

TR 1 – End of Term Newsletter



Reflection

We have had a very busy start to our year and the students are successfully settling in to their new routines. We are pleased to see the improvement in their organisational skills. We are encouraging them to take responsibility for remembering their Mawson Lakes blue bag, their reader pouch and their communication book each day.

It is great to see all students completing the homework tasks set throughout the term. We are attempting to cover all learning areas so that they can share what they are learning with you at home. Please continue to support your child with these tasks because they are linked to our learning in class.

We look forward to continuing this exciting learning journey next term!

Angie & Francesca

Science

Biological Sciences has been the focus this term. The students have looked at how plants grow and the different parts of a plant. They did a great job at looking after their radish seeds for two weeks. There were great discussions about why their plants did and did not grow. They are now looking at animals and their babies. They had a great lesson trying to work out the names of each animal's offspring. Many of them were surprised to learn that a baby Koala is called a Joey.

Harmony Day

It was great to see students come to school in orange or in outfits that represented their cultural background. We talked about our families and linked the discussion to **Geography**, making many connections to places in Australia and the world. We realized that our class is made up of many different cultures, so we created a display to show that no matter where we have come from, we all belong in Australia. We also celebrated Harmony Day by working with our buddies to create paper chain friends.

Visual Arts

The students have been focusing on **multimedia** techniques in art. They used colouring, painting and stenciling when creating their book covers. Most recently they have been sketching and then painting with Artist Inks to create an amazing piece of Easter themed artwork.



English

This term we have been focusing on writing **descriptions** and **narratives**. The students have been working on describing fictional characters. One of their activities was to get another student to draw a picture of their character based on their description. This was a good opportunity for the students to see if their description was detailed enough. Focusing on description has supported the students with their narratives. It has been great to see some very creative and interesting stories. Those students that completed their drafts have had the opportunity to publish their work on the computers.



It has been so wonderful to see the students' enthusiasm towards the **Premier's Reading Challenge**. They are so eager to complete their record sheet and are taking the initiative to read at home and in class. We have some of the books that are on the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist in our class. This has been a great opportunity to encourage students to practice their chosen book and then read it to the class.

Mathematics

It has been wonderful working with Ann Baker this term. We have learnt so many great lesson ideas that we are taking back to our class. We have been focusing on **place value** this term. The students have participated in mental routines using a 100 square and an empty number line. They have also attempted problem solving situations to give them opportunities to try new strategies and show what they have learnt. We have a reflection time at the end of each mathematics lesson so that we can share the more efficient ways of solving each problem. We are documenting our discussions in our class Math Journal.



The students have loved playing the bottle tops games. They are practising counting by 10s and 1s and have most recently been challenged to keep a cumulative score.

Student reflection on our Mathematics learning this term

'I like counting by 2s and now I can count 10, 20, 30' - Mansirat

'It's kind of scary but it's a challenge. I like counting by 10s because it's fun' - Zoe

'I have fun and learn how to count things' - Rajwa

'I have learnt lots when I was little and I also know that I can count by 25s' - Riley

'The Math games are challenging' - Jruce

'You always learn something and the games are fun to play' - Aimee