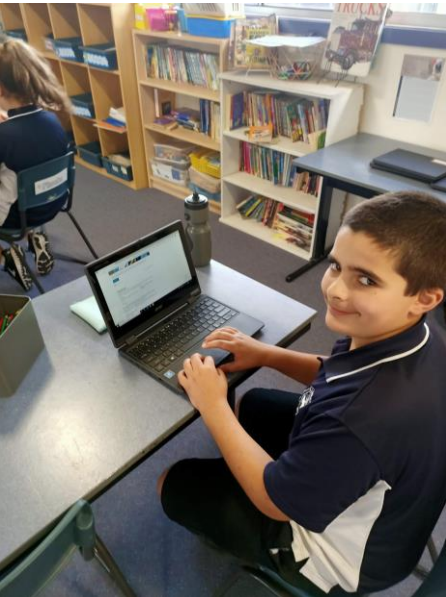


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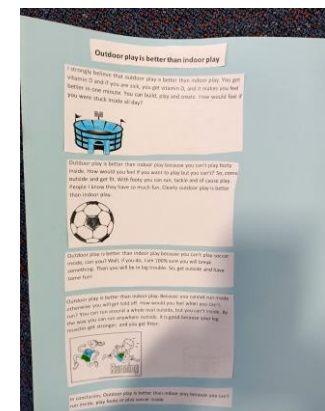
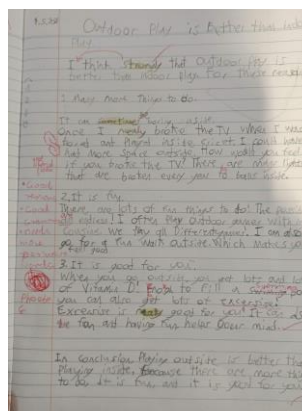
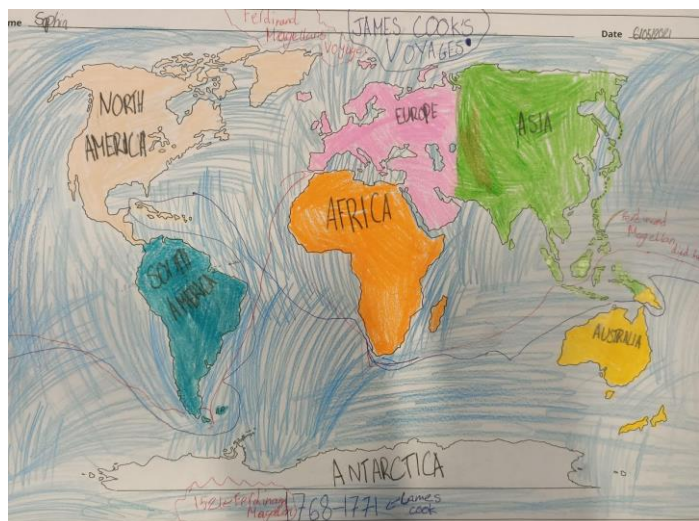
Grade 4/5/6 R



This week we have been doing NAPLAN testing. Although it may be considered stressful for some, I have been impressed with the amount of effort that everyone is putting in. The classroom has been extremely quiet as everyone has been really focused on doing their best.

We have also been working on publishing persuasive writing texts. We have made sure to check that we have added all of the changes we have made during the writing process. We have also included feedback from our peers!

In Inquiry, we have been working on researching famous European explorers. We have been aiming to find out the continents they discovered and routes they sailed.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

Wow! What a fantastic response we had to our book fair! In total, we had over \$2,000 in sales. This resulted in \$418 being raised for the school. This money will go towards updating the school's literacy resources. Thank you to all the families who supported this initiative through making a purchase. All families who made a purchase at the book fair will go into a raffle that will be drawn at this Friday's assembly. We will also announce the winner of the colouring competition that was connected to the book fair. Prizes will of course be books! Massive thanks to Anne for organising and running the fair, along with Kate and the rest of staff for their support.

Speaking of fundraising celebrations, we can also announce today that last week's Mother's Day stall and raffle raised \$222.92 for the school. Thank you to Julz Sheffield for single-handedly putting together the prizes for the raffle, and to all the mums who came in and ran the stall. I also want to give a shout out to Sage and Alex's family who, despite selling a whopping 7 books of tickets, did not manage to have one of these tickets drawn out in the raffle.

Hotdog for Harvey

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we were thrilled with the way our school community got behind our "Hotdogs for Harvey" initiative at the end of Term 1. At last week's school assembly, we were exceptionally proud to present Harvey's mother (and aunty of current students Jack and Ben) Renae, with a cheque for \$1,187.05. The McKee family are extremely grateful for the support that our small school community has given to them. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to this fundraiser. We wish Harvey and his family all the very best for the journey ahead.

Reading Nights

A reminder to our families to ensure our students are reading nightly. Nightly reading with your child (listening to them read, reading to them, asking questions and discussing the reading) for just 20 minutes, has been shown to have a very positive impact on not only a child's reading development but also other areas of learning, including Writing and Mathematics. Students are welcome to borrow books from the school and we also encourage families to visit the local library. We will have a significant number of 50 nights awards to present at this week's assembly.

