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Echidna class has had a busy term 4. All the students loved reading “Alexander’s Outing”. They were very engaged and showed so much enthusiasm when acting out their favourite parts of the story. We were able to tie the story in with a science unit all about ducks. As the students learnt about crossing the road safely, we able to use these skills to walk to the local park and feed the ducks. It was a great day for a Picnic. Echidna class have become great little artists over the past term. All of the students enjoyed getting dirty and mixing paints. We celebrated the end of the year with a trip to the movies, where we enjoyed popcorn and treats. Echidna has been working hard to learn to play percussion instruments and play as a band. We are really excited to show what rock stars we have become at this year’s family fun day. It has been a wonderful term teaching Echidna Class! It was lovely to see what friendships the students have made over the year. The Megan’s wish all the students and their families a very happy holiday and all the best in the new year!
It is this time of year where final results of our work are evaluated and reports are written. I am pleased and very proud of the achievements made by all Wallaby Class students but specifically those, who arrived at our school for the first time this year. It was such a pleasure to be a part of Jonah’s and Rishant’s transition, and transformation into valued members of Mary Brooksbank School. We also have to congratulate this years winners of Wallaby Class Awards, which were announced at the Presentation Assembly. The Academic Achievement Award went to Liam Sorensen for progress in expressive communication and the Overall Achievement Award was presented to Elijah Isaacs for consistent improvement in all educational programs. Jonah Ross has been recognised for great improvement in using Information Communication Technology at school.

Whole school gardening program has started in term four and all students are participating with curiosity and great enthusiasm.

Wallaby Class students are currently creating lots of festive decorations and practicing our item, which will be performed for parents on MBS Family Fun Day.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Safe and Happy Christmas break.
Ewa and Myriam
I am very proud of the achievements of the Kookaburra class students this year, William, Trinity, Lucas, Tylah, Bill and Samuel have all had a great term and are excited we are finally in December - when Santa comes!

This term, we read the book ‘Far, Far from Home,’ a story about a firefly who meets other insects, whilst trying to find his way home. We also continued to practice writing letters and learning sight words. In Science and Art, we learnt about different insects and created an artwork about them each week.

In Mathematics, the students enjoyed hands on activities as we learnt about addition, reading the time and filling containers to show empty, half full and full.

In Week 3, we enjoyed a performance from Musica Viva, getting to play along with instruments.

Week 7 saw the Kookaburra class having a ball at the water play activities at the sport carnival and in week 8 we ventured to the duck pond, where we fed the ducks and used butterfly nets to catch bubbles and insects.

In week 9, the Kookaburra’s went on a combined infants excursion were we all went to the cinemas and ate popcorn whilst watching the movie ‘Hotel in Transylvania 2.’

Wishing all families a safe holiday and a happy Christmas and New Year. Bianca, Chris and Sharisse.
We have been reading the book ‘Christmas Wombat’ by Jackie French. Koala students enjoyed listening to the story. We thought it was funny that Santa’s reindeer had to battle with Mothball the wombat for the carrots left out for them by the local children. Koala students enjoyed creating lots of artwork related to the story.

Students from the Koala, Kookaburra and Echidna classes enjoyed the excursion of walking to the duck pond. We liked having a picnic lunch and loved feeding pellets to the ducks.

All Infants students liked the excursion to the movies. We were excited to travel in the school bus to the cinema. We enjoyed watching the movie ‘Hotel Transylvania 2’. We thought the movie was funny and laughed with our friends.
Emu students have continued to keep busy over term 4. The students are performing a flower-dying experiment. Everyone had a huge amount of fun, and we ended up with some lovely coloured flowers!

Thursday of Week 7 was the first ever Water Sports Carnival and was a huge success. Luckily it was a hot day because few people escaped the day without a good soaking! Jacquie even showed students the art of ambushing photographers! It was terrific to see so many parents participate too.

Chris H and Marlene have given up part of their Tuesday's to spend time with most classes working in the senior garden. Emu students planted seeds and have watered the garden plots over the last few weeks. They have had a great time, and would like to thank the staff that have gone to the effort to assist them.

