TERM 3
WEEK 8
12/9/25

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a joy it was to see our hall filled with smiling faces at this morning's Special Person's Breakfast. The sense of connection and belonging was truly heart-warming. A huge thank you to our tireless P&C team who, once again, made sure everyone's cups were full — in every sense of the word! I know I often say this, but the effort of those who give their time to create these memorable moments is deeply appreciated.

This week we were delighted to receive over $5,000 worth of new library books, all carefully chosen by our students and supplied through our P & C fundraising efforts. What a wonderful way for our children to see their voices shaping our school. With only a few P&C events left for the year, we're looking for one or two extra hands to join our Christmas Tree Fundraiser crew. It's an easy way to get involved in a friendly, well-organised group — and as research shows, volunteering lifts happiness, reduces stress, and builds lasting friendships. The buzz in the hall this morning was living proof of that!

A quick reminder: In Week 3 next term (20 October), we will hold another Parent–Teacher meeting day, as requested by families last year.

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SEPTEMBER

Happy Birthday to :

Charlie H
Xander
Leo
Emma
Amelia
Micah B
Ruby F
George
Jaylah
Winter
Dom
Paige
Broc
Ruben M

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Continued ...

Booking forms will be sent out at the beginning of term. Students aren't required at school that day, but we encourage them to join the conversation if you feel it's appropriate — it's a wonderful way to celebrate their progress together.

As we move toward the end of the year, many families are preparing for the upcoming social media ban for under-16s. I've been reading The Anxious Generation to better understand the reasons behind these changes and support my own child. To make the transition easier, we're planning to phase out one platform per month — perhaps this approach might be helpful in your home too.

A gentle reminder: our school is fortunate to have such a dedicated, caring staff team. Please continue to treat them with the respect they deserve. If you need to raise a concern, we kindly ask that you arrange a meeting and outline the topic in advance. Should you still feel unresolved, you are always welcome to speak with me directly. Working together with kindness helps us keep our focus where it belongs — on supporting every student to thrive.

Finally, I must celebrate the wonderful reading commitment happening in our Foundation classrooms. Some of our youngest learners (and their families) have read for more than 175 nights this year! While teaching children to read is our role, your time listening to them makes all the difference. Thank you for valuing and encouraging this special part of their learning journey.

Wishing every family a safe and happy break — and heartfelt thanks for the positivity, generosity, and partnership you continue to bring to our school community.

FOUNDATION HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

This week we are learning new digraphs (two letters that make one sound) with this week's digraph being /sh/ and next week's /ch/. In writing we are learning about the conjunction because that joins two sentences together ane tells us why something happens. In Core Knowledge we are still learning about the different continents adding South America to last week's continents.

Numeracy

This week we have been learning about mass, and continue to work on counting, skip counting and number sense.

Extra

Well, here we are at the end of Term 3! We only have one term left as Foundations and then on to Year 1. It seems so quick yet they have come so far.

Reminders

With Tracey Gray absent, I will be cooking with the older children on a Thursday. Because of this, reader changeover will take place on Mondays until the end of term. Could you please ensure the readers come to school every Monday. Many thanks.

Upcoming Events

Friday 19th - Dress up Day - House activity
Friday 19th - Term 3 ends at 2.30pm

Specialist

Monday: Music
Tuesday: Science/Art
Thursday: PE

JOKE

I had a list of jobs to do but I only did jobs 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9. I only do odd jobs!

YEAR 1/2 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

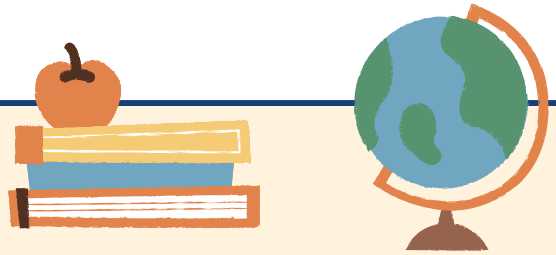
What We Learned

Literacy

This term our major English learning has been the Novel'Fantastic Mr Fox', a novel study looks at the language conventions of narrative writing, literary techniques, grammar and the enjoyment of stories. Roald Dahl is an amazing Author and is very engaging for young learners, and it has been wonderful to see the students enjoy this terms' learning.

Numeracy

This week in Maths we have been focusing on fractions. Students have worked incredibly hard on finding fractions of shapes and collections from halves to quarters and even eighths. We wrapped up the week by designing our own pizzas, writing cup measurements for ingredients, folding paper to represent our ingredients and gluing them into our books. It has been a fun and hands-on way to explore fractions. Ask your child about their pizza design and even make them with them!



