

Junior School Newsletter

Friday 31st August 2018

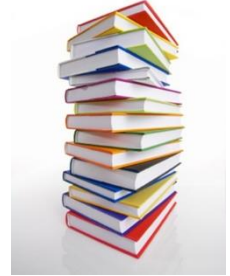


In the classroom:

Reading is a major focus. We make sure each student reads on a daily basis, whether it be in groups, individually or completing a reading activity on the computer or iPad.

What to do at Home

- When reading together at home try to make the time relaxed, enjoyable and positive. Vary it. Read together, read to your child and take turns or have them read to you.
- Before reading, talk about the cover, the title and the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
- During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point and predict what might happen next.
- After you've finished reading with your child, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
- Read with your child anywhere and at any time; don't forget that many everyday experiences provide opportunities to put reading and writing into action.
- Visit and use a library near you. Borrow books for yourself as well as for your child.



Unit of Inquiry: Cultural Lunch

On 21st August, the Junior School hosted a Cultural Day. Students were asked to bring a plate that is popular or regularly eaten by their families. They then presented their food to the class. The students had lots of fun sharing and trying out new foods.



Jumping Juniors:

Every Thursday afternoon, and every second Friday from 3:00 – 3:30, the Junior School takes part in fun and exciting games. These encourage students to be physically active and promote healthy living.

Over the last fortnight, the students have played:

Exercise Relay Races: The Junior School classes all raced against each other. They had to hop, run, squat and do push-ups when the whistle was blown. It was fun to watch all the students trying to do push-ups!

Human Bowling: This game was fun to watch. Classes played against each other, trying to roll the ball and hit a 'bowling pin', which happened to be students. The more 'pins' hit, the greater amount of points accumulated. This game is still in progress!



Stars of the week:

Every week the 'Star of the Week' completes three, one-minute speeches about the following topics:

- All about me – personal attributes, likes or dislikes, favourite food, animals, brothers or sisters and friends.
- Favourite book
- Favourite toy

The 'Star of the Week' student is chosen because they have been kind and caring to their peers, and have shown commitment to their studies.

Our most recent 'Star of the Week' students were:



Financial Literacy:

On Monday 20th August, the Junior School was lucky enough to attend a Financial Literacy Incursion. During this time, the students learnt about money as a concept – what it's worth, and how to keep it safe. They were also taught how to distinguish between their needs and wants, and prioritise spending accordingly.



Key Dates:

Mon 3rd Sep: Students must be wearing school hats outside

Tue 4th Sep: Book Parade – Don't forget to dress up

Wed 5th Sep: Writing Fair 6:00 – 7:30

Thu 6th Sep: Read in Bed Day – Wear Pyjamas to school

Tue 11th Sep: CERES Excursion

Fri 14th Sep: Interim Reports

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Kind regards,

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