Emu students have studied 2 and 3 dimensional shapes in Mathematics, and Mitchell is holding a play dough sphere he made in class. Pio has been blindfolded for a Science experiment in which he had to guess what food he was tasting. I think he is tasting a banana in this photo. Britney is helping to create a class Christmas wreath using students' traced hands, and Mitchell thought it might be funny to pretend he was a lion with the finished product!

Week 7 was the week that Emu Class performed for Assembly. They danced to Dr Hook's Walk Right In wearing incredibly bright coloured wigs. Great job by all performers, including a late minute extra from Bottlebrush Class. The Emus were extremely entertaining and received many compliments.
Emu students love to learn - but they also love to have fun. We created some very interesting and colourful creations when Emma brought in a special camera that gives some exciting special effects. Emus posed while Emma learned a few new things about her camera. Everybody had lots of fun!

Jacquie and Emma would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a safe and restful break. We would also like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the holiday season and indeed the entire period with your families. We feel most privileged to have had the chance to work so closely with your children this year. We look forward to catching up with you all in the new school year in 2016.

Take care Jacquie and Emma.
This term has flown by with lots happening for the end of the year. All the students in Bilby class have been participating in a range of activities including full and empty and lengths in maths, lifecycles in science, local places in HSIE and Christmas craft for creative arts. The students have enjoyed looking at maps of where they live using Google Maps and then matching the pictures. The students have been choosing different books to read and have been increasing their time sitting and listening to short picture books our favourite being ‘Where Going on a Bear Hunt’.

Students and staff of Bilby Class would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Kangaroo Class have enjoyed 4th term. We have had a lot of fun and interesting events this term. We have started gardening with Christine and Marlene and hopefully we will have produce that we can use when we cook early next year. One event we especially enjoyed this term was the water sports carnival even though we were all very wet at the end.

All students have tried their best in their learning and have achieved some good results in all Key Learning Areas. We are very proud of them and it has been great to see them all engaged in their learning and becoming more independent.

Two of our students will be moving to high school next year and we are sure both Denzel and Dakota will enjoy the next part of their schooling and we wish them all the best.

All staff on Kangaroo Class wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday and all the best for 2016. Looking forward to seeing everyone back next year.
Melaleuca Class

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The boys of Melaleuca have had a fantastic term to finish up the year. We have had fun participating in whole school programs such as the water sports carnival, Musica Viva and the high school movie day.

And of course the continuation of our class programs such as community access, swimming, science and using technology such as Lego We Do and mini laptops.

The Melaleuca boys and staff would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays. See you all in 2016.
Bottlebrush Class

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It is truly hard to believe we are already at the end of another year; it only feels like a short time ago we were all getting to know each other in Bottlebrush class. Colby, Goziem, Nicholas and Zachary have worked extremely hard this year and enjoyed many successful moments in their learning and social development. Dot and I are very proud of their achievements and wish to thank them for such an amazing year.

As we all know, Term 4 is always quite hectic and this term has not been an exception. We continued learning about dangerous creatures in Science. After completing the top 10 most dangerous creatures in Australia all four boys chose an animal from around the world identified as a dangerous creature to learn about.

In Geography the boys learnt about oceans of the world and found out the deepest point of the earth lies in the Pacific Ocean and the longest mountain range in the world is actually well below sea level in the Atlantic Ocean. Each week they created artworks of creatures found in the oceans we explored.

I think it is safe to say the highlight of Term 4 was the Sports Carnival. This was not your regular sports; it was a water themed carnival! Goziem found out how tricky it is to balance a water balloon on a small racquet but he managed to get to the pool without dropping it (he was walking verrry slowly). Colby and Nicholas had a fantastic time at the water squirmish activity. They were both dripping wet and laughing (a lot) but the activity ended well with them remaining good mates. Colby had a moment of glory when he ruined Jen’s chances of remaining dry! Oops, sorry Jen, maybe someone suggested the idea to him?

