Echidna Class has had a productive term and has achieved so much in this time.

This term, we focused on the text, Three Billy Goats Gruff and the kids thoroughly enjoyed the drama which goes along with the story. Ishaan, Tyler and Nour would stomp their feet every time the billy goats crossed the river which was fantastic and showed how actively engaged they were in their learning.

We learnt about full and empty in maths along with data, number and position. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experiences that they were able to manipulate during the learning process and especially enjoyed the concept of full and empty cups of rice during rice play.

In science, we have been focusing on the weather and the seasons. We have learnt about the sun, rain, wind, etc. and have recorded this on our calendars. The children have been really interested and engaged in learning about the weather this term which is fantastic.

Jay has significantly improved in his overall fitness this term and is enjoying this time with Megan. The swimming program is going well with our students showing great progress and we look forward to continuing swimming next term.

Thankyou for a lovely term and I hope you have a safe holiday break, Erin and Megan.
We are always looking for reasons to celebrate, this time it was Elijah’s 7th Birthday and Stefan’s new friendship. On the Infants Playground everybody is required to follow the school rules including sharing which is part of “I Care For Others”. Stefan from Wallaby and Jay from Echidna took those expectations to the whole new level.

During weekly visits to the school library, students are working towards better fine motor skills and eye to hand coordination.

Each school day, students participate in some form of physical activity. We have morning fitness, gross motor movements, Wednesday swimming and weekly sport. Students are also visiting the Sensory Room and using classroom sensory corner to keep balance between the requirements for attention on task and their individual sensory needs.

We wish you happy and safe holidays.
Koala class started off term 2 settling back into the class routine. Koala students have been very excited seeing each other again after the break.

We have begun reading ‘We’re Going on a Bear Hunt’ by Michael Rosen. All the students have enjoyed listening to and acting out their favourite parts of the story. We also look forward to language and art lessons.

During science we have been learning about bears. We enjoy completing tasks and activities about the brown bear. Koala students have begun cooking and swimming on alternate weeks. We are progressing well in our swimming lessons and are showing improvement with listening to the swim instructor Melissa. Cooking yummy food has become the class’s favourite lesson. We have made pancakes, toasted sandwiches, hot dogs, fruit kebabs and cheese burgers.

Koala students enjoy pattern sequencing activities and are beginning to create their own patterns. We have continued to learn about the use of money by participating in the munchie basket program.

All koala students have continued to enjoy our social group lessons. We are showing more competence in sharing, requesting items and engaging with an activity with another person. The most popular activities are play-dough and slime, jungle animals, pop-culture, dominoes, animal sound cards and reader and threading beads and bobbins.
Kookaburra class has had a fantastic term 2. Trinity, Tylah, William, Samuel, Lucas and Bill have all been engaging in class activities and displaying progress in all learning areas.

In English we have read the book ‘Imagine’ where we learnt about different habitats around the world and the animals that live there.

For science and HSIE, Kookaburra class enjoyed creating different artworks, as well as had fun participating in sensory play based around each habitat and its animals.

In maths, we covered many different areas, learning about numbers, shapes, position, capacity and the mass of objects.

Kookaburra class participated in cooking this term, where we had fun creating and trying new foods to eat.

Kookaburras enjoy Sensory Time. Have a safe and happy holidays, Bianca, Chris and Sharisse.
Wow! What an incredible term Emu Class have had! The students have all worked extremely hard, but they made time for plenty of fun too! In HSIE the students learnt about various aspects of Australia including the different emblems of the states and territories, as well as money we use today compared to money Australians used in times gone by.

Monica was made the Aussie of the Month in April, so a big congratulations Monica! The Emu’s worked on a range of artworks including a map of Australia, flags of Australia and several pieces based on their focus text *Tie Me Kangaroo Down Sport*. But, we can’t say too much about that or we will spoil Education Week which will be in Week #3 of next term!
Josh Oshlack visited our school with his always riveting *Rhythm Village* performance and as you can see above, Mitchell performed for everyone on one of the large drums! He did a spectacular job. Monica, Pio and Britney also had a turn on the drums as pictured over the page. As you can see, everybody had a wonderful time.

Everybody has been working very hard, Bailey has been asking the other Emu’s how they are feeling and placing their responses in the correct space on the Interactive Whiteboard during Morning Routine. Monica put together a map of Australia, and everybody has examined what impact the sun has on their shadow at different times of the day in Science.

It is no wonder that all of the Emu’s are beginning to wind down as they have had a jam-packed term 2 and all need to enjoy a nice break with their families. Jackie and Emma would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a safe and peaceful holiday. To those of you that are going away for a holiday we hope you have a wonderful time. We know Daniel is going on a cruise and hope he enjoys every minute!

