



Dear families and friends,

Student Reports

Mid-Year reports will accompany today's newsletter, giving parents and carers an understanding of the progress and achievement your child has made so far. They are based on the teacher's judgment against the Standard of Achievement described in the Australian Curriculum for each year level.

The Achievement descriptions range from:

- Excellent achievement
- Good achievement
- Satisfactory achievement
- Partial achievement
- Minimal Achievement

Satisfactory achievement at this point of the year means that your child is moving towards achieving all that is expected of them by years' end.

If you are unable to make sense of the report or the achievement and effort is unexpected please don't hesitate to request additional information from your child's teacher.

A reminder

Can I please ask that all parents report into the front office when visiting their children rather than going directly to the classrooms. Front Office staff will be happy to contact your child's teacher and have your child brought to the office or you will be issued with a guest pass to enable you to move through the school as an easily identified member of the school community.

Sometimes it seems so much easier to go straight to your child's classroom but this can be disruptive to the learning program.

Swimming

The swimming program for Years 3-6 starts on 25/7/2016, **day 1** of next term, with the Reception – Year 2 classes starting on 26/7/2016, the second day of Term. Please remind your children that they need to wear their swimming gear under their uniform to each swimming lesson.

Swimming is a very important part of learning, making sure that your child has the skills they need to be confident and safe in and near the water. Your child is encouraged to participate and if you are concerned please don't hesitate to contact their teacher or myself.

Woodville Gardens Got Talent

Some very brave contestants are currently competing for the title of WGGT under the management of Mrs. Leanne Potter.

An enthusiastic audience and watchful judges are creating a wonderful atmosphere during Tuesday lunch times for students to demonstrate their musical and artistic talent.



Kira sings her heart out



The judges score consistently!

Holidays

I hope all families and staff have a very safe and relaxing holiday. If you live close to the school please keep a watchful eye over our wonderful school. If you see anyone suspicious please don't hesitate to contact police. **Early Dismissal tomorrow 2:00pm.**

Kind regards,

Fiona Voigt

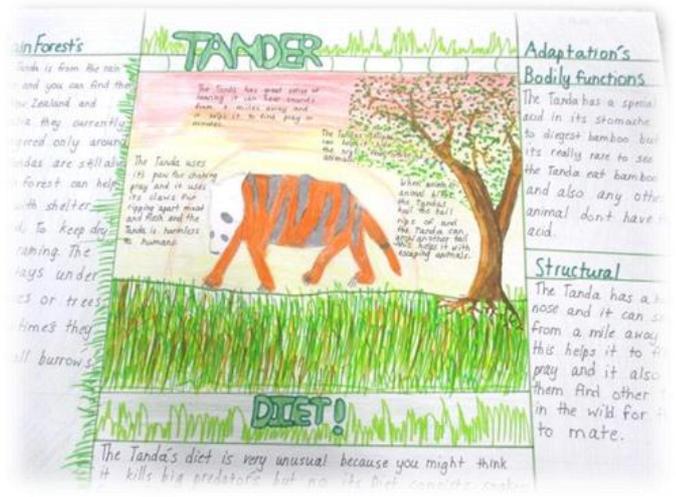
Red Learning Area

Science

In Science this term, the Red Building students have studied adaptations and life cycles. As an introduction to the topic, students enjoyed a very exciting excursion to the zoo.

In small teams they took on the zoo challenge, where they investigated and recorded adaptations of different animals.

Following our zoo excursion students created posters about animals detailing their adaptations.



Reconciliation Week

Throughout the week the kids were involved in a variety of activities to develop their understanding of the importance of Reconciliation week and Aboriginal culture.



Cradle Mountain

Cradle Mountain is very special. It is one of Tasmania's most famous natural landmarks. The mountain is about 1545 metres, located about 100 kilometres west of Launceston.

Very many ancient aboriginal tools were found in Cradle. The *Aborigines* once use the mountain as a campsite.

People have cut down a lot of the trees in the mountain, after that they forbade anyone to cut the trees that are on the mountain. People are very afraid of bushfires destroying the mountain so they only allow gas for cooking in Cradle to keep the mountain safe. Fortunately, no bushfires or floods were recorded in Cradle.

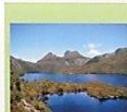
Written and Made By,
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NOTE: All the information was found in books and websites. The book is:

- Natural Landmarks- Tasmania

The websites are:

- www.wikipedia.org
- www.park.tas.gov.au



Geography

We began our Geography topic by looking at significant Australian places including their importance to Indigenous people. Students have developed and practised their research skills using a combination of books and the internet to research their answers.

The Great Barrier Reef!

The Great Barrier Reef is in Queensland, Australia.

1. Why is the Great Barrier Reef important to Australians?
The barrier reef is important to all Australians because it protects coastlines from the damaging effects of wave action and tropical storms. It also provides homes for marine animals.

2. Why is the Great Barrier Reef important to Aboriginal people and why?
The Great Barrier Reef is important to Aboriginal people because they have a spiritual connection with the reef and its natural resources.

3. What activities have people done to influence the Great Barrier Reef?
The government has stopped coal mining and oil drilling and are trying to stop deforestation.

4. How have people damaged the Great Barrier Reef?
There are lots of threats to the Great Barrier Reef but the most serious are climate change, animals getting trapped in nets and fishing.

5. What big flood or bushfires have happened in Queensland?
On the first of January there was a big rain. It didn't stop and soon it turned into a flood. This impacted a lot of people both people and animals.



Victoria's Twelve Apostles

The Twelve Apostles was created millions of years ago by the crashing waves against the shore and is made out of limestone rock. The Twelve Apostles are sturdy and only a few stacks has collapsed during the years.

The Twelve Apostles help Port Campbell National Park become the first scenic view in Victoria to get government protection. That was because The Twelve Apostles has an amazing and beautiful view and it is a tourist attraction.

The Twelve Apostles were occupied by the indigenous people thousands of years ago and archaeologist prove that there were indigenous people living there.

On the positive side the Twelve Apostles aren't being damaged by the behaviour of humans but are being damaged by the strong crashing waves.



The Grampians, Victoria

1. Choose a state in Australia: Victoria
2. Find out and place in that state is it important to Australian people: The Grampians, it is important to Australia because it represents the European
3. Find out if it is important to Aboriginal people and why: Aboriginal people have lived in it for 20,000 years. People walk into the Grampians with a rock and scrape the paintings. It is the largest number of indigenous rock art sites in South eastern Australia
4. Choose one of those places to research to find out some positive things people have done to influence that place: They have left it alone and not done anything to it.
5. How have people impacted on it our damaged that place?: People have walked in to the Grampians with a rock and scraped the paintings.
6. Research a bushfire or flood that has happen in this state and what impact it caused: The eastern part Victoria was flooded one year ago it was that bad it killed 13 people in the flood and 4 all most died it was 40 millimetres of rain today it can get up to 100 millimetres tomorrow.
7. How can people protect the Grampians: this we can preserve and protect the natural environment? Provide opportunities for tourism. To control plants animals and diseases.

By Raiden





Going to preschool helps your child to learn new things, make friends and develop confidence.

Children who turn 4 before 1 May can start preschool at the beginning of the year before they start school.

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