

# Junior School Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2018



## In the classroom:

### Writing – Narrative Writing

The Junior School students are currently learning how to write stories. In the next few weeks, they will complete a story using 'The Story Mountain' planner to assist with their writing.

What to do at Home

1. Start by reading some favourite stories together. As you read, stop and ask your child to make predictions about what is going to happen next. While you are reading, discuss the different parts of the story, asking questions such as:
  - What is the beginning of the story? The middle? The end?
  - Who are the characters?
  - What do you like about them?
  - Where does the story take place?
  - Is there a problem that occurs in the story? If so, how does it get resolved?
  - What do you think about the ending? Is there a connection, in either words or pictures, between the ending and the beginning of the story?
2. Once you have read a couple of stories, talk about how your child might write a story that is similar to one of them. For example, ask your child to write a story about their day at school, or if the story was a fairy tale, suggest that they write their own version. Use the questions you have asked as a guide to help them plan the story. For example, you might ask them what will happen at the beginning, middle, and end of the story or where the story will take place.

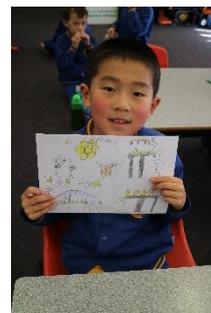
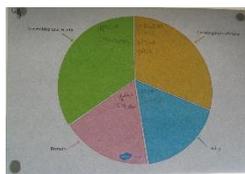


## Unit of Inquiry:

Our current Unit of Inquiry is Food, and how it is a basic necessity that sustains people everywhere. As a part of our Unit of Inquiry, we have been studying healthy food choices and how they affect our bodies. We have discussed what we have in our lunchboxes and how it differs to lunches around the world.

### The other lines of Inquiry that we will be exploring are:

- Why we eat food
- Where food comes from
- Equity and distribution of food



## 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 promotes healthy living.

Over the last fortnight, the students have played:

**Trivia Race:** The students had to race each other and answer trivia questions at a rapid pace. The winners were Grade 1/2P. Well done to all the fast and furious runners!

**What's the time Mr Wolf?** : Multiple students were chosen to be Mr Wolf, and stood at one end of the basketball court. The other students stood in a line at the other end. The wolves turned their backs to commence play. The players called out, "What's the time Mr Wolf?" and the wolves turned and answered with a time (i.e. 3 o'clock).



## 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, friends etc.
- 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:



## Reminders:

- Homework goes out every Monday and is due back the following Monday.
- The students will be tested on their Spelling words every Thursday.
- Readers need to be returned every day as parent helpers come and listen to each child read.
- Make sure uniform is labelled as this is the time of the year students lose their jumper. **Remember**, students should be wearing black shoes and girls should be wearing black or blue leggings.
- Portfolios were handed out at the end of last term. Please remember to return them to school as we are now of the process of completing portfolios for Semester Two.

## Key Dates:

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug:** Assembly – 1/2A and 1/2J Class Performance

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Curriculum day

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Assembly

**Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Fathers' Day Stall

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Writing Fair 6:00 – 7:30

**Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Sausage Sizzle

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Interim Reports

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Kind regards,

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