Open Evening

Flyers have gone out today promoting our school open evening as part of Education Week. The evening will take place from 5-6pm on Wednesday the 26th of May. In addition to current families of Willowmavin, we have also sent flyers to local kindergartens to encourage families of prospective 2022 enrolments to attend. We look forward to celebrating your child's learning with you in their classrooms.

NAPLAN

We are currently in the midst of NAPLAN testing. Grade 3 and 5 students this morning completed the Reading assessment which followed on from yesterday's Writing and Language Conventions tests. Tomorrow, the testing period concludes with the Numeracy assessment. After being cancelled last year due to remote learning being in place, this year's results will give a great deal of insight into the impacts the adjusted 2020 school year has had on our students' learning.

Well done to our students thus far for trying their best (that's all we can ask) in these "testing" times. ☺

Attendance

Thank you to those families following guidelines and keeping their child home from school when they are unwell. We know that high levels of attendance are crucial for students to make the most of their learning and missing a day here and there adds up. However, sending a child to school sick can result in other students becoming sick and we end up with multiple students being absent – having the opposite effect on attendance. So it is important (particularly given the current climate) that students remain at home when they are unwell. In reporting absences, a massive thank you to those families who have used Compass this week (or previously) to enter an absence, late arrival or early departure. This cuts down on administrative work at school. A Compass post was sent out this week regarding how to do this.

Signing Off

A mother is one who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take.

Until next time, take care of one another and be the best you can be!

Mr. O'Callaghan

This week's background colour
is brought to you by Dumaresq,
Term 2 Weeks 1-3 House Cup
winners!
Congratulations!





Student of the Week



Term: 2 Week: 2



F/1

EVELYN BOWDEN-HALL SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST

For working well in class and trying her best in all her work.



2/3

HANNAH PATE

SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST

For working hard to include persuasive devices in her writing. Great work Hannah!



4/5/6R

ABBIE MCALLISTER

SCHOOL VALUE: RESILIENCE

For always being willing to try new things, even if she is feeling nervous.



4/5/6

SAVANNAH WATTS

SCHOOL VALUE: RESILIENCE

For demonstrating of the value of Resilience during her learning – not giving up when things are hard. Keep up the great work!



Student of the Week



Term: 2 Week: 3



F/1

LUCAS HABER

SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST

For having a go at all tasks and trying his best. For listening respectfully.



2/3

GEORGIA BRADLEY

SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST

For taking pride in her work and always ensuring it is completed to a high standard. Keep it up!



4/5/6R

BLAKE DALE

SCHOOL VALUE: RESPECT

For showing that he cares about his classmates and helping them when they are feeling upset.



4/5/6

JAKE JACKSON

SCHOOL VALUE: BE YOUR BEST

For demonstrating of the value of Be Your Best with complete focus and engagement in his Maths work. Keep up the fantastic attitude!



25 Sessions Plus

Hudson Buhagiar
Nicholas Jeffrey
Georgia Bradley
Sway Frost
Willow Poulter
Anwyn Lajang
Dayne Lang
Harrison Mealy
Olivia Poulter

75 Sessions Plus

Octavia Castle
Zara Gill
Evelyn Hall-Bowden
Charlie McKenzie
Oliver Sheffield
Jai Bamford-Newey
Jeremy Hall-Bowden
Riley McKenzie
Hannah Pate
Nate Eames
Molly Gill
Rhys Pate
Tyler Stebbing
Anneka Thornton

50 Sessions Plus

Amelia Bloomfield
Louis Campbell
Reid Williams
Ruby Ellis
Ben Hamilton
Alex Mason
Willow Roberts
Jake Bamford-Newey
Sophia Borg
Charlotte Bradley
Savannah Watts

100 Nights Plus

Remember, you can read in the
morning or the afternoon, too!
It doesn't have to be night!



BE YOUR BEST



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



SAFE



Wednesday, the 12th May 2021

What's On...



Dates To Remember:

Friday, 14th May – Hot Lunch Day

Friday 14th May – District Cross Country

Friday 28th May – Hot Lunch Day

Breakfast Club

Great to see so many of our students enjoying Breakfast Club – the toast can't get cooked quick enough to meet demand!!!

This is a lovely way for students to start the day. All students welcome so if you haven't tried it yet come along and join in.

Thanks to Suzie Chaniel for helping with the Breakfast Club in the last couple of weeks. More helpers are always welcome. Breakfast Club operates between 8.20am-8.45am.

Due to our increasing numbers it is really important that students arrive for Breakfast Club as close to 8.20am as possible so they can eat their breakfast in time for the start of class.

Items coming up at Breakfast Club this term will be Pancakes, toasted sandwiches and scrambled/fried eggs. Plus a special breakfast for Walk to School day. Keep an eye out for notifications.



May

3rd Georgia Bradley

7th Jack Hamilton

9th Anwyn Lajang

10th Jake Jackson

11th Ryder Morgan

20th Nate Long

24th Charlotte Bradley

Mothers' Day Raffle and stall

Congratulations to the winners of our Mothers' Day Raffle! Thanks again to Julia for organising the prizes.

Thank you to Tessa Crawford and Penny McKenzie for organising the Mothers Day Stall and all our helpers on the day!