Wombat 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
All Wombats have settled back into the school routine after the holidays, and are ready to learn new things and work hard. Everyone has shown how well they can behave, and have been trying very hard to do the right thing and to follow the school rules. This week we began work on our book Rosie’s Walk which the Wombats will work on in detail for literacy.

Week 2
This week the Wombats identified the main characters in Rosie’s Walk and matched the names of some of the animals in the book to their pictures. They also viewed a video of the story on the Interactive White Board.

Week 3
This term the Wombats have been learning all about shapes in their Maths groups. Some activities Wombats have worked on include matching a shape to the same shape, cutting and pasting smaller parts of a shape to create the full shape and putting the same shape in order from smallest to largest. The Wombats all really enjoy learning about shapes on the Interactive White Board which allows them to find objects that are a particular shape and sort them into different groups.

Week 4
This week, the Wombats began to learn how to turn the pages of their book carefully. They also began to listen to a CD that tells the story and makes a special sound when it is time to turn the page. Most Wombats were quickly able to identify when to turn pages, and stayed on the same page as the rest of the students. Since the Wombats have been working so hard, we decided to have some fun and dance to the “Chicken Dance” too.

Week 5
The Wombat class have been enjoying their two weekly sessions in the pool with swimming instructor Melissa. Kalkidan and Bailey have improved their swimming strokes, while Mitchell and Samuel have been learning about water safety. Dakota is becoming more confident in the water, and Hayley thoroughly enjoys her one on one time with either Melissa or Edwina.
Week 6
The Wombat class has been enjoying their class book for Literacy called Rosie’s *Walk*. We have created some terrific artworks, including a crepe paper *Rosie* (hen), and some frogs in the pond which is currently on display in the Wombat notice board. The Wombats have also been enjoying Sport with Matt once a week on Thursdays. They have been developing their gross motor skills by learning to throw a frisbee, kicking and throwing balls and some have been throwing magnetic arrows at a target. Sport is always popular with the Wombats.

Week 7
The Wombats are working hard on the Interactive White Board to read through and attempt activities for the PM Readers that have been chosen to suit their ability level. Twice each week they divide into groups and work with either Jackie or Emma on related worksheets. This is an activity enjoyed by all. The Wombats also make the most of their time in the Sensory room each Friday afternoon. Mitchell, Kalkidan and Hayley love to play with the balls in the ball pit, while Bailey enjoys a jump on the mini trampoline and Samuel loves to get a push on the swing. Dakota likes to try a little bit of everything.

Weeks 8 & 9
As the holidays approach, the Wombats have been busy decorating their classroom for Multicultural Day in early Term #3. We are focusing on Australia and the popular sport of swimming in anticipation of the London Olympic Games. While we’ve been working hard, there is still a lot for us to get through! All of the Wombats have worked hard over the term and adapted with ease to the change of teacher mid-term. Everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break. Emma and Jackie wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. Rug up and keep warm over winter.