

## Grade 1 Newsletter

15 March 2013

We would like to say a big thank you for all your help and support during Term 3. There have been many great moments. A recent highlight was the very popular and successful Heroes and Villains Character Day. It was wonderful to see the children dressed as a range of storybook characters from princesses to ninjas and for them to talk about their favourite books with the other children. Today's Mini-Exhibition was also a huge success. We appreciate the support of all the parents who were able to attend the event. The children loved sharing their learning with you and it was a great way to end our Unit of Inquiry on 'Body Systems'. We hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you in April, for what promises to be a very exciting final term in Grade 1.



### Literacy

Book Week was an amazing success and inspired all our young readers and writers. The children had visits from two authors, Sarah Mounsey and Shamini Flint, who shared with the children some of the books they had written, the processes they went through as authors and also many funny tales along the way. Ms Natalie's class was excited to have a go at making their very own illustrated book by following the steps that Sarah Mounsey shared with us. Ms Susan's class participated in a writing workshop with Shamini Flint and discovered how to use the five senses to write descriptively.



This week the learners have been focusing on their presentation skills and learning what makes a good speech. They put this knowledge into action by preparing their roles for the Mini-Exhibition.

### Mathematics

We have covered a couple of different topics over the last 2 weeks, including learning about 3D shapes and using the language of position. We first looked at the names of common 3D shapes and their properties, such as how many faces, vertices/corners and edges each has. The learners



enjoyed discovering all about these shapes through practical activities, such as playing the 'Shape Feely Guess' game, modelling the shapes out of clay, building using 3D shape blocks, going on a 3D shape hunt around school and using nets to make the shapes out of paper.

This week the learners have practised using the language of position to describe the location of different objects, using words like between, above, below, behind and in front of. The learners finished their week reviewing all of Term 3's work on time, place value, partitioning, addition and subtraction, measuring mass, 3D shapes and the language of position in preparation for our end of term assessment.



### Unit of Inquiry

In our Unit of Inquiry we have learnt about three more of the body's systems: the respiratory, muscular and nervous systems. The learners looked at the different functions of each system and the parts of the body that are involved with each. They then had fun carrying out experiments to show how the lungs work and how the diaphragm moves. We also exercised our muscles and observed how they got tired.

This week we have been busy consolidating all of our learning in this unit and preparing for our Mini-Exhibition.



## Reminders

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| <b>15 March</b>            | <b>End of Term 3</b>                          |
| <b>1 April</b>             | <b>Start of Term 4</b>                        |
| <b>5 April</b>             | <b>Nexus Parent Group Coffee and Catch-Up</b> |
| <b>12 April</b>            | <b>Grade 4 Assembly</b>                       |
| <b>Mondays and Fridays</b> | <b>Swimming</b>                               |