Reminders

Children will experience the most success in reading when school and home work together, so please ensure that Reader cases come to school every Monday

Upcoming Events

Friday 19th - Dress up day - House Activity.
Friday 19th - Term 3 ends at 2.30pm.

Specialist

Monday: Music
Wednesday: Science/Art
Thursday: PE

JOKE

What kind of room doesn't have windows or a door?
A mushroom

YEAR 3/4 HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

What We Learned

Literacy

We have continued our novel study of Roald Dahl's *Matilda*, where we are exploring adverbs and the construction of a narrative. Alongside this, students have been discovering and using new vocabulary specific to the novel and focusing on building handwriting fluency to improve the flow and presentation of their writing.

Numeracy

This week we have begun revisiting angles and consolidating our understanding of right, obtuse, and acute angles. Students have explored how to identify and classify these angles in different shapes and contexts, helping to strengthen their confidence in everyday examples.

Extra

We are on the countdown to camp, not many sleeps now! Please make sure your child is mindful in





Reminders

Please continue to listen to your student/s read and have them bring back their folders every **Thursday** (please note new day for checking). It really is helping them increase their fluency so thank you for the home support!

Upcoming Events

15-17/9 = School Camp @ Cave Hill Creek

19/9 = Last day Term 3, 2.30pm finish

Specialist

Tue: Science, Art, Music
Wed: P.E.
Thur: EVEN cooking, ODD garden (just until Term 4)

JOKE

Q: Why did the student bring a ladder to school camp?

A: Because they heard the camp activities were on *a whole new level*!

YEAR 5/6
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

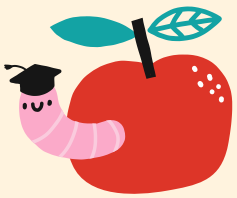
What We Learned

Literacy

Our learning about the Australian Government is coming to an end. Clerks, ministers, Hansard reporters and the Legislative Council.
We have been really enjoying our Business and Economics lessons. Our understanding of 'value' is deepening as we learn about scarcity, supply and demand, and types of resources. Our advertising task is also proving to be a winner. Students have designed and advertised their own shoes whilst following a strict budget and criteria.

Numeracy

The scales have been out and, like a few AFL coaches, things have been in the balance. The hands-on approach with these class resources has had our students well engaged. Converting units of measurement from millilitres to litres has been a firm focus throughout these tasks. We are now moving into the often dreaded concept of division!





Reminders

Upcoming Events

18/9 = Hoop Time
19/9 = Last day Term 3, 2.30pm finish

Specialist

Tues - Music
Wed - Art, Science, PE
Thurs - Cooking



PE
HOMEROOM HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES:

Hoop Time Yr 5/6 - Thursday 18th September Warrnambool
Division Hoop Time Yr 3/4 20th October Hamilton

WHAT WE LEARNED:
We have been back in the Hall for the last few weeks and the refurbished floor looks fantastic. Our Unit of focus has been Gymnastics, lots of balancing, springing, rolling and swinging! I love to set movement challenges in PE and Gymnastics is the perfect conduit for students to try new movement skills and techniques. They never cease to amaze me at how quickly and eagerly they give things a go.

Our 3/4 ‘s had a great day at their Hoop Time session a few weeks back. Our Year 6 “Super Coaches” did a fantastic job of managing their teams for the day, thanks coaches! Congratulations to our Girls Future Stars team (FIREBIRDS), won their final and have the opportunity to play in the Divisional competition in Hamilton on 20th October, well done girls: Sybil, Winnie, Bronte, Mia, Charlotte.K, Indigo and Charlotte.T

Our rescheduled 5/6 Hoop Time is next Thursday, if you haven’t yet approved your child’s attendance please do so. This is such a great day, very inclusive and heaps of fun. If you can come and support our teams, we’d love to see you! Unfortunately Basketball Victoria hasn’t completed the draw as yet, I will forward one to parents and carers as soon as it has been supplied.

Brooke Green - Physical Education Coordinator.

