

ENRICHMENT TERM 1 NEWS

CLASSROOM

All classes have settled into 2023 with BIG smiles all round. The classrooms look amazingly bright and engaging. Students are completing work to display all about themselves so that we can learn new things about our class mates. We have met our new buddies for the year and have been busy in the playground looking after them and assisting them when the new Foundation students have needed it. We have had such a fun and exciting Term that has included: our Swimming Carnival, Brain Fitness Conference, Camp, NAPLAN (Grade 5 students) and we are looking forward to BEES NOT Bullies Day. Our Grade 6 House Captains also have Kaboom Sports evening on Thursday 20 March, 2023, where they will showcase their leadership skills when assisting the Foundation and Discovery students around the fun engaging activities.

Each class has a role to help the school run smoothly.

EA - are in charge of setting up table tennis equipment daily.

EB/ED- are responsible for emptying the paper bins weekly throughout the school

EC - are responsible for the school Information Sign (front of school)

ED - are responsible for maintaining the Garden, picking the vegetables, etc.

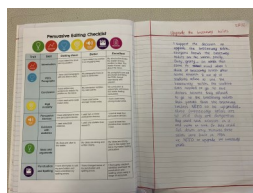
EE - placing bins around the canteen and chess/eating tables for students to use

Our buddy classes are :- EA is with DFD, EB is with DFB, EC is with DFC, ED is with DD and EE is with DFA.

WRITING

This Term the Enrichment area have been immersed in PERSUASIVE WRITING. We began by persuading the class as to why our holiday was the best! After class discussions on issues that may have been personal, local or related to the world, we developed a range of ideas to further enhance our writing skills. We then moved into NARRATIVE WRITING and completed a recount about camp.

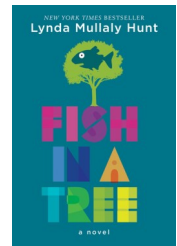
Students will use the seed they find for homework and place in their Writers Notebook to generate ideas.



READING

This term the classes have been reading the novel **Fish In A Tree** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. This is about overcoming adversity. It is an emotionally-charged, uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who has ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in.

Throughout the term the students have consistently worked on the CAFÉ strategies through reading independently, in pairs and in small groups, where they all have a role to play.



INQUIRY

Term 1 has seen the Enrichment Area tackle one of its favourite units, **Finding Our Voice through Democracy**.

We are learning all about Australian democracy and three levels of government.

This includes 'How laws are made and enforced', 'The stolen generation' and 'Voting rights'. The students are completing an independent inquiry where we will conduct a presentation at the end of the term.

MATHS

Maths is going full steam ahead in the Enrichment Area. We have all been engrossed in decimals, comparing them and ordering them on a number line. We are also tackling place value and using the four operations, including BODMAS.

Catch Maths is based around open ended questions and our daily sessions focus on challenging tasks, fluency and understanding, reasoning and game based play. We look forward to seeing a group of Enrichment students participate in the Maths Olympiad Program throughout the year.

2023 Enrichment Camp - Lady Northcote



The Enrichment camp was a huge success, well done to all of our students for embracing the challenges of the week. We completed 8 amazing activities, these were: Giant Swing, Yabbying, Canoeing, Raft Building, Archery, Low Ropes Course, Initiatives, Frisbee Golf and Orienteering. We explored the camp site by torch light on our night walk, were very entertained at the night two talent show and capped off the experience with a movie night on the final evening.

A massive thank you to all of our parent helpers; Steve, Jen, Tammi, Rachel, Tina, Kellie R, Kellie M and Sarah for giving up their time to allow the children to have this amazing experience.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

During PE this term the students explored the importance of fitness and wellbeing. We learnt about the importance of being physically active and how easy it is to exercise without any equipment and it's fun!



ART

Term 1 kicked off with a bang. A hands on approach, where students have been developing their own mixed media self portraits.

Students began with a little colour theory and experimental painting. They then went on to having selfies taken, which were transferred onto their background using carbon paper and then will be outlined using paint pens. Our next project was an optical illusion illustration that explored colour value and shading, followed by

SMASH HITS

Smash Hits auditions have been and gone, this new group of students will spend Wednesday after school rehearsing. No doubt they will hit the ground running. They can't wait to perform for you all!

MUSIC

Students are learning all they can about the ukulele.



They are learning how you hold and strum the ukulele and will develop their own song and perform this to the class.

SPORT

There are a handful of students that have been selected to represent DCE in the School Sports Victoria State Team selections for a range of sports, which will be held across the next two terms. We are hoping to see those students progress through to represent the state in their respective sports.

Our swimming team represented our school at WaterMarc in the District Swimming Sports. We now have students swimming individual events and relay teams in the Division Sports.

Interschool sport is well underway now with very successful teams in all the summer sports (Basketball, Volleyball, Cricket, Hotshots and Rounders and alternative sport - Tennis).

All Enrichment students participate each Friday morning in their respective sport. If we have an away game (against another school), students need to be at school a little earlier to get us on the bus by 9am.