



# Class Newsletter

## Year 4 W2-1

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#### Congratulations to

Ruby who has been elected to represent our class at Kids Council and Natali as proxy.

We know you will effectively communicate our class ideas at Kids Council meetings.



Dressed in National Costume for Harmony Day

#### STUDENTS' REFLECTIONS - Term 1

It has been a busy, engaging and productive term. The students have settled into class routines and expectations and are working well as a class. There have been many learning highlights during the term. The following comments represent the students' views on this very busy term.

##### English

This term we have been learning to write better narratives. I like writing narratives because you can use your imagination and write about anything you like. I wrote a story called 'The Funky Snowman'. **Lauren**

I like writing narratives. I have learnt how to use speech marks correctly. Speech marks are used when a character is talking. My favourite story I wrote is 'Come alive Snowman'. **Josh**

In Spelling, we have learnt about homophones and different ways of making sounds in words such as are, ai, ee, ea. We do lots of different spelling activities to learn how to spell the words correctly. I like doing the free choice partner activities. **Ruby**  
We have been reading the Gizmo books by Paul Jennings. I think the stories are cool. **Patrick**

##### Mathematics

I have learnt how to do chunking for addition and I think it is an easier way of doing it. We have been doing mental routines to help us learn about numbers to tens of thousands and place value. **Kevin**

I enjoyed doing Number of the Day. My favourite part is working out if the number is composite or prime. Prime numbers are numbers that have only one and itself as factors. **Hai**

We have been learning and revising new maths strategies to help us when working on problem solving. We have been writing it in a journal to use as a reference. **Aleah**  
We have been doing lots of problem solving activities to help us with understanding of place value and numbers to 10 000. **Shaye**

##### Science

We have been learning about the properties of materials like wood, paper, and metal. Some of the properties are absorbent, hard, flexible, and waterproof.

##### **Alexandrea**

I have found out that some materials are man-made and some are natural. All materials have their own properties and can be used to make projects. **Natali**

##### HASS

I like HASS because I like learning about history. This term we are learning about explorers before 1800's. I have been researching information about Dirk Hartog, He was a Dutch navigator born in 1580. **Poppy**

I enjoyed HASS because I liked learning about explorers. I am doing some research on Captain Cook. He was born in England in 1728 and started exploring when he was young. **Henry**

I am researching information about Captain Cook. I have discovered that he lived in the village of Marton In Yorkshire, England. In 1770, he discovered the east coast of Australia. **Isabelle**

## Term Dates

14<sup>th</sup> April- Gathering 9:00 am in the Denison Centre

14<sup>th</sup> April – End of Term 1  
2:00 pm dismissal, casual day, gold coin donation

## **GENERAL NEWS & HOUSEKEEPING**

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe we are near the end of a productive and very busy term.... time sure flies! We have been focusing on being powerful learners and having a growth mindset.

A special welcome to **Nazanin** who has joined our class this term.

Can you please remember to check your child's Communication books every day to ensure communication between home and school is maintained?

Thank you  
Kind Regards  
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## Health and PE

In PE we have been learning new tennis skills and doing sprints. I like doing the sprints because I like running. **Rylan**

We have been learning how to run faster in sprints. We have done tennis, bob kick and played a game called junk in the yard. I like running and keeping fit. **Tahlia**

This term we have played tennis and hockey. When we have been doing tennis, I have learnt to how to serve the ball from behind the ball. We learnt how to play a game called Wall Ball. **Hayden**

## Arts

In Arts, we have been writing scripts on the computers and making the props for the play. My group is doing a play called 'Money can't buy you Wombats. Arts is lots of fun this term. **Lochie**

This term we have been doing Drama for Arts. My group has written a script called 'The Three Richest Pigs' and it's nearly finished. Arts is amazing because you can use your imagination. **Nicholas**

I have enjoyed arts because it is fun. We are writing a script for a play. My groups play is called 'Don't Mine at Night'. There are four people in my group. **Nazanin**  
I have loved Arts this term because it has let me use my imagination and be creative. Our play is from a song on you tube about not mining at night. We are working well as a group. **Sebi**

## Japanese

We have been learning about Japanese school and what's in the student's bags. We have been trying to get sushi stickers for having a good lesson. I like Japanese because it's fun and I am learning another language. **Asia**

Some examples of objects found in Japanese student bags are a fudebako which is a pencil case, a hon which is a book in reading and nooto is note book. I think Japanese is great because Lucas present it in an interesting way. **Jordan**

This term we have learnt about the schools in Japan. My favourite thing was playing games for Japanese New Year. **Jesse**

## SPECIAL DAYS

### • **Anti- Bullying Day**

Anti- bullying day was on 17<sup>th</sup> March. The slogan is 'Bullying No Way'. We learnt about the different types of bullying and how to stop bullying from happening.

### **Emelia**

We made a poster to show that bullying is not okay. We all got a wrist band that said, "Bullying No Way Take a Stand Together." I learnt that bullying can be - cyber bullying, physical or verbal. **Chelsea**

17<sup>th</sup> March was National Anti- Bullying day. We made a poster to show that it is not okay to bully people and ways we can help. **Lana**

### • **Harmony Day**

Harmony day colour is orange and lots of students wore orange. We went to Site East to have a picnic lunch with our buddies which are Desi's Year 2s. Harmony day is a day of peace, joy and friendship. **Thomas**

On Harmony Day, we wore orange and traditional clothes. We did brainstormed words related to harmony – e.g. diversity. **Kaity**



Visual Art- Being creative with our names

