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Week 10 - Term 1

Dear Families,

Room 17 Update

Wow, what a busy term we've had in room 17. All the year 3's did an amazing job completing their first NAPLAN earlier in the term.

This week the students have travelled each day to the Marion Outdoor Pool for Year 3-5 Water Safety. This is an important part of any child's development and education, particularly living in Australia, with so many backyard swimming pools and fabulous beaches. The students have really enjoyed their experience and have gained invaluable life skills.

In our daily literacy block, the students are now exposed to elements of Orton-Gillingham (OG) every day, a new and exciting approach to reading and spelling at our site. We have just completed our genre writing for the term, which was persuasive writing. As an assessment, the students have written a letter to Mr. Taylor trying to persuade him to upgrade or improve various parts of the school. The wish list included; a new hall/gym, a swimming pool and an upgraded Performing Arts Centre. The students in the class are looking forward to 'posting' their letters to Mr. Taylor and getting a response early next term!

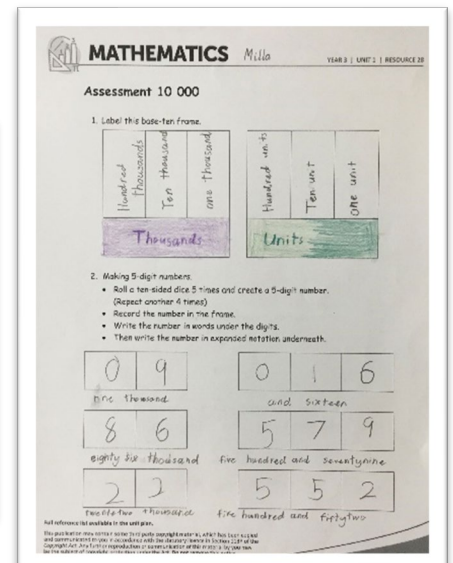
In Maths, we are looking at Number and Place Value. We have been using one of the Department's new units of work. The units of work provide evidence informed teaching, learning, and assessment advice and guidance for all 3 dimensions of the Australian Curriculum. In this unit, students will develop and use their understanding of place value and the base-ten system to recognise, represent, partition, arrange, regroup and order numbers (ascending and descending) to at least 10s of thousands.

In History, we have just completed a unit of work "Celebrations and Commemorations". The class has really enjoyed learning about both Australian and other cultural celebrations and understanding why different cultures celebrate in diverse and unique ways.



2023 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Good Friday - Friday 7th April
- Easter Monday - Monday 10th April
- Growth & Development Family Session – Thurs 13th Apr
- Sports Day - Friday 14th April Including Special Lunch
- Last day of Term 1 – Friday 14th April - 2:15pm Dismissal
- Working Bee – Sunday 30th April
- First day of Term 2 – Monday 1st May
- School Photos - Monday 22nd May

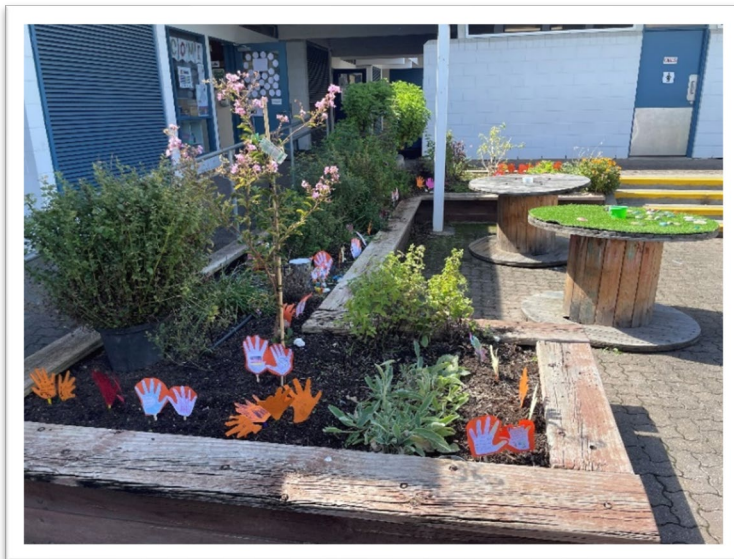


Harmony Day

Room 19 held a wonderful Harmony day assembly last week with a really good message around 'Everyone Belongs'.

Here are some interesting facts:

- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with over 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.



Several of our Buddy Classes planted hands in our Junior Primary garden to mark the occasion.

Easter Raffle

Congratulations to all of the winners of our annual Easter Raffle. The fundraising committee worked diligently to put together 16 delightful Easter baskets for our community. They raised just over \$1500 and \$76.50 for our hot cross bun fundraiser as well. A brilliant job!

Working Bee

Thank you to Kevin, Kate, Alex, Darren, Henry, Anthony, Karen, Max, Max, Sarah, Emma, Alexis, Maxwell, Courtney, Madden, Koa, Nigel and Jack for their amazing hard work on Sunday at the working bee. A huge

amount of soil was removed from the chook yard, garden beds were topped up and the wetlands were tidied up. We really appreciate all of your efforts.

Our next working bee is scheduled for Sunday 30th April.



Front Area Upgrade

We are currently in the process of upgrading our carpark area, front garden beds, flag poles and planting along the north east corner of our fence line. A big thank you to Mick Caddle who removed 80 tonne of leaf litter and compounded soil from the carpark garden beds. We have a team working on how the landscaping will look and we look forward to a new face for the school.

Have a safe and happy Easter, may all your Easter baskets be overflowing.

Kind regards

Paul, Jackie and Katharine