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NEWSLETTER
Echidna Class Newsletter

Our Echidna staff is Erin and Megan

Echidna students are Tylah, Tyler, Nathan, Jay, Joshua, Nour and Ishaan.

The Echidna class has enjoyed a variety of activities this term and have settled in really well to the classroom routine. We have enjoyed and learnt about “Mr Gumpy’s Outing”, number, sensory room activities, sport, swimming, arts and crafts, science (floating and sinking) and HSIE (meeting needs).

Students learnt about the different animals within the story and enjoyed acting out the story with puppets.

We also learnt about floating and sinking objects with Megan Mulder on Tuesday Afternoons.

Our students love visiting the sensory room as well as enjoying sensory activities in the classroom.
We love our gross motor developmental play both indoors and outdoors.

We are starting to read and relax in the afternoons.

I hope you have a lovely Easter and a safe holiday break.
Wallaby Class Newsletter

Term 1 has certainly been a busy one. The Wallaby students are having fun learning about letters of the alphabet and their sounds. During match to sample activity they are practicing recognising the first sound of the word.

We are visiting the Multimedia room once a week to learn about different musical instruments and the sound they make. Students have the opportunity to experiment with sound using the iPads and the students create their own music with assistance.

Wishing all my families a happy Easter and hope you enjoy your holiday.

Ewa & Myriam
Meet the Koala Class

Freda  Aziz  Kiddi  Tabitha  Addison  Joshua  Coby  Eric & Aleksandra

During week 1, we have been settling into the class routine and we have spent lots of time learning each other’s name and getting to know each other.

We have begun reading Danny in the Toybox by Richard Tulloch. All of our students have worked hard to identify how the main character, Danny, is feeling and who tries to help Danny overcome his anger.

Joshua celebrated his 8th birthday this week. We all enjoyed the party, especially eating cake and playing a game of Pass the Parcel.

On Clean Up Australia Day, we enjoyed making box puppets using empty cereal boxes. We had lots of fun!

We love swimming! All Koala students look forward to their weekly swimming lesson.
We have been investigating how different toys move in the unit of work Toys. We all had a turn at twirling a hula hoop around our waist. We found it tricky but had loads of fun trying to keep the hoop in motion.

Each week Koala students enjoy our social group lessons. We practice skills such as sharing, requesting items and engaging with activities with another person. The most popular activities have been slime and play-dough, animal sound cards and reader, pop-culture dominoes and plastic jungle animals.

Have a safe and enjoyable break and we look forward to a fantastic Term2.

Freda & Aleksandra
Kookaburra Class has had a wonderful start to the first term. William, Samuel, Lucas, Trinity, Bill and Tyler are working hard in class activities and following rules and routines throughout the day.

In English, we read the book “Titch” and also enjoyed other English activities, including the alphabet and letter sounds, writing our names, reading and writing sight words and PM readers.

In Maths we learnt about numbers, shapes, colours, graphing information and days of the week.

In Science, we learnt about Livings things. In HSIE, we enjoyed the topic ‘This is Me’

Students in Kookaburra class enjoy sensory developmental play. Have a happy Easter and a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Bianca, Chris and Sharisse
Emu Class students settled very quickly into a new school year and they have already achieved so much. The 2015 line up for Emu Class includes Britney, Mitchell, Bailey, Monica, Pio, Daniel and Eman.

Emu students celebrated Daniel’s birthday in style (pictured above) and a week later it was Jacquie’s turn. Emu Class recently performed in the Week 9 assembly to the Skyhooks' ‘Horror Movie’ in which they danced as monsters coming out of a TV set. They were fabulous!

Somehow, we still find time to produce some fine work. In literacy, we have been reading “Grandpa and Thomas and the Green Umbrella”, and we have been learning about Time in Maths, about the Weather in Science, and all about Australia for History. All Emu students have been working very hard and have completed some terrific work! Pictured above is the Emu class castle created entirely from recycled goods, and then painted up a great group effort!
The class continue to work hard on their writing skills each morning, except on Thursdays when they are outside with Matt Jones for Sport. Swimming on Monday's is also a popular activity. Borrowing books from the library is our Wednesday escape from the classroom, and on Fridays Emus either enjoy a visit to the Media room to use the iPad Band or go to the hall to perform or be spectators of the sensational MBS Has Got Talent. Never a dull moment for the Emu's!

We wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break, and look forward to working with the Emu students again in Term 2.

Emma and Jacquie.
Term 1 has flown by fast and Bilby class has had a busy term with lots of wonderful activities. The students have settled well into the new school year and are enjoying each other’s company.

We have been reading “Rosie’s Walk” by Pat Hutchins in our Accelerated Literacy program. The students have enjoyed watching an animated version of the story as well as listening to the story as it is read to them during literacy lessons.

Bilby class have been working through the alphabet one letter at a time and enjoying painting pictures that represent each letter, working through a program on the interactive whiteboard and matching symbols that start with each letter.

In maths lessons this term we have been working on numbers 1-10 and two-dimensional shapes. Students have listened to songs about counting and shapes, as well as interacting with and matching different shapes and numbers.

Bilby class have been working through a booklet ‘This is Me’ which covers different aspects of each student including name, things they like to do, what their hand and foot print looks like and hair and eye colour. The students have participated in celebrating different events this term including Clean up Australia Day, St Patricks Day, Harmony Day and the Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to Sandra and Kylie for a wonderful Term. Hope all the students and their families have a lovely relaxing break and we will see you all next term.

