

This semester's unit "Storytime" is well underway and is already generating lots of interest and fun. This is a literacy based unit which has exposed students to a selection of stories and rhymes. These stories and rhymes are being presented through a variety of media forms. Students are participating in recounts, story sequencing, a selection of informal performances and creative responses through writing and art work.

JLW, JRC & JKL are enjoying the "Rascal" series by Paul Jennings and have created the characters using clay. **JKT, JKC, JKD & JCA** have been engaged by traditional tales such as "The Three Billy Goats Gruff", "The Three Little Pigs", "The Gingerbread Man" as well as the "Gruffalo". Some students decorated a gingerbread house which ended up as a great morning tea treat! **JCA & JKD** have visited the Discovery Centre and participated in some fantastic green screen activities about "Aladdin". **JNC & JKL** have focussed on nursery rhymes and "The Three Little Pigs". They have completed projects using b bots and puppets and created electronic books. There have been many great activities which have engaged our students and encouraged participation, cooperation and most of all learning.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week celebrated the importance of literacy and numeracy, the foundations of learning in schools across the state. Students at Concord reviewed the book "Sunday Chutney" by Aaron Blabey. The book explored many themes such as friendship, self-reliance and the importance of family. This story appealed to all ages and the themes took students in many directions. The focus for the numeracy component of the week was "water in maths". Students were involved in activities around capacity where they had to estimate and then clarify how many cups, jugs, and spoons for example it took to fill up a certain container and also which container had more or less. Students were very enthusiastic about these activities which certainly added extra interest and fun to this special week.

A whole school assembly was a fitting end to the week and showcased the fantastic work that occurs in across the school. **JKT, JKC, JKD & JCA** showed a presentation about their visit to the "Gruffalo" which included photos of the visit, follow up work and student interviews. They also performed a "Gruffalo" dance. These students represented the Junior Section beautifully.

Well done everyone!

We had a dress up day to celebrate **Literacy and Numeracy Week**, and also to support **Muscular Dystrophy Australia**. There were interesting story book characters along with many superheroes showing off their costumes at our assembly. Everyone joined in the fun. Elmo turned up again and the Junior Staff looked pretty good too!

The **Junior Middle Sports** day was a celebration of team work, social interaction and school community. Students from across both sections supported and encouraged each other to compete in events which included sprints, relays, hurdles and throwing activities. Whether students came first or last, the look of satisfaction and achievement on their faces as they participated meant that they had achieved a personal goal. The Junior students joined in

enthusiastically and all did their personal best. What great competitors they were! Thanks to Suzanne, Karenne and Chris our PE teachers, who organised this event so well. It was a great morning.

We are looking forward to the **Father's Day breakfast**. This is a very special occasion with many of our fathers, grandfathers and uncles coming to school VERY EARLY to share breakfast with their children. It is always wonderful to see our dads, and to celebrate **Father's Day** with them.

JLW, JRC & JKL are off to 'Lady Northcote' camp next week. We are sure it will be great fun and are looking forward to sharing this combined camp together. There will be lots of activities to keep us busy and I am sure there will be lots of special memories to share on our return.

As you can see it has been very busy in the **Junior Section** with lots of learning and lots of fun. I would like to congratulate the wonderful Junior students and staff on their effort, and their achievements this term.

Well done everyone!



Kath Moore
Assistant Principal



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Middle Section Newsletter

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A group of **Middle Section** students were selected to play in the "Hoop Time" round robin on Thursday 28th August. The students played against different schools. The 2 teams won all their games on the day with the **Future Stars** team winning the grand final. All students showed great sportsmanship and worked together as a team to let everyone have a turn and try to score a goal.

The teams consisted of Alec, Daniel D, James S, Leo, Taneka, Connor, Jake D, Luca, Achol, Anna N, Dylan and Russell.



At the beginning of August, ten excited **MDJ** students set off on our camp to Phillip Island. We were a bit worried about the weather, but believe it or not there was no rain and we were able to thoroughly enjoy all our planned activities.

Well our camp certainly didn't disappoint! When we first arrived at our destination the students displayed their physical prowess on the low ropes course. The students supported each other and worked as a team. The highlight of the day was watching the 'Penguin Parade' and seeing all the delighted faces as the penguins waddled up the beach.

Day Two brought many courageous feats on the giant swing and the flying fox, with all students participating and exceeding their wildest dreams. The students just loved hand-feeding the kangaroos and the other animals at the **Wildlife Park**.

A favourite adventure was walking along the boardwalk at the **Nobbies** and feeling the spray from the huge blowhole. Then it was off to **A Maze N' Things** where the students loved getting lost in the outdoor maze and mirror maze. They enjoyed challenging themselves in the world of optical illusions and having a game of mini-golf.

All the students displayed impeccable manners when we ventured to the local B for an evening meal.

On the way home we watched the pelicans being fed in San Remo. This was a little too close for comfort for me but the students revelled in it.