Another fantastic memory of the term was when Zachary had his own moment to shine and show his amazing talent on the QANTAS Credit Union Arena stage for Schools Spectacular, 2015. He boogied with the best in his bright orange costume (complete with orange hair). We think he looked out of this world!

We have had a fantastic year and it has been a pleasure having Colby, Goziem, Nicholas and Zachary together in Bottlebrush class. We wish them and their families a safe, peaceful and happy holiday and look forward to seeing them in 2016!

Mandy and Dot
WOW! What a busy term it has been in Grevillea Class. All the boys have worked exceptionally hard throughout all units of work as well as having lots of fun on the way.

This term we have been studying the book ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’. We got to make a range of artworks that ran alongside this book, enjoyed singing to the songs throughout the movie and made our own version of Wonka Bars… I think this was everyone’s favourite part.

In Science we became scientists and participated in a range of experiments including making volcanoes, blowing up balloons with Co2 and making lava lamps. All of the boys in Grevillea Class thoroughly enjoyed these experiments and did great work in following all of the steps involved.

This term has also been one with lots of great activities. We have continued to go out on community access and have embarked further on our journey into the community. The boys all really enjoyed going to Park Central and cooking a sausage sizzle. They also enjoyed playing on the fitness equipment at the park.

Lastly, the boys have thoroughly enjoyed all of the event days we have had this term. These included our water sports carnival, high school movie day and of course they are looking forward to the Christmas Fun Day.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with all the Grevillea’s this year. They have all put in so much hard work and deserve every minute of their holidays.
Term 4 was an action packed term in Banksia. We had the Water Sports Carnival which saw everyone get absolutely soaked and have great fun. The water pistols seemed to be a crowd favourite and there was no-one dry by the end of the carnival. Tianii enjoyed covering herself with water from the sponges and Emma B, Emma M, Mariah and Joanne threw a lot of water balloons at the staff but unfortunately, many did not hit their intended targets. Kristy seemed to take refuge in the hammock, well away from the ever-popping, water-spilling balloons.

Banksia class also had a lot of fun on Community Access at Yummy Cafe and Campbelltown City Bowl. Every student really liked going to Yummy Cafe and were really well looked after. Kristy and Amal showed plenty of enthusiasm when trying to knock down the pins and developed a range of skills in bowling as a leisure activity. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed Ten Pin Bowling and the hot chips and cordial at the end were definitely worth the wait.

One of the highlights of this term was the Banksia Class camp. Four of the students stayed overnight in Banksia classroom with Cindy and myself, after having Yum Cha in the city and then going to the movies. The next day all of Bansia class participated in art and dancing activities in the hall and a well deserved afternoon nap. Cindy and I were very lucky during the night because all of the students were asleep by 9.00pm and didn't wake us at all until 7.30am the next morning! Woohoo!

I would like to take this opportunity to mention the hard work of Cindy and Natalie throughout the year to help make Banksia classroom one of adventure, fun and excitement. Well done to Joanne, Tianii, Emma B, Kristy, Mariah, Emma M and Amal for their hard work and sense of fun throughout each term. 2015 has truly been a wonderful year in Banksia class and I hope all of the students and their families have a fantastic holiday season.
How fast the year has gone. This semester, the boys have been very busy with their programs. On Tuesday this term, our older students have participated in a new program with Share Care. This program allows students to start to make a break from school. They are picked up and returned to school by Share Care.

In term 3 we had five students go to work experience at Afford Industries. This was a long day for the students and they learnt about work outside of school. The students who attended from our class were Joseph, Tomasi, Anthony and Nicholas. Well done guys.

A highlight for the end of term was the school formal. Tomasi, Frani, Caylon and Anthony were so excited about the “party”. They had a fabulous night and danced non-stop.

Marlene and I would like to thank the families for their continued support throughout the year. We wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday break.

Marlene and Christine
Wattle Class

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Merry Christmas from Wattle Class