

Term 2
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Term 2

13th April – 26th June

11 weeks

1 public holiday – Queen's Birthday

1 pupil free day – Report Writing

To Be Advised

Cycle and room excursions if conducted and other events if the need arises

June

26th Friday- End of term 2.15 finish

July

3rd Friday – Landscaping/Gardening work at school – Help appreciated.

Term 3

13th July – 18th September

July

13th Monday – Term 3 commences

31st Friday – Cycle 3 Winter Sports Carnival, Wodonga

August

1st Saturday – Sri Lankan Curry Night: P&F Event 4pm-8pm

10th Monday – Incontro – 1.10pm

14th Friday – Pupil Free Day – Staff updating qualifications

31st Monday – Maria Montessori's birthday

September

2nd Wednesday – Father's Day Night 5-6pm

4th Friday – School Athletics Carnival

7th Monday – Pupil Free Day – Staff networking & MAF Representative meeting

8th Tuesday – 17th Thursday – Cycle 2&3 Parent teacher interviews.

Rooms schedules to be communicated prior to this date

10th Thursday – Cycle 3 Athletics, Wodonga

15th Tuesday – International Peace Day Celebrations 1.30pm

18th Friday – End of Term 3. 2.15pm finish

School finishes at 2.15pm on Friday for end of Term 2

From the Principal

It's been an 11 week term and even though only one week longer than usual it's certainly been a testing one around illness; for both children and staff. I hope that everyone has a restful and healthy break.

Congratulations to Lia Ladbrook from Cycle 3 who has made it through to the State finals of the Cross Country event. Thanks to all our parents who support their children in their pursuits, including taking them to the events on the school days.



Farewell to the Brough Family

One of our long term and valued families, the Brough/Bohm will be heading off on their adventures around Australia at the end of this term. Rachel would like to invite anyone to come along to Scrambles

PlayCentre, Wodonga on Sunday 12th July from 1pm for an informal farewell afternoon tea for the adults and a play for the children. Alysha, Luke and Ruby would love to see you for a final play and Rachel and Darren will also be happy to have a farewell coffee. Please RSVP to Rachel on 0427 403 926 or email rddesignsplus@bigpond.com by Friday 3rd July. If you would like to keep in contact with the family and children please pass on your email and contact/postal details directly to Rachel so that the children can send news. Safe travels Rachel, Darren, Alysha, Luke and Ruby ... you will be missed.

Heather

Parents & Friends

School Holiday – Landscaping works – Front of building ... Friday 3rd July

During the school holidays we will be planting the front of the school with more native ground covers, infilling the gaps, and also planting at the the area near the bike shed as well as laying more weed matting. The Beechworth Prison Community Team will be available to assist. Parents can contact Jenny Pena either via email (jenny_pena1@bigpond.com) or mobile 0418 890 557. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sri Lankan Curry Evening

We have rescheduled our Sri Lankan curry gathering from Saturday 21st June to Saturday the 1st of August giving you more time to round up the troupes and come along to a night of FUN, FOOD AND FRIVOLOUS FLORICKING!!

Spice up your life! Invoke the fun within and let your hair down! Give yourself permission to party and be surprised at how much FUN we can RAISE together!

When: Saturday 1st August

From 4pm to 8pm

Where: The Masonic Hall Beechworth – Loch Street

Price to be advised

Cycle 2 News

Turquoise

Botany: The children continue to amaze me with the amount of new information they can retain. Yesterday we had our last botany lesson for the term; it was such a joy to hear the children eagerly revealing what they have learned and remembered! Recently we have looked at types and parts of roots, along with the importance of plants on Earth and how they contribute to our lives and wellbeing.

Zoology: Mammals have been our last class of vertebrates to study. The children all seem to naturally adore mammals and most can now distinguish between the three groups of mammals and give examples and explain their common features. This week will end with the children classifying a range of animals into their classes based on features and prior knowledge.

Art: If you haven't had a chance to see, there is some beautiful work on display in the foyer. The children have finished their dot paintings and most have also completed work using complementary colours and another using warm and cool colours.

