

NEWSLETTER



*Growing Caring,
Couragous and
Responsible minds*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hayley Styles

Wow. We are at the end of Term 2 already. This term feels like it's flown by!

We had a nice, casual farewell with Ryan last week. The students made him a lovely book to keep and we wished him all the very best on where ever his new ventures take him.

We also had a rushed farewell with Michelle on Friday as she escaped VIC early to commence her long service leave. She will be away, travelling Aus. with her family until later in Term 3. Our amazing Sam will jump into the office on Mondays and Wednesdays, with Diana, the Business Manager from Kinglake PS, set to pop in on Fridays. Tracey will be taking Sam's roll as classroom support during this time.

We are so excited to announce that we have been successful in receiving 2 grants from Landcare and Nillumbik Shire, totalling \$6500.

We will be using this money to upgrade our vege garden and build a food share stand for local community produce.

Check out the final page of the newsletter for our Term 3 activity dates. The students are certainly looking forward to their Crazy Hair Day and 4/5/6 Camp! The Acting Principal role has now been advertised so we hope to meet the successful applicant at the start of next term.

We have had a few events rescheduled recently due to Covid, so we're hoping to be able to hold Swimming and a Taiko drumming workshop in Term 4, as well as 2/3 Camp in October.

If I don't see you this week, have an amazing and relaxing Winter break with your families! I look forward to seeing your smiling faces when we come back next term.

UPCOMING DATES

Mon. June 21 10:30am
Come and Try - Music with Jayden

Fri. June 25
- Reports Home

- Last Day. 2:30pm Finish

Term 3 Dates

Week 1

Monday July 12

First day back at School

Wed. July 15

P-6 Melb. Zoo Excursion

Week 2

- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Crazy Hair Day

See the last page for more details.

How great do our new t-shirts look!!



CLASSROOM NEWS



4/5/6's Pete Cromer inspired Art display

4/5/6 NEWS

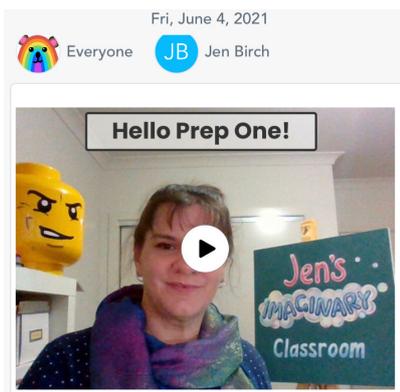
with Tyler Ellis

After a tumultuous few weeks, the Grade 4/5/6's have really shown great resilience and courageousness when facing all of the challenges of remote learning. They have settled back into (onsite) school life well.

This week, as a whole class, we have taken the opportunity of our collective fresh start to come up with a vision for both what our classroom and learning should look like. The students had MANY ideas, quite a few of which got vetoed as they were rather imaginative but for the most part I now have a clear idea of what the students want and will do my best to deliver.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the class over the past few days and I am already starting to see all their amazing quirks and personalities. As well as, having my own quirks and personality traits pointed out to me, having already been assigned the nickname 'Tidy Tyler'.

Lastly, a huge thank you to every student in the class for making me feel so welcome. I cannot wait to find out what the rest of the year will bring and I know we will have lots of fun along the way.



PREP/1 NEWS

with Jen Birch

It was so exciting to all be back together at school on Friday, after two weeks of remote learning. Well done everybody for your adaptability throughout the two weeks, getting your children to Google meets and on Seesaw to continue their learning whilst at home.

Since returning to school, we have settled quickly back into our usual routines and are loving spending time learning face to face!

Thanks to Jadon Atkinson, our student teacher, who extended his placement to gain more experience after lockdown changed the nature of his time in the Prep One room. Jadon put together some great revision slideshows to share with students online during the first week of lockdown too.



2/3 NEWS

with Carla & Hayley

Well done 2/3's on some wonderful remote learning achievements. We are so happy to be back at school together again! This week we have been focusing on 3D shapes and completing our narrative stories. Watch our space for our completed Narratives to go on display by the end of the term!

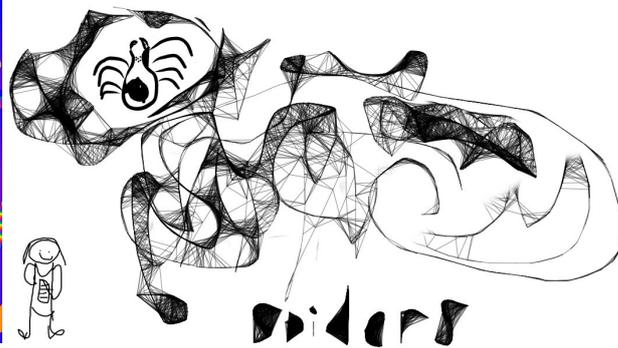
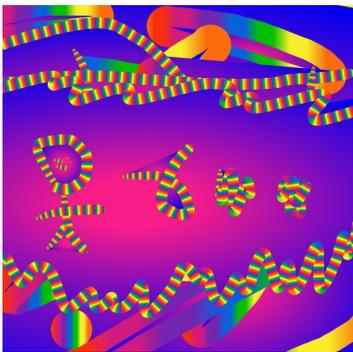
We had a great end to the week with Hayley. It turns out she has a lot of amazing computer skills that the 2/3's are going to enjoy learning and putting into practise in class.

