

Teachers' Report



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*Numeracy in a
Foundation class.*

Term 1 Highlights to date

As the Term draws to an end, all the teachers and students are busily finishing up their Inquiry or Investigation sessions, checking students reading levels and generally celebration their learning from this Term. We have been lucky enough to have some wonderful programs this Term including Life Skills for the students in grade 3-6 and the Market Fresh ladies visiting all the students across the school.

In the last week of Term we are finishing off with one of our School Communities favorite days, Harmony Day. All our parents and students are invited to wear their traditional costumes from their culture. We look forward to this every year.

Foundation

Last week, our Foundation Family Fun Day was a huge success. Foundation students and their parents were entertained and participated in lots of exciting activities. After all the fun, students enjoying a picnic lunch with their friends and family.

In Literacy, students are continuing to learn the letters and sounds of the alphabet and apply this knowledge to read simple words and books. Teachers are also providing the students with different experiences to build their vocabulary and oral language. This will help to further develop their speaking, reading and writing skills.

In Numeracy, Foundation students continue to learn how to read, make and record numbers from zero to ten using a range of concrete materials to support their learning. Students have been introduced to 'Maths Seeds', a software program which differentiates their learning while catering for their specific learning needs.

During Investigations, students are beginning to demonstrate skills such as, sharing, taking turns and working collaboratively with other students. Students are also learning how to articulate and describe their learning to an audience. Through a variety of learning experiences, students are developing a love for learning and teachers are reinforcing literacy and numeracy skills.



Grade One get together was a huge success

Grade 1s

The **2018 Grade One Get Together** was held on the 22nd of February. We were thrilled to have many different families join us for a range of fun activities. After these events finished we had a picnic together on the grass near the playground. As you can see from the photos it was a very enjoyable and successful day.

Literacy

Retelling a story by using words and pictures, writing a recount that includes the 'Who/What/Where and When' information, how to use adjectives, how to spell words with similar letter patterns and how to write clockwise letters.

Maths

Counting and Place Value, Collecting data, Making and interpreting graphs, Creating patterns and skip counting, and the properties of 2D and 3D shapes

Investigations

Healthy food choices, what makes me special, Who is in my family, how to talk respectfully to other people and how to know when we are making good choices



Working in the Learning Centre

Grade 2s

The Grade Two students have enjoyed getting to know each other better and enjoyed a teambuilding workshop delivered by Supreme Incursions. They worked to build and race billy carts. The routines are now set in place and the teachers and students have settled into some great learning opportunities.

Students have participated in a variety of learning experiences that have been specifically planned to develop their social skills and ability to work cooperatively as a team when provided with opportunities. They have enjoyed learning and exploring the various learning areas in Investigations and are now beginning to design and build projects during this time.

Students have been developing their skills in planning, drafting, editing and publishing their own written work using their Writer's Notebook to brainstorm ideas. They have decorated their notebooks with images of their own interests to inspire them when writing. Students are having lots of fun collecting writing seeds and writing about a range of topics.

We continue to develop a positive and engaging learning environment!



Team Building Incursion



Students at the Leading the way Excursion!



Middle Sub-School – Grade 3/4s

During Term One, the Grade Three and Four students have participated in a variety of learning experiences to support their learning. The incursion focussing on team building was one of the highlights of the term.

Students participated in a variety of group activities to develop their problem solving skills and ability to work as part of a team. As part of their inquiry unit of work focussing on healthy lifestyles, students have been learning about making positive choices to manage their health and wellbeing.

Students are currently researching and completing projects which link to the learning intentions of their Healthy Lifestyles unit. The students are looking forward to presenting their learning to other grades in week nine.

To raise awareness of the impact and effects of bullying, as part of the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, students participated in discussions and completed activities in their classrooms to emphasise our school's zero tolerance to bullying.

As part of the Market Fresh incursion, students learnt about the importance of eating fruit and vegetables every day as part of a healthy balanced diet.

To celebrate Harmony Week, the whole school watched a performance presented by Salaka African Drumming. The show was highly interactive and introduced students to the culture and rhythms of Africa in an entertaining and educational way. This incursion was enjoyed by everyone!

In Reading there has been a continued focus on developing fluency and comprehension. In Writing, students have been using their Writer's Notebooks to brainstorm ideas and topics for writing. They are continuing to work through the writing process to write about topics of interest as well as create their own persuasive and narrative texts.

In Mathematics, the focus has been on Place Value. Other topics covered were time and data representation.

Senior Sub-School – Grade 5/6s

Curriculum Focus

As part of our Unit of Inquiry in Term 1, the students have been examining their own Health and Well Being. This includes examining how physically, emotionally and mentally healthy they are. They have been creating a Well Being Plan that outlines how they can improve their personal health in the near future.

The Well Being Plans can be presented in any format the students decide. This encourages creativity and gives each student choice.

Student Leaders

The student leaders have been busy performing their various duties around the school. The overall opinion of the school leaders is that they are feeling a lot more confident and are starting to enjoy the experience. Some of the leaders were involved in a two day intensive leadership training program called, "Leading the Way" with other student leaders from local schools. They did an exceptional job in representing Dandenong South Primary School and were continually complimented on their leadership qualities by staff members from other schools.

Hi Ace camp at Boneo

The SSS students will soon be participating in their two-day camp at Boneo, from 26th April to 27th April. The focus is on building 'teamwork' and 'resilience' skills in a fun and interactive environment. The students will be enjoying activities such as the flying fox, climbing tower, initiatives and orienteering. We look forward to another successful camp program.

Community Hub

Market Fresh Incursion



The Community Hub programs continue to have excellent attendance with the introduction of the Computer Literacy program being particularly popular. On Monday the playgroups had an excursion to Chelsea Beach and Bicentennial Park.

Wellbeing

This term the students from Grade Foundation -3 had the opportunity to have their eyes tested through the Glasses for Kids program. There will be a second day of eye testing next term.

This week we had the Melbourne Markets visit our school to deliver their Market Fresh program. The program was greatly enjoyed by all students.

Upcoming Term 1 Events

Harmony Day	Tuesday 27th March
Last Day of Term 1	Thursday March 30th
Students First Day of Term 2	Wednesday
Term 2 Curriculum Days	Monday April 16 th
	Tuesday April 17 th
Anzac Public Holiday	Wednesday 25 th April
Grade 5/6 Camp	Thursday 26 th – Friday 27 th April