

# End of Year 2017

## SEL

It is hard to believe it is the end of Term 4 already! It seems like only yesterday the year was starting with 75 nervous yet excited students, ready to take on the new year. The SEL program this term has focused on building the Year 5 students' resilience and relationships to get them ready for the responsibilities that come with being the seniors of the school. The tailored programs have given the students various coping strategies, from physical activity to self-calming, when they find themselves in any stressful situation. The Year 6 students have engaged in numerous activities based on the importance of honesty and the risks and rewards involved when telling the truth, being safe and trusting their instincts, various ways of resolving conflicts and building a healthy self-image. Through these activities, the students are building a strong and confident sense of self that will help them transition into strong and confident high school students.

## Maths

It is the end of a very busy year! The Year 5/6 students have been working very hard to consolidate their learning in BODMAS, algebra, operations and proportional thinking through a variety of investigations, workshops and IXL activities. Students needed to calculate the proportions of fruit needed to make a bowl of fruit salad for their math group. At the end of unit the students were able to create then enjoy the fruits of their labour!

Students have identified and explored a variety of angles including internal and external. They enjoyed finding these angles on pictures of a cake and a dog made out of shapes and angles. While all of this was going on, students continually reflected on their skills to ensure they could explain their mathematical thinking.



Farewell Year 6s! We will miss you!

## Upcoming Events

### December 15

School concert

### December 20

Year 6 Graduation

### December 21

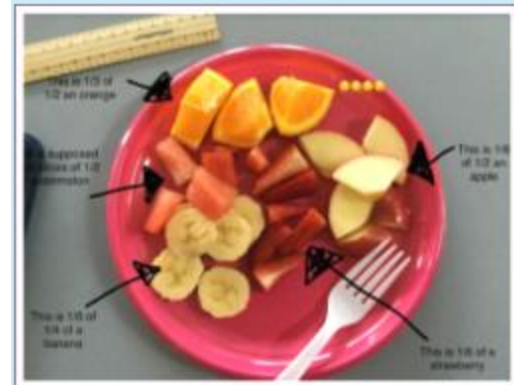
Year 6 Fun Day

Year 5 Dux Awards

### December 22

Last Day of the year!

Early finish – students need to be picked up at 1:30pm sharp.



Fabulous Mathematical Fruit Salad!  
Helena's beautifully labeled fruit salad which she uploaded onto her Google Site.



Am ali, Jack, Jennifer and Ram elio  
Fashions on the Field winners



Mixed Basketball District winners



Volleystars A and B teams after playing in the  
District finals!

## English

This term the Year 5/6 students have had a major focus on Poetry. After an initial introduction, they were able to choose the style of poetry they wished to study and attended two weeks of workshop sessions to develop their skills.

At the end of this time they produced poetry which they will proudly present to the Year 3/4 students in a special one off event. The poetry readings will occur across the learning area and be a chance for the 3/4 students to see what the senior students have written. Along with poetry, there has been a continued emphasis on the areas of descriptive and recount writing. The ARPS Melbourne Cup celebrations gave the children many exciting points to recall later that week in a recount.

Of course the students continued to read on a regular basis both at home and as part of their English sessions. The types of literature covered ranged from the classics such as Shakespeare to more contemporary books such as 'Boy Overboard,' by Morris Gleitzman. The discussions about literature and follow-up activities have shown the depth of understanding and compassion the children have for the characters and their awareness of character and plot development.

Overall Term 4 has provided us with a greater insight into the literacy capabilities and wonderful talents of our students.



Tommy reading to the Foundation students.



Johannes was very intrigued by the skittles experiment in Science!

## Inquiry

This term has been jam packed with some great investigations in Inquiry. The Year 5 students were very lucky to have an incursion with 'Hands-on Science' where they continued to investigate different substances and how they change through experiments and lots of discussions. Some of the different experiments the Year 5 students looked at this term were chemical reactions, where they made honeycomb, and how light affects shadows. On December 8<sup>th</sup> they held a Science Fair at lunch time where students from all year levels came along to see a number of different experiments being demonstrated. It was a huge success!

The Year 6 students have investigated democracy and the levels of government with a trip to Parliament House and the Old Treasury Building. Year 6 also looked at currency and money through an economy within the learning space. Some students were selected to form the government of the learning space economy ensuring that all laws and regulations were followed.



Maytheany showing off his colour wheel.



Year 6s making potato circuits



Ammar, Orlando and Nil



Ashley, Julia, Chelsea, Lilly and Erica

