FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 3 is progressing well with all children working hard to complete set tasks. The Garden looks fantastic and is producing some excellent herbs, lettuce and spring onion. Hopefully, over the next few weeks we should see some tomatoes, beans and capsicum. Next week the students will have an opportunity to ‘harvest’ the garden and bring home some produce. In coming weeks we hope to set up a market stall for tourists visiting the falls.

Our early year’s program has the kids writing an information report on an animal. The students read books with animal characters and identified that although the character is fictional the animal is real. They are now researching their animals and constructing factual sentences based on their research. In History they have interviewed a family member or friend about going to school when they were growing up exploring changes over time as they compared what the differences are. The children will be collecting more information throughout the term and presenting it in a narrative. In math’s the kids have covered a variety of topics including representing 3 digit numbers, time and patterns. Next week they will be learning about money (more and less expensive) and interpreting calendars (months and seasons).

In 3/4 the students continue to write a literary recount from the perspective of a child convict arriving in the ‘New Colony’ aboard the First Fleet. The students are currently working through the self-editing process before writing a good copy and then publishing their letters. In history the children are researching Pre-European Australia, What it looked like, daily life and how it changed with the arrival of Europeans in 1788. In math’s the kids have explored 5 digit place value and number representation, additive facts and now they are working on equivalent fractions.

Our upper school students have been writing a letter to a student of the future. They are exploring how to write using descriptively with expression that engages the reader. The students are working diligently to understand the perspective of who the audience is and how they can use language to enhance their text. In mathematics they have worked through financial planning including income and expenditure, profit and
loss. They are now exploring Cartesian planes. They too are studying modern Australian History with research into the Gold Rush, Federation and the influence early migrants had in our area.

As always our wonderful teacher aides continue to support the learning. They are doing a fabulous job with reading groups, journal writing, handwriting, prep writing, social skills and spelling. Next time you see Mrs DiMaggio or Mrs Zappala please let them know your appreciation as student success wouldn’t happen without their valued input.

Next Thursday Mr Ingram is back for a day as I will be up in Cairns for a principals meeting. The kids really enjoy having Mr Ingram and I’m certain he will maintain excellent learning in the classroom.

Have a great weekend 😊

All aboard the Bartle Frere Bike Bus! Let’s hope the weather is kinder to us next week!

**School Photos Tuesday 18th August**
Attached to the newsletter is the order form for school photos. If you would like sibling photos taken please see the office for an order form. Please note this year you can even order online.

**Woolworth Earn & Learn**
The Woolworths Ear & Learn program gives schools a chance to earn new education resources. Please support our school and drop all completed sticker sheets at the office. There are more sheets available in the office.

**Rule of the fortnight** – I am being respectful when I allow others to learn.
Week 2 Student of the Week
Daniel for working astutely across all areas of learning

Week 3 Students of Week
Luke for improving in phonics, sight words and independent writing

Week 3 Students of Week
Joshua for excellent interviews in history research

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Jarrah for excellent interviews in history research

Congratulations
Ariana on receiving your pen license, well done!

Look how our garden has grown!