

Middle School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Middle School has enjoyed another action-packed term. We have enjoyed many exciting activities, including the 'Radio Awareness' incursion, book parade and a visit from the Commonwealth Bank, where students learned the value of saving and spending money sensibly. Students appreciated the opportunity to show their parents all of the fantastic writing they have done in class at the 'Writing Fair'. Much excitement and wonder was evoked during our excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium and ACMI. We have all had a wonderful Term Three and look forward to a well-deserved break!

English:

As part of our Literacy unit this term, Middle School students have been focusing on newspaper articles, information reports and have been studying the much loved film, 'Finding Nemo'.

Students have analysed a variety of newspapers and have identified how the articles are structured. We have looked at the difference between formal and informal language and its importance when writing an article or report.

Students researched a sea creature of their choice and constructed an informative flip book and report. It was wonderful to see students share many interesting facts with their peers.

'Finding Nemo' was a hit with the students. They explored many themes within the movie, such as 'family', 'perseverance', and 'trust'. They analysed the characters and discussed how well the film portrayed these animals. We were all left feeling inspired with Dory's mantra, 'just keep swimming'.

Mathematics:

Students tackled a range of problems in Mathematics this term. A few of the concepts we have explored are fractions, area, money and angles through interactive hands-on activities.

An activity which particularly interested all students was making colourful tessellating patterns. Students learnt that a tessellation is any pattern made of repeating shapes with no overlapping or spaces. They enjoyed designing their own shape to use for their patterns.

Other concepts we have been learning are Area and Perimeter. Students used geoboards to find the area and perimeter of regular and irregular polygons. It was wonderful to see students enthusiastically and confidently using the formula for area when solving their problems.

Upcoming Events:

October

Walk to School month

November 6th

Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday

November 21st

Curriculum Day

November 23rd

Healesville Sanctuary
Excursion

November 29th

Colour Run

Reminders:

- Remember school starts at 8:50am every morning.
- Students come straight into class when the bell rings in the morning.
- Homework goes home on a Tuesday and is to be returned the following Monday.
- Make sure library books are being returned on the due date.
- Thank you to our wonderful parents who help the children practise reading and change their books.



Radio Awareness

The Middle school students had a wonderful time learning about the world of radio during their incursion, 'Radio Awareness for Kids'. They had the opportunity to create their own recorded broadcast, where they developed the name of their radio station and the programs that would be 'aired'.



Our Aquarium and ACMI Adventure

The Middle School recently visited the Melbourne Aquarium (Sea Life) and the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI). Students marveled at the attractive inhabitants of the aquarium and successfully 'found Nemo' while exploring the incredible sea life. They held and touched creatures found in rock pools and learned many weird and wonderful facts along the way.

It was no surprise that many students were drawn to the video games at ACMI. Other entertaining activities included virtual reality and the many clever camera works on display.



English:	Mathematics:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, taking a genuine interest in what they are reading. • Encourage your child to bring their favourite book to school to share with the class. • Visit your local library or school library to select and read books together. • Ask your child to write a list of activities they are interested in for the holidays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify examples of mathematics in everyday life e.g. on the television, while driving or walking. • Keep score of sports games. • Measure quantities when cooking, including doubling recipes. • Calculate expected change when shopping.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Term Four!

The Middle School Team.