Shauna , Sandra , Kylie and the Bilby’s
Kangaroo Class Newsletter

Kangaroo students have settled well into their new routines and with their new classmates. All students are trying hard to work well and to the best of their ability. This term we have worked on all staff at Mary Brooksbank, learning about the jobs they do and how they help us. We also conducted a survey about characteristics of students and staff in the primary section of the school. The students had to visit classes, take data and then present the data in graph form. This was a great activity and enjoyed by all students. The graphs they produced were very informative and interesting.

In the playground Kangaroo students enjoy a variety of activities including using the equipment, building things and practising their basketball skills.

We have had a great first term and are looking forward to an even better Term 2.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Sandi, Kathy, Chris and Megan
With the number of students moving up into the High School this year we were fortunate enough to make a new High School Class. And with that the Melaleuca’s were formed and joined the High School team. It has been a massive term for us in the Melaleuca Class. Half of our Students made the transition from the Primary to the High School, this was made so much easier with our existing high school students assisting and supporting their young friends through the process.

Through the term we were also lucky enough to gain a new member to the Melaleuca class. His name is Tama and he has made a smooth and successful transition into MBS and the Melaleuca class.

This term in the Melaleuca Class our boys have been very eager to study about The ANZACS. We have learnt about what it was like to live 100 years ago, fight in World War 1, the weapons used and what it was like to be a person in the Army. We were so excited when we got a hold of a real life Army Uniform. We took the opportunity to learn about the different parts of soldier’s uniform and dress like we were in the Army.

Alongside our history unit Melaleuca Class have been learning a science unit about our Solar System. This unit has allowed us to look into lots of different aspects that make up our Solar system. The Melaleuca Class particularly enjoyed being able to reconstruct each phase of the moon using Oreo biscuits therefore making it their favourite part of learning about the Solar System.

Melaleuca class has also been involved in a range of other fun activities here are a few photos of some of the things we have enjoyed this Term.

Have a safe and happy break from all the Melaleuca Class. We look forward to seeing you next term.

Mandy & Dot
Bottlebrush Class Newsletter

It is safe to say the boys in Bottlebrush class are looking forward to a well-earned break after a busy but productive start to the 2015 school year.

Colby, Goziem, Kane, Nicholas and Zachary have been learning about the history of World War 1 and the role of the ANZACS. They were interested to find out why the ANZACS were formed, about the landing at Gallipoli, looking at old war medals and dressing in Army uniforms (even if they were a ‘little’ too big).

In Science, the boys have been learning about the Solar System and Space. Dropping small stones onto a tray of flour to demonstrate how craters form on the surface of planets was a favourite activity, as was demonstrating the phases of the Moon using Oreos (especially when we got to eat the leftovers). The boys made solar powered ovens and ‘baked’ biscuits topped with marshmallows and chocolate. A 3D model of the Sun, Earth and Moon orbits, helped the boys to see how the Solar System works.

In Creative and Performing Arts the boys have been creating beautiful artworks using different materials and techniques. They are also learning to play ‘Let it Be’ on the keyboard. It does not sound quite like the Beatles just yet, but at the rate they are learning, it won’t be too long before they do!

We hope you all enjoy a safe and peaceful holiday with plenty of rest.

Mandy and Dot
Grevillea Class Newsletter

Grevillea Class have had a fantastic term. We have been learning lots of new skills and having fun along the way.

Throughout the week we participate in a range of learning activities. These include Food Technology Lessons, Swimming, Fit Ball Fitness and accessing the sensory room. Everyone shows great enjoyment when participating in these activities.

We have also been studying new learning areas including The ANZAC’S and Dangerous Creatures.

On behalf of everyone in Grevillea Class we would like to wish you a safe, happy and relaxing break.

HAPPY EASTER
All the girl class of Banksia has had an excellent term. Tianii, Amal, Joanne, Emma B, Emma M, Mariah and Kristy have worked hard throughout Term 1, particularly in CAPA and sport. Kristy and Tianii have enjoyed cooking and eating a range of delights from Cindy’s, Natalie’s and Al’s recipe books. Mariah has excelled in the sporting and fitness departments and currently holds the record for the number of continuous skips, namely 145 skips, in one attempt. Emma B and Joanne have worked extremely hard during literacy and numeracy tasks and created some really detailed and imaginative art works. Emma M has been the class all-rounder, enjoying and applying herself in all activities. She is to be congratulated on her work during the units on The Anzacs in History and Dangerous Creatures in Science. Amal has fitted into the High School class well and continues to improve her handwriting and her counting during numeracy tasks. All of the girls are making important friendships and are learning about taking responsibility for their behaviour and managing their emotions.
Wattle Class Newsletter

During Term 1, Wattle class has been learning about indigenous dot painting art. We have been building a class mural adding paintings to it each week. Wattle class has enjoyed swimming every Wednesday. We have also been learning about the Anzacs.

These are some of the poppies that we made.

Jenni and Lesa wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.
There are 8 students in Waratah class this year; Anthony, Beven, Fran, Caylon, Tomasi, Nicholas, Joseph and Dylan. We have 5 year 12 students who will completing their schooling this year and are all very excited about their school formal: Anthony, Fran, Beven, Caylon and Tomasi.

A major focus this term has been learning about the history of Anzac Day. The boys have been very interested in this topic and have been fascinated by old photo images of soldiers. They enjoyed getting dressed up in a uniform and learning how to salute.

For clean-up Australia Day the students made a model of a coal truck using; aluminium cans, boxes, plastic bags, bottle tops and packaging. They stuck it all together with masking tape. An excellent group effort boys.

On Harmony Day the students were allowed to wear something orange to school if they wished. Fran and Nicholas were happy to get their photo taken wearing orange T shirts.

Marlene and I would like to wish all families a happy and safe holiday break. Happy Easter to all. Come back safe and refreshed for a busy term 2.