We will miss all of the Emu’s but it won't be long before Bailey, Britney, Daniel, Eman, Mitchell, Monica and Pio are back. Have a relaxing holiday all of you, because we will be diving straight back into the working routine as soon as you get back to prepare for Education Week!
Term 2 has flown by very quickly in Bilby class. We have been working through our accelerated literacy text ‘Where is the Green Sheep?’ Each week we read the story and pick a sentence to recreate using boardmaker symbols. All the students are enjoying reading the story and like to look at the book as a leisure activity. Bilby class had a lovely visit from a student teacher named Patricia who helped work with the students for 4 weeks. Trish was a valuable asset to the classroom and it was great to see her grow in confidence working with all the students. During her time with Bilby class Trish taught some wonderful lessons including making gloop and music lessons with songs from around the world. The students all really enjoyed having Trish in the classroom. Bilby class has also been looking at different colours this term. The students have participated in lessons where they interacted with objects of different colours and then pasted pictures onto their worksheet. During our unit of work ‘Our Needs’ Bilby class has been looking at our needs and wants, who meets our needs at school and where we buy different products from. The students have all interacted with photos and pictures to place on their worksheets creating collages.

Bilby class staff would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

From Shauna, Sandra & Kylie.
Kangaroo students have settled well into term 2. At the beginning of the term we celebrated the Centenary of Anzac Day. We had completed work around Anzac Day and had a special assembly in the hall to remember those who have served our country. All Kangaroo students understood the significance of the day. We also had special guests to help us celebrate and understand this important day.

Over the term we have enjoyed a variety of performances both from groups outside the school and our own body of talented students. MBS Has Talent runs every third week and we are never short of willing participants in Kangaroo Class.

This term we were lucky to have a practicum student from Wollongong University with Kangaroo class for four weeks. All students thoroughly enjoyed having Amanda with us and we all appreciated her special efforts with the class.

At this stage of the term we are looking forward to holidays but also the sports carnival next Thursday. We have been enthusiastically practicing our three legged race skills.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

Sandi Kathy and Megan
This term the boys have enjoyed the continuation of the Melaleuca and Bottlebrush breakfast club that is run every Monday morning. This program gives students the opportunity to sit with their peers and have informal conversations about what activities they participated in over the weekend and ask questions about other peoples weekends.

Some of the Melaleuca boys were lucky enough to join some of their peers from the high school and participate in the Campbelltown combined Athletics Carnival. Ethan and Tama got the opportunity to have a go at 100 and 200 metre track events and discus, javelin, shot put and long jump field events. All the students that attended had a great day, learnt some new skills and made some new friends.

The boys have also thoroughly enjoyed engaging in the Blowfly Cricket program. Each week the students rotate around a number of different stations, each one designed to build a new and different cricket skill. All the students that have participated this term have developed their cricket skills and have been seen putting them into practice on the playground.

Here are some other photos of the Melaleuca class enjoying the term.

Have a safe break from the Melaleuca class!
We have all enjoyed a busy and productive term 2 in Bottlebrush Class. As Colby, Goziem, Nicholas and Zachary have all worked consistently to complete classroom activities it would come as no surprise they are all looking forward to a well earned holiday at the end of this week.

After completing work on the solar system (much to Colby’s disappointment) the boys have been learning about the life cycles of living things in science. They were quite interested in watching a time lapse of the transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly. It was also lovely to share the boys’ learning experiences with the parents that visited the classroom in week 4, after the initial confusion of seeing parents in the classroom, Goziem, Nicholas and Zachary During term 2 we have been learning about the Aztecs and everyday life on Tenochtitlán. Colby, Goziem, Nicholas and Zachary have looked at different aspects of the Aztec culture dating back 800 years. They created fantastic jewellery, instruments and artwork which they learnt was a large part of Aztec life.

We would like to thank the boys for working so well during term 2 and congratulate them on their many achievements. We wish them and their families a safe, happy and peaceful break!

Mandy and Dot
This has been a fantastic term in Grevillea class. We have continued with a range of programs that we began in term 1 and have also begun some new and exciting programs.

All of the boys in Grevillea class have thoroughly enjoyed the units of work we have completed this term. We have learnt about the history of flight, the solar system and our accelerated literacy text ‘The True Story of the Three Little Pigs’.

We have also been participating in some exciting sporting programs. These include our swimming program and a cricket program called Blowfly Cricket. The boys are also looking forward to our sports carnival on the 25th June.

In Grevillea class we have also been focusing on working together as small groups and a whole class. This term we built a racetrack as a class and then enjoyed racing our cars down the track. The boys all showed great teamwork and collaboration skills which is fantastic to see.

Thank you all for a great term. On behalf of Stacey, Kaitlyn and Holly we wish you all a very happy and safe holiday.

We look forward to an exciting term 3.
Banksia class has had a wonderful term 2! We marked the 100th anniversary of the Anzac landing at Gallipoli with a special service and everyone got to put a poppy on a cross in the hall.

The Banksia students enjoyed learning about the Great War and had many questions about why war occurred and what sorts of things happen during wars.

We spent a lot of time participating in sport this term and the class particularly enjoyed Blowfly Cricket and swimming.

Lots of fun was had and a lot of new friendships were made.
This term Wattle class were involved in a community access program to Yummy Café with Waratah and Banksia classes. We have had a great time learning about the history of flight and about dangerous animals in the world. We have had lots of fun dancing to afternoon songs and spending time in sensory room. Have a happy and safe holiday and we will see everyone in Term 3. Thank you to Wattle class parents for all your support this term.

Thank you from Jenni and Lesa
Waratah Class

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Happy Birthdays