All in all it was a fabulous camp with too many highlights to mention. The students' behaviour can be commended, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Norman and Chantelle for helping to make this a camp that the students will never forget - Debbie Jermyn



Chris Norman
Team Leader



2014 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge BOOK SWAP – Middle School September 15th to September 16th

From September 15th to September 16th 2014 a book swap will be taking place at our school as part of the 2014 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. The Book Swap will take place in the **school library** in the last week of the term.

Please send books to school during the week of September 8th to September 12th
We will be limiting the numbers of books to 5 per student.

For any inquiries please contact Catherine Ruhl in the Library on Monday or Tuesday.

Our school will be supporting students to read more books and refresh their book collections by holding a special Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Book Swap.

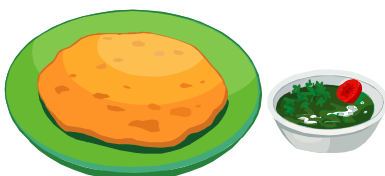
Students are encouraged to bring along old books they are willing to part with and exchange them for books they haven't read yet. With new books to take home, we hope all our students will be energised to read more – and more often.

You may also have books that your child has grown out of, please consider donating these to us for our event.

Reading every day is after all proven to improve children's literacy levels. To find out more about the Book Swap and the Premiers' Reading Challenge visit www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

SKH went for lunch at **Café Saffron** in Ivanhoe today as an extension of our learning about India. The food was delicious, although a little too spicy for some. We have begun planning our products to make at sell at the **Secondary Travel**

Expo on Wednesday 29th October. We plan to make, advertise and sell; elephant jewellery, spicy nut mix and curry vegetable pasties. We are enjoying investigating the **Jenolan Caves** through virtual reality with **Into Science**; this is fun because we have changed our learning environment to the **Discovery Centre** for these sessions. We have also been having our weekly **Circle Time** sessions in the **Mile Room**.

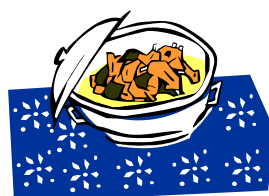


SKL has been busy the last few weeks learning about Commonwealth countries. Each Secondary class is investigating a country and **SKL** is learning about Canada. The students are creating products to sell at our upcoming **Secondary Travel Expo** in Term 4. **SKL** is sanding down coasters we will package and sell at the event. The class also helped Con dress up as a Canadian hockey player.



SSB and **SIB** participated in a fantastic, numeracy session in the **Discovery Centre**. Students were given a challenge, that was hands on and engaging; students rose to the occasion. Each student was given a sheet of newspaper, there was a pool of sticky tape, scissors and measuring tapes. Students were challenged to make the longest single strip they could manage with their newspaper. Students adopted many different strategies to compete and complete the challenge; students estimated and measured and we eventually had a winner with 19.7 metres. Well done to all students!

SMP have really enjoyed discovering the different cultures of the Commonwealth this term. We have looked at many different cultures leading up to the **Secondary Travel Expo** and have especially enjoyed tasting the different foods from the countries we have investigated. This photo is us enjoying Butter Chicken as we explored India.

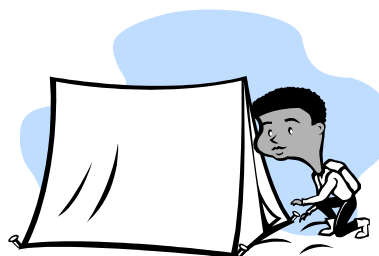


SJF have been very busy learning all about the **Countries of the Commonwealth**, and focusing on Australia. To extend our learning we visited **CERES** environmental park with all of the Secondary Section. We really enjoyed experiencing Indian, African and Indigenous Australian culture. We are really looking forward to showcasing our learning at the term 4 **Secondary Travel Expo**.



Secondary students have begun planning for their upcoming camps. Camps will run in the last week of term: Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th September. Our year 7 students will go to **Blackwood** camp and our year 8 students to **Lake Dewar** in Myrning. The outdoor camping program will offer varied experiences. Students will work in teams to complete challenges including erecting a tent, sleeping in a tent, preparing and cooking a meal on the camp fire, and completing geocaching and obstacle courses. The students and staff will certainly enjoy a well-deserved rest in the holidays after such a vigorous and challenging program.

We would like to thank and acknowledge 'BCF' who gave us a 25% discount on our billies!



All classes have been investigating Commonwealth cultures and have made many discoveries about their chosen countries. Classes have begun planning for the **Travel Expo**, which is to be held in the gym on **Wednesday 29th October at 6.00pm**. Each class will be representing one of the **Commonwealth Countries**. Products the students have made will be for sale so bring your purse/wallet with you. You will also see Cultural class presentations. Money raised at the **Secondary Travel Expo** will be donated to the charity **Oxfam**.



