Koala Class Term 2 Newsletter

*We have kept a weekly diary of what we have been up to and hope that you enjoy reading about our Term 2 learning journey.*

**Week 1**
Welcome back to Term 2 Koalas. We hope that you have all had a fantastic holiday, and are ready and rearing this term. We have lots of fantastic units of work to do, and some great events to start looking forward to.

**Week 2**
The Koalas have started their work program again this term. We are continuing with our bus washing program that we do on a Monday. All the Koala’s are getting very good at washing our two school buses. We are learning about the way we bus wash, and also how to clean the buses on the inside. This week we also got a new student in our classroom.

**Week 3**
This week we participated in a gardening day for the school. This tied in nicely with our unit of work in Geography – Caring for the Environment. We all got into the garden and pulled out all the weeds in our no dig garden beds. Some of us then learnt how to turn the soil, whilst others water the plants in the garden beds. Koala’s all worked very hard on getting our no dig garden beds ready for new plants to be planted.

**Week 4**
In science Koala’s are focusing on the Water Cycle this term. We have been learning about how the sun soaks up water and that this turns in to clouds, and comes back down as rain or snow. We have started the 3D diagram in a classroom to help us learn and remember about the water cycle.

**Week 5**
Koala and Grevillea Class have continued their sport program this term. Each week we learn new skills related to different sports with Matt. This term we have been playing a range of games but have started to focus on Basketball. All of the Koalas are developing their hand eye co-ordination and having fun while they do so.
It was also Mitchell’s last week in Koala Class this week. We wish Mitch all the very best at his new school!

**Week 6**
The Bugalugs Bum Thief is the Koala Class’ book for the term. We read this several times throughout the week. We all think it is a very funny book and enjoy it every time we read. We are also doing lots of work around this book. We are learning to sequence the story in the correct order, writing about our favourite characters, and beginning to write our own parts of the story. A lot of hard work is being done with this book. Well done Koalas.
We have also continued swimming this term, and are currently focusing on our fitness. Every Friday we go to the pool and do a 30 minute aqua aerobics session with Melissa. All the boys work very hard and are very tired by the end of it.
**Week 7**
Koala Class have started their work for Multi Cultural Day. This year the country we have chosen is Spain. We have started learning a few Spanish words and a little about the Spanish Culture. The Koalas each created their own map of Spain, and have also taken part in a group artwork of the Spanish Flag. We are all looking forward to Multi Cultural Day in Term 3.

**Week 8**
This term in Maths we have continued our focus on Money. The entire Koala’s are continuing to learn how to use the appropriate money to buy items. We have tied this in with our weekly munchies basket choices. We really enjoy learning that we need to use money to purchase an item, and are all becoming very competent in making our own choices in Munchie Basket.

**Week 9**
In week nine we have started to do a lot of work on our Multi Cultural Day displays. We are continuing to learn more about Spain, the Spanish culture and sporting activities of some famous Spanish people.

Holly, Sandra, Chris and Matt would all like to wish you a very safe, happy and relaxing holiday.