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# TERM 3

# CLASS

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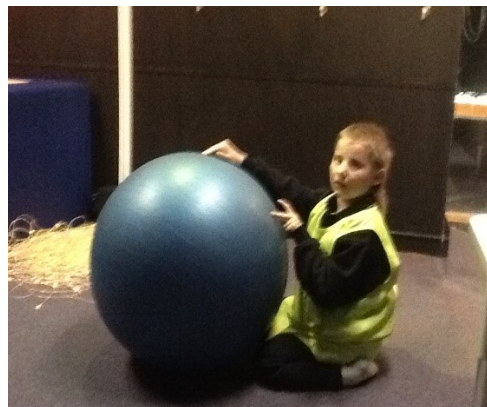
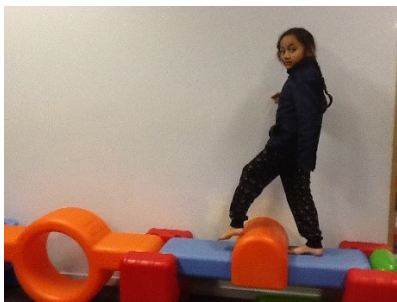




# Wallaby Class

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During this term we continued to work on letters of the alphabet and their sounds, as well as practiced writing skills through tracing. We have been studying Accelerated Literacy text 'Grandpa and Thomas' in English and Pets in Science. Every week, students worked on a variety of programs in the school library, sensory room, music room and the messy play area. In Geography and Visual Arts, the Wallabies have been completing work on 'Places' and 'All around Me' units. Every Monday Scarlet, the therapy dog visits junior school classes for an hour. This term, students also have had the opportunity to learn about fire safety from the members of Rosemeadow Fire Brigade.



We are very happy with the progress made by Wallaby class students so far and hope they will enjoy restful holidays to prepare them for another busy term.

Have a safe break.

Ewa, Kiara, Aleksandra and Hayley



# Koala Class

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Koala class have been working hard in class this term. Koala class enjoy swimming every Wednesday with Melissa and have been gaining confidence in the pool. In dancing, Koala class have been learning about different body movements – monsters were our favourite! We enjoyed a visit from Rosemeadow Fire Brigade to teach us about fire safety.

Happy holidays.

Annika & Kathy





# Kookaburra Class

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Term 3 was another fun and enjoyable time in Kookaburra class.



During Breakfast Club we discovered there was more to pancakes than just enjoying their delicious taste, as we learnt how to include the right amount of ingredients using our measurement and volume skills.



We also realised that cracking an egg was a particular challenge, but with a little help, the pancakes ended up 'crunch' free and delicious.



Another fun activity we enjoyed was our visits to The Boom Box. The loud,



cacophony of noise occurring most Thursday afternoons was the Kookaburra students exploring the sounds of drums, cymbals, xylophones and keyboards. In an interesting contrast, two of the favourite activities were the large and very loud gong

and the calm and soothing singing bowls.

We also had some fun learning about the way the human body works. We had a replica skeleton in the class for most of the term and had a great



afternoon with our parent visitors as we learnt about our senses of smell and taste.

We wish all our Kookaburra families a safe and enjoyable holiday, and we are looking forward to a great Term 4.

Jonathan and Lesa



# Emu Class

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This term Emu Class welcomed a new student. Ebony has settled in nicely and has been making friends with her new classmates. Emu class have been reading *Imagine* by Alison Lester for Accelerated Literacy lessons. The students have been taking turns to read and say what animals they can see in each of the environments. During art lessons we have been painting different animals and creating a collage on the back wall of the room. In Mathematics this term we have learnt about capacity (full and empty), mass (heavy and light) and time. The students have participated in hands on activities that allowed them to explore the different concepts. We have been learning about toys in Science this term which included looking at toys that are old and new, what toys are made from and what forces some toys use like push and pull. Emu students have enjoyed playing on the new equipment in the Middle School playground it has been a lovely addition to our playground.

Emu Class would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we will see you all in the new term.

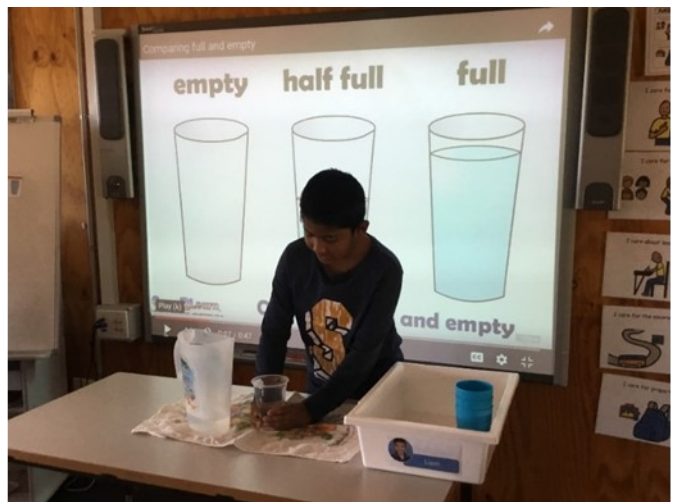
Shauna, Nancy & Kylie



# Bilby Class

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Here are some of the activities Bilby class have been doing this term.