Christine Pillot
Secondary Team Leader

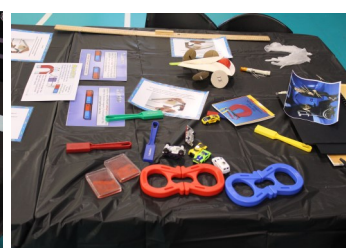
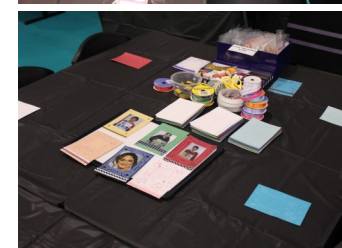
PATHWAYS ON SHOW EVENING

Every year, the **Pathways** students organise a special evening where they showcase the exciting things they have been learning in our **Encounter Program**. On Fridays, students participate in an Encounter component (**Documentary Making, Photography, Farming, Science and Technology, Scrap It, Radio, Music**) where they learn new skills, make new friends and try new challenges. The Encounter program is a part of the **Duke of Edinburgh Award** (learn a new skill) which all students in the **Pathways** section work on achieving throughout the year.

This year we decided to give the students families and friends a taste of what the students do in class every week, by setting up activities for them to participate in on the night! During the night students showed their families and friends around the different components and helped them complete the activities on offer. Friends and family got to participate in the following activities:

- Create your own imovie using stop motion animation
- Experiment with magnets and make a balloon powered car
- Be photoshopped in front of your favourite scene
- Play the guitar, drums or keyboard
- Play with the animals
- Be part of a live radio broadcast
- Create your own photo frame

It was a fantastic night, everyone had a great time participating in the activities and looking at what the students have been learning throughout the past 6 months.



Sarah Abbott
Pathways Team Leader

The students in **TCC** made some Grass Heads in their science lesson. They followed instructions from Youtube to make their Grass Heads and attached eyes, ears, noses, mouths and accessories to make each one unique. We were all surprised at how quickly the grass seeds sprouted. This week everyone will need a haircut and some eyebrow maintenance. During Literacy week the students wrote stories about their Grass Head using an iPad app. called Scribble Press. They took photos with their ipads and added them to the story. The stories are wonderful and the students had a lot of fun with the project.



In Literacy **TSH** read "The Rainbow Fish". We talked about what made us unique and that everyone has something special to share. We made our own Rainbow Fish to show what makes us special. Lukas talked about his love of dancing and drawing.



VCAL Numeracy students worked on an Eco-living session looking at water bottles. By ordering and organising water bottles, students took part in a general discussion about the qualities and design of water bottles. Students then set about designing their own ideal water bottle. They had to articulate how different shaped water bottles might affect the way people use them.



VCAL Literacy students used Publisher to create pamphlets, fliers and newsletters for **Literacy and Numeracy Week**. We discussed the criteria needed for a "great" publication, such as bargain deals, colours and formatting. They chose their own topics which included their own fish and chip shop, tattoo shop and newspaper with Horoscope and weather.

MIDNIGHT INK TATTOOING

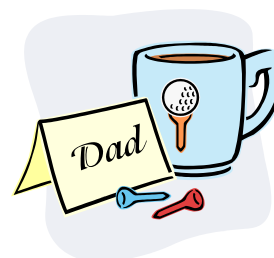


VCAL students have been preparing and costing items for the school Father's Day stall. There is a great variety of things to buy for dads, such as mugs, car "stuff" and travel cups. They use the register and have to find the item on the list with costs, when students around the school buy items. They also use Numeracy skills when working out how much is needed and giving change.

The Father's Day Stall finishes this week as Sunday is the big day! Students have the last day tomorrow to buy up a bargain.

Happy Fathers Day to all

Dads!



Warren Gaff
Transition Team Leader

Community News



Spring 2014

22nd September - 3rd October
Quality Care for primary school aged children with high support needs

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Tuesday 23rd September Creating Musical Instruments, Walk to the Park, Swimming	!	!	!	!
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Friday 26th September Creating Puppets, Cooking Hot Dogs, Swimming	!	!	!	!
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Tuesday 30th September Incursion - African Drumming, Creating Masks, Swimming	!	!	!	!
Wednesday 1st October Excursion - Luna Park	!	!	!	!
Thursday 2nd October Sensory Play, Musical Games, Swimming	!	!	!	!
Friday 3rd October Puppet Show, Obstacle Course, Swimming	!	!	!	!

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UNDERSTANDING HOW CARER STRESS AFFECTS YOU

Darebin Council invites you to attend this FREE workshop presented by Carers Victoria.

Support to attend:

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Do you care for a loved one with a disability, mental health issue or someone ageing? The stress of caring may affect you physically and emotionally.

This workshop will explore stress, what it means for you and suggest some options for managing it.

When: Thursday 18 September

Time: 6.15pm arrival, 6.30pm start – 8.30pm

Where: Council Function Room,
Darebin City Council
Level 1, 350 High Street, Preston 3072

Cost: FREE

A light dinner will be provided.

RSVP: by Monday 15th September

RSVP is required for catering and support purposes.

music

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CREATIVE ARTS DAYS

Fully accessible arts workshops

Wednesday 24 September 10am-5pm

\$25 – includes art materials and snacks
Please bring own lunch

Monday 29 September 10am-5pm

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Please bring own lunch

drawing

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painting

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