Fables: Fabulous to hear that so many of you took the suggestion to read fables to your children. It seems the children can't get enough of them and are keen to share the moral behind each story and then take it further and relate the story to their own lives.

Holidays: May you all have a relaxing break and enjoy valuable time as families.

Karen & Sonja



Moonstone

Biomes: Students have completed three biomes – the ocean, the desert and the rainforest. Construction is in full swing making a three dimensional biome for a vertebrate of choice which will be presented as an oral presentation to class this week. The detail and discussions occurring during construction illustrate a deepening understanding of biomes and habitats.

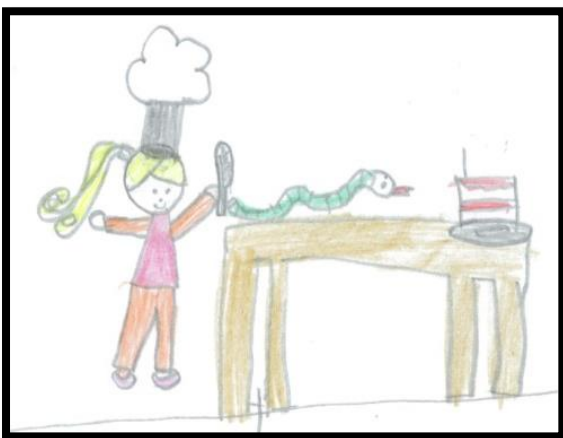
Geometry in Moonstone: Harriet and I have classified the triangles from the detective triangles set according to their sides. There were isosceles, scalene and equilateral triangles. *By Brianna*

The cake with a snake

A berry is nice to have in a slice
But berry in cake is hard to bake
So you can try berry in cake
Put in a little snake and it will bake
By Harriet

Welcome holidays: It is the end of an 11 week term and we travelling quite well although everyone is tired and ready for a restful holiday. During the holidays why not practise some real life maths: cooking, ordering or buying items at the shops, measuring using rulers and tape measures, reading and discussing speed limit signs, timing something, measuring rainfall in a rain gauge, playing board games and doing a jigsaw puzzle. Enjoy and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Susi & Sally



Cycle 3 News

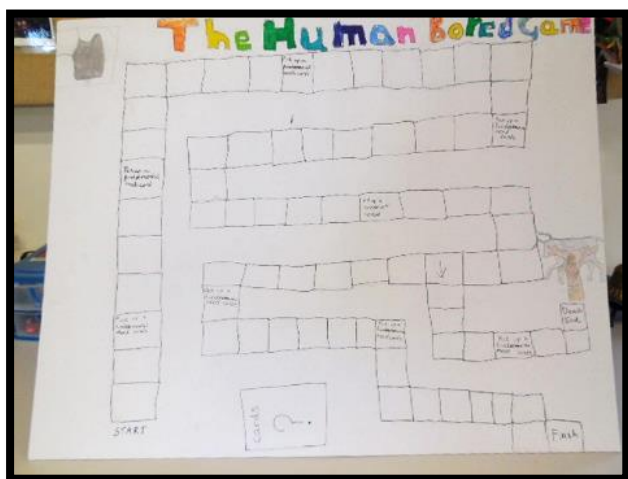
The Human Bored game

The Tigereye year 4 students have been studying early humans and have decided to make a board game, we called it "The human bored game". In the game your player must make their way from Australopithecus ramidis to homo sapiens. On the way you can collect fundamental needs cards but in the pile of fundamental needs cards are some bad luck cards too.

By Ruby Ryan

Fundamental Needs Cards Nutrition

You are hunting with your tribe and you find an old mammoth who can't fight. You go forward three spaces.



DNA

In Tigereye the year 5 and 6 students have been learning about DNA. We watched a video about how DNA works and then Kat explained what it does. To finish it off we made some origami DNA which was extremely fun. Our chain of DNA is hanging up in the foyer of the school so please go and have a look.

