to the location of the food at the time of the year.

'Aladdin Trouble'

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday break with your beautiful families.

Maureen Harrison