# Kangaroo Class

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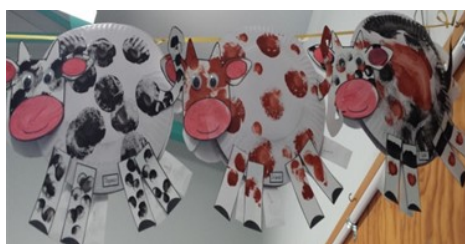
We have had a very productive and busy term in Kangaroo class. Students read the text *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly*. We enjoyed changing the words and writing our own version.



Kangaroo students liked the Fire Brigade visit, especially trying on the special protective clothing.



We have been learning about the role of animals on a farm and worked hard to create a variety of artworks.



Kangaroo students had lots of fun performing to the song *Tooty Ta* during assembly. We would like to thank the parents, carers, grandparents and friends who were able to attend



Enjoy the break!

Freda and Myriam



# Melaleuca Class

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Term three brought with it two new students to our class –Nour and Amal helped to tip the scales even more obviously in favour of the females in this year's Melaleuca Class. And good golly Miss Molly it sure has been busy term for students and staff alike. There have been two sporting Gala days for both T-Ball and Soccer in which Synamyn, Tabitha and Gauri proudly took part. Students are taking part in the Community Access program which allows them to gain more experience and independence when travelling by public bus and they are also given the opportunity to practice exchanging money for goods by selecting a food item and purchasing it for lunch whilst they are out. It also fits in nicely to our Geography unit called "Being a part of a Community". Our swimming programs continue to run on Wednesdays and Thursdays and it is pleasing to see so many students further developing their abilities and confidence in the water. Melaleuca Class try to collect the recycling from around the school once each week –but sometimes their teacher insists that they complete their Maths or Science units of work and they miss a week. She is a slave-driver. Students are learning about infectious diseases in Science and learnt about the signs and symptoms of Chicken Pox and the Plague –just in case. We are currently working on reading and writing analogue times –and staff are quite impressed with students' abilities to identify o'clock, half past and even quarter past times!

Emma and Sharisse would like to wish you all a peaceful break and hope you get a chance to unwind and relax before it starts all over again in term four. See you all then!



# Bottlebrush Class

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During term three, Bottlebrush got to experience learning with the local fire brigade. Students learned about fire safety and got to experience using a fire hose and fire truck.

Bottlebrush students also experienced camp this year and had a lot of fun.

Students in bottlebrush learned about the Great Barrier Reef. We explored this using Virtual Reality headsets and created a fantastic diorama.

Enjoy the holidays.

Hugh and Kaitlyn

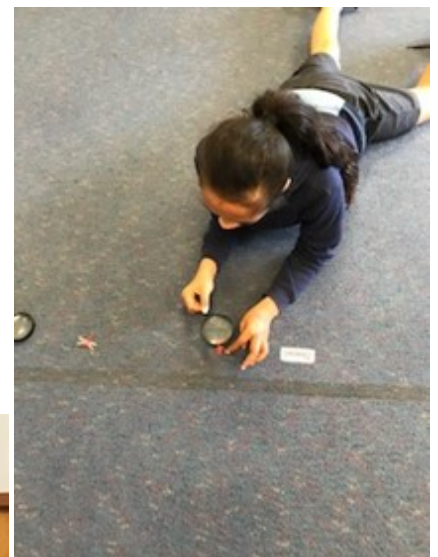




# Grevillea Class

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This term Grevillea class have been exploring some great topics as part of our units of work. In science students were learning about insects, their features and how they can change over time. The students enjoyed looking at a variety of insects through a magnifying glass. Grevillea class have explored some famous Australian painters including Norman Lindsay, Ken Done and Brett Whitely. Bailey's interpretation of Ken Done's Sydney harbour reflected the big dust storm from a few years ago.