What is DNA?

DNA stands for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid, and basically it is a molecular blueprint for a living thing. It lives in the nucleus of a cell, all rolled up in a tight ball because DNA is quite long. RNA is part of a DNA strand, but shorter. It escapes out of the nucleus, and goes along until it finds a ribosome. The RNA goes through the Ribosome, and the Ribosome reads it. RNA is the formula for proteins. After a protein is made it becomes a building block for cells. Proteins sometimes can even make a new cell.

By Eadie Pfahlert and Uli Wild

Art in Cycle 3

Our Art curriculum in Cycle 3 is shared across both the Tigereye and Topaz classrooms and although we have a designated art time on Fridays from 1.30 onwards, there are many times during the week where a child might express themselves through visual communication. Art is either a social activity where students work together or an opportunity for a student to immerse themselves in an individual art work. During our Friday lesson new art ideas and techniques are introduced and students can choose to pursue those activities of interest. Some students will experiment with all ideas and others will focus on one technique such as stencilling and produce a variety of pieces. Like all areas of our curriculum students follow their interests, set up their own equipment and clean up after themselves. Art activities at the moment include printmaking: linocuts and mono prints, stencilling (very popular), a Google competition, Zen patterns, soft chalk portraits of animals, cartooning and painting.

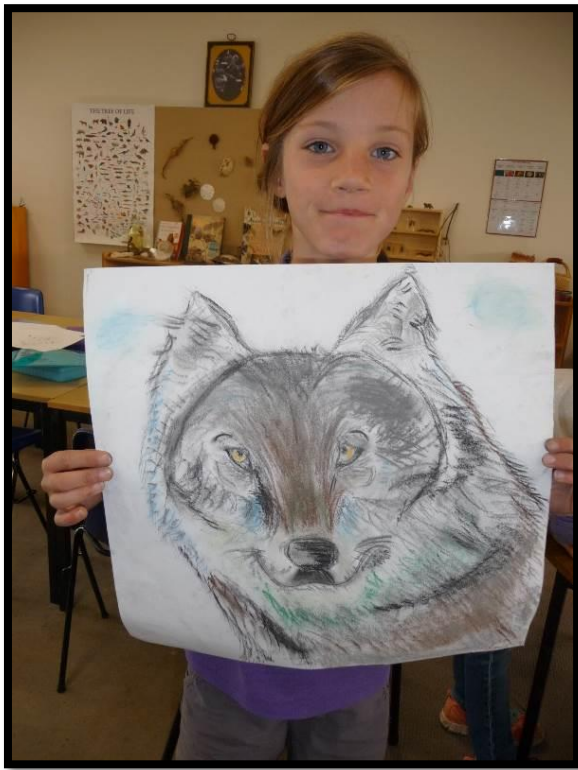
Cremers Art Supplies in Albury kindly donated two large canvasses to our school. These canvasses are being used by students to complete major art pieces for our school. Indigenous designs were chosen from work completed by Akeidha Alexander and Charlotte Hopp with the idea of both girls leading a team of painters working together as an artist community.

Cycle 3 Art

This term I have been working on a large painting of the rainbow serpent and have used all the styles of aboriginal art: dot painting, line painting and x-ray painting. I did it with Uli, Caitlin, Eadie, Anya, Taya and Takara. I like that we have a painting that will be put up in the foyer and (hopefully) admired instead of being taken home.

By Akeidha Alexander





Community News

In conjunction with the Murray Arts CIRCUIT OPEN STUDIO program

Erin Hartwig | Nina Machielse Hunt | Dianne De Cerchi

IMAGINING THE LANDSCAPE

Three local artists, working in different practices, respond to the landscape through photography, painting and print. The Inaugural group exhibition at the Circa 1857 Stone Hall, an exciting new art space and venue in Beechworth.

Opening Saturday June 20th 3 - 5pm
 Circuit Open Studio Weekend June 20th - 21st 10am - 4pm
 Exhibition open until Friday July 10th 2pm

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