- ½ onion, finely diced

INSTRUCTIONS

Special burger sauce

1. To make the sauce, add all the ingredients to a small bowl, mix well to combine and set aside.

Tacos

1. To make the tacos, divide the minced (ground) beef into 8 equal portions. Working with one portion at a time, spread the beef over 1 tortilla, leaving just a 5 mm (¼ inch) border around the edge. The beef will shrink as it cooks, so try and get the beef as close to the edge as possible. Repeat with the remaining beef and tortillas.
2. Heat a large, heavy-based frying pan over medium–high heat.
3. Sprinkle each beef-topped tortilla with salt and pepper right before cooking (do not add the salt and pepper until you are ready to cook, as it can make the beef tough).
4. Spray the frying pan lightly with olive oil, then carefully place a tortilla in the frying pan, meat-side down. Cook for 2–3 minutes, then flip and cook for a further 15–20 seconds. If there is still residual liquid around the beef, flip it again and cook it for a further 30–60 seconds. Once the beef is cooked to your liking, flip the tortilla beef-side up and place a slice of cheese on top. Remove the tortilla from the heat – the heat from the beef will melt the cheese. Repeat with the remaining tortillas. I normally cook two tortillas at a time. Keep them warm in a 120°C (250°F) (100°C/200°F fan-forced) oven if needed, or top them and serve immediately.
5. Top each taco with lettuce, pickles, onion and the special burger sauce.

NOTES

Note 1 – Regular minced (ground) beef from the supermarket (20% fat) is great for juicy Big Mac Tacos but can be difficult to work with, as it releases a lot of liquid and oil, causing the tacos to go soggy and burn too quickly on the outside. Lean minced beef releases less oil and is my preference, creating juicy, crisp results.

MAKE AHEAD

Special burger sauce – Can be made ahead of time. Combine the ingredients and refrigerate for up to 3 days.

LEFTOVERS

Big Mac Tacos are best made and eaten immediately. Not suitable to freeze.

Author: Nicole *Prep Time:* 10 minutes *Cook Time:* 16 minutes

Observe BETLS.

Our observations can help us know, recogniseand understand a child or young person's mental health.

Behaviours



Emotions



Thoughts



Learning



Social relationships



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With delivery partners: Early Childhood Australia, headspace

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Weekly Award Winners

This weeks awards will be presented at the first assembly of Term 4, in the school hall at 2:55pm.

FV - Delilah Dempsey
For your cheerful attitude and infectious laugh which brings a smile to everyone in our classroom. Your intelligent contributions to classroom discussions help everyone learn and your enthusiasm for learning makes you a wonderful role model in our class. Thank you, Delilah. You're one in a million!

1/2D - Ruby Finnegan
For the calm, thoughtful, and determined way you approach each day. You consistently give your best and you lead by example. Your respectful attitude and steady commitment to learning do not go unnoticed. Keep up the great work Ruby!

1/2M - Felicity Arthurs
For the kindness you show to everyone in our class. Your easy-going, friendly and caring nature makes our classroom such a wonderful place to be each day. You approach your learning with a great attitude and are always willing to help those around you. Thank you, Felicity!

3/4I - Poppi Brown
A natural coder! It was incredible watching you create your own ping pong game on Scratch - you made it look easy! Thank you for your kindness in helping your peers with their coding, and for your resilience when your code accidentally got deleted and you had to start again!

3/4I
Ameila Bishop
For your hard work each and every day, both at school and at home. You consistently try your best and persevere when it gets hard and that is a credit to your resilience! Your hard work is apparent in the progress you are making. Well done!

3/4W - Archie
For your caring and compassionate nature. You are always looking out for those around you, offering kindness, support, and encouragement to your teachers and peers. Your thoughtfulness makes our classroom a positive and welcoming place for everyone.

5/6A - Giselle Carreon
For being a kind and supportive friend. You encourage others and are always ready to offer help when it is needed. Your thoughtfulness and care of your friends make our classroom a happier and more caring place. Thank you for showing such kindness every day!

5/6M - Dom Huntly
You have settled seamlessly into our classroom, forming friendships, using initiative and demonstrating the characteristics of an excellent student. The effort you put into your work is exceptional and thorough. Even though you barrack for Carlton, you're welcome to stay with us!

ONE LITTLE KOALA.
ONE BIG STORY.
ONE URGENT MESSAGE.

Maxie's Adventures



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FOR AGES 12-25 | 10AM TO 3PM BOTH DAYS

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A Whimsical Fairy House Trail

Fairy Party

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Fiddlers Green, Port Fairy

| Music | Bubbles | Fairy Floss |

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Wednesday 1st October
10:30 am to 11:30 am
$10 per child



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All ages welcome.

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10:30 am to 11:30 am
$10 per child

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