# Banksia Class

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Our successes from Term 2 has carried over into Term 3. Banksia has consistently shown hard work ethic throughout all school subjects. In English, they have continued studying Shaun Tan's 'The Lost Thing' and begun studying newspaper articles. Mathematics involved studying volume, capacity and weight. Geography was an exciting subject as students explored the Great Barrier Reef. Banksia students created their own reef dioramas on their own and even went on an excursion to Sydney's Sea Life Aquarium. In Science the students learnt about germs, bacteria and diseases. The students carried out an experiment that showed bacteria grow on bread. Banksia has been very fortunate to have also used the Virtual Reality Headset kit which enabled the students to dive into the Great Barrier Reef exploring the animals, plants and ecosystems. The kit has also allowed the students to shrink down and discover the structure of Bacteria and germs. Community Access has been a workout for the students as they have hiked up steep hills and walked through dense bush land encountering different birds, lizards and kangaroos. With term 3 passing we say hello to the addition of a new student and farewell to one of our current students which Banksia class wish the best for! Congratulations Banksia for your strong work efforts! Rest up and prepare for Term 4!

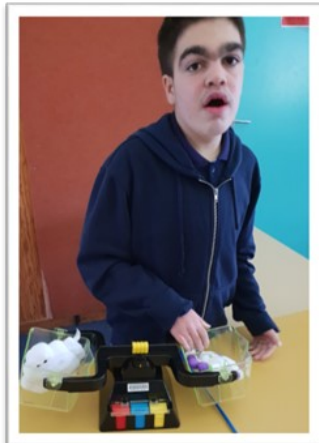
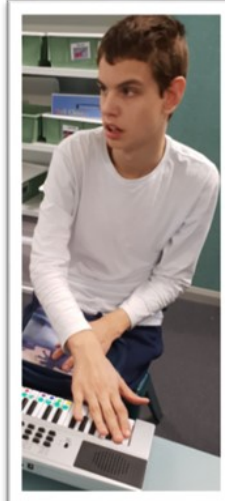
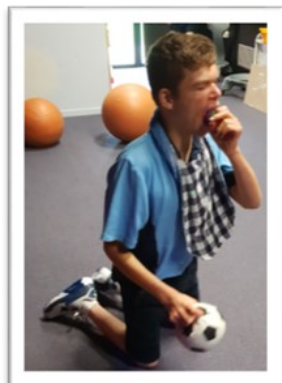
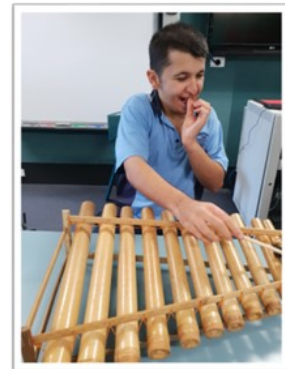
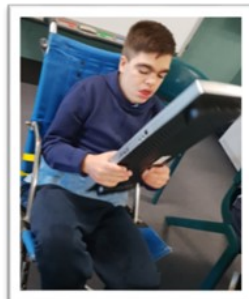
Chris and Cindy



# Wattle Class

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Wattle class have enjoyed working collaboratively to create some amazing artworks for the Bingo fundraiser and the Fisher's Ghost Art Competition this term. We have enjoyed learning about different ecosystems and even experimented with growing a variety of plants. Wattle class listened to music through history. We loved music from the baroque and classical eras the most. We are looking forward to an exciting end of year. Term 4 will see us farewell two of our classmates.





# Waratah Class

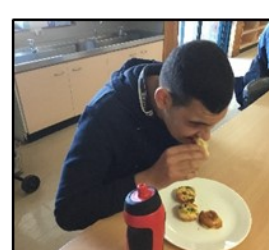
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We have had a wonderful Term 3 in Waratah class with all students working well towards achievement in class and personal goals. We were lucky enough to have the use of a virtual reality kit that we used for learning during Geography and Science. With the goggles the students were able to get a great three dimensional view of the Great Barrier Reef and a variety of ecosystems to assist in learning.

We enjoyed welcoming some parents into our classroom to show them what great work we do. Barnil, Emma, Denzel, Mitchell, Mohamed, Sam, Tama and Zach especially enjoyed our cultural day learning how to cook Vietnamese rice paper rolls, learning some words in Pilipino and Chinese as well as hand painting t-shirts. We also had a visit from Rosemeadow Fire Station staff to teach us about fire safety. The best part was dressing up and sitting in the fire truck.



Of course, food technology lessons are always looked forward to during the week and all students improved on their food preparation and cooking skills. A much enjoyed recipe was mini quiches even if it did take quite some time to remove the egg shells from the bowl!



We would to thank Barnil, Emma, Denzel, Mitchell, Mohamed, Sam, Tama and Zachary for a fantastic term and hope they enjoy a very well deserved rest in the holidays!

Mandy and Jacquie