We also enjoyed some amazing family heritage class presentations! A huge shout out to Hazel for her creative use of music snippets to tell her family story!

SPECIALIST CORNER

STEM with Chan

In the second last week of term we were all about the joys of online drawing programs. We learned about how to design something that communicates a message clearly and explored existing company designs to see how they do it. The older students then designed a presentation on what their company is, how it helps the world and how their logo reflects the values of the company. The younger students had a go at learning how these online drawing programs work, including navigating to them safely and paying attention to detail when typing up URLs. Some of the logos and company ideas were phenomenal as you'll see to the right.



JAPANESE with Kerry

Remote Learning

Well done to those students who were involved in Japanese during Remote Learning. We had fun during our Japanese meet - learning Heads, Shoulders, Knees & Toes in Japanese, followed by a game of Atama or Shippo (Heads or Tails). Congratulations to Skye who definitely had the winners touch.

I hope families enjoyed the Japanese tasks at home,

Prep/1 Kanji numbers creations

2/3 Birdseye classroom design, and

4/5/6 Japanese city tourist spot research.



ECHIDNA COUNCIL UPDATE

What a great meeting we had with our Echidna Council Reps this week. We have grand plans!!

We've decided to reschedule our special day to next term. We're going to hold a CRAZY HAIR day to raise money for animal welfare, THEN we're going to run a hat fundraiser to get ourselves some cool caps and raise funds for the Cancer Council.

We're also looking to reopen the Canteen AND start Breakfast Club!! We're going to need parent helpers so please keep an eye out for our notes and let Hayley know if you can help us make any of our dreams happen!

PARENT PAGE

SCHOOL COUNCIL SUMMARY with President Robert Powers

Hello everyone,

we're starting this spot to help bridge a gap in communication between the School's Council, administration, and wider community. I'm hoping to mention things from a parent's perspective and maybe highlight some of the things that otherwise go unnoticed or unexplained.

To get us started, some appreciation – thanks again to all the parents and staff who pitched in on the working bee last month! Great work! We've still got plenty to do and will organize another next month, July 30th. If you're super-keen otherwise, talk to me and we'll organize some outstanding jobs for after-hours & to your schedule.

Staffing – Ryan's departure was a blindside to everyone. At the Council meeting this week, Hayley explained her rationale for all of the changes that needed to happen as a result. We spoke at length about budgets, personal backgrounds, options, future scenarios, and solutions. After all that was hashed out, it was unanimously agreed that what we've got coming is the very best result out the situation. There was a *lot* of other talk about the transition plans in advance of Hayley's mat-leave as well. It seems to be in-hand.

Social – Some of the ladies have been organizing nights at the pub to socialise. Blokes, we're going to do this too. I'll organize something in the next month and it will be grouse to have a grouse.

Communication – We're going to do arranged meeting times where at least one of the School Council representatives and Hayley will be available to talk. Thoughts, questions and Issues raised there will be put on the agenda for the next meeting if they need further attention. We'll start this next month on Monday 19th July from 2:25-3:25PM.

A reminder that if you ever have questions or thoughts, you are welcome to come and chat to any of our School Council members. We have also nominated parent classroom reps if you'd like to talk about class specific ideas or questions. **Class Reps:** P/1: Jane Courtier, 2/3: Ingrid Oosterhuis, 4/5/6: Elise McColl

School Council Members: Gabriel Baldessin, Steph Ryan, Theo Vouthas, Teagan Baillie and Chan Ruwandeniya.

Our next School Council meeting is Wednesday July 28th @ 3:45PM.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're looking at getting a few new programs up and running next term. If you're interested in taking part in helping the Echidna Council restart of our **Canteen** or **Breakfast Club**, please reach out to one of our School Council Members or staff.

As of next term, we should also be able to recommence;

- Class Helpers - eg. Morning Reading
- Wednesday Gardening

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TERM THREE @ STAPS

Come along, celebrate our student's learning and join in the fun!

Melbourne Zoo Excursion - Wed July 14

Echidna Council Crazy Hair Day - Date TBC

School Council - July 28 & Aug. 30

Tree Planting Day - July 30

Working Bee - Fri. July 30

Science Open Night - Wed. Aug. 4

Book Fair - starts Aug. 18

'Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems' - Wed. Aug. 25

Book Week Celebration - Fri. Aug. 27 9am

4/5/6 Camp to Cooriemungle - Sept. 6-11 dates TBC

Creative Artists Community Showcase - Thu. Sept 16

Assemblies - Even Weeks. Friday @ 3pm

Come and Try Sessions -

July 23 @ 10am

Storytime

Aug 9 @ 2:30

Wellbeing

Aug 27 @ 9:15

Book Week

Holidays Start - Fri. Sept 18 at 2:30pm