



Jerry's Journal

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World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is being celebrated in Australia on Friday 25 October. The day is a great opportunity for everyone to recognise and appreciate teachers and the important role they play in shaping the next generation. This year, the focus is on the #brightfuture of the profession, including beginning teachers starting their career, along with celebrating the role experienced teachers play in both the classroom and supporting beginning teachers on their teaching journey.

Canteen and P and C AGM

At last week's P and C meeting, Donna resigned from the position of Canteen Manager, due to health reasons. At this point in time, we do not have a new Canteen Manager, therefore the Canteen will not operate during Term 4.

The P and C Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 31 January, 2020. If you wish to nominate for a position, or to vote at the AGM, you need to be a financial Member of the P and C. The next P and C meeting (Friday 22 November) is the last opportunity to become a financial member before the 2020 AGM.

Coolmore Visits

Last week, we went to Coolmore for a tour of their farm. We saw a number of stallions and mares, and got to get up close with a 4 day old foal. We learnt about the many different roles on the farm, from working with foals to yearlings, to mares and stallions, and what it is like to be a Vet at Coolmore. Thank you to Rob Archibald for inviting us, being our tour guide, and for the books, hats and milkshakes at Hollydene.

This week, K-6 attended Coolmore for their annual Reptile Awareness Day. Students got up close and personal with snakes and lizards, and learnt what to do if somebody is bitten by a snake. Thank you to Gail Denner for inviting us to be a part of this important learning experience.

Next week, I will be attending the Primary Principals Association's Annual conference, from Wednesday to Friday. From Tuesday 12 November, I will be in Sydney for the remainder of the week. My daughter is undergoing surgery and I need to be with her.

Michael Frith
Principal.

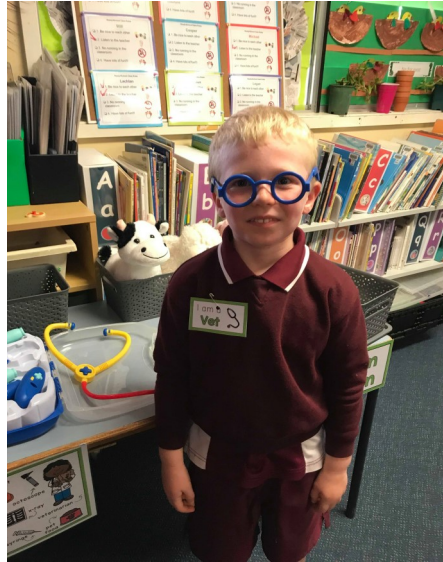
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6/11	Halloween Disco 5pm—7pm
2/12	Intensive swimming all week
16/12	Australian wildlife display
16/12	Presentation Night
18/12	Last day of school for students

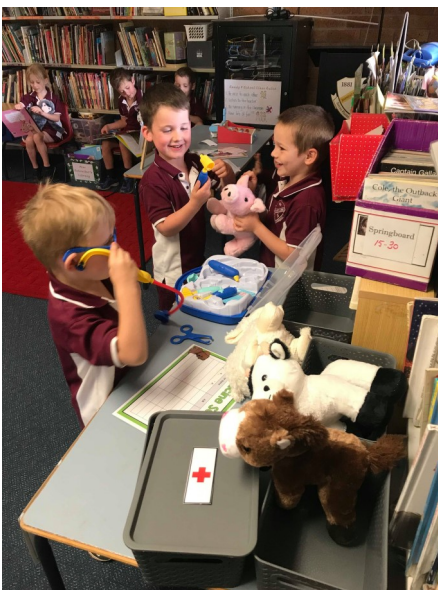
Respect—Organisation—Commitment—Kindness—Safety

READY4SCHOOL

HUNTER VALLEY OPERATIONS



Ready4School now have their very own vet shop! We are enjoying taking on different roles in the shop including receptionists, vets and owners. We wear special badges to show others what our role is. The owners wait in the waiting room until they are called over by the receptionists. The receptionists fill out lots of paperwork, handle the money and tick off the appointments in the book. The vets are highly trained and have lots of special equipment to treat sick animal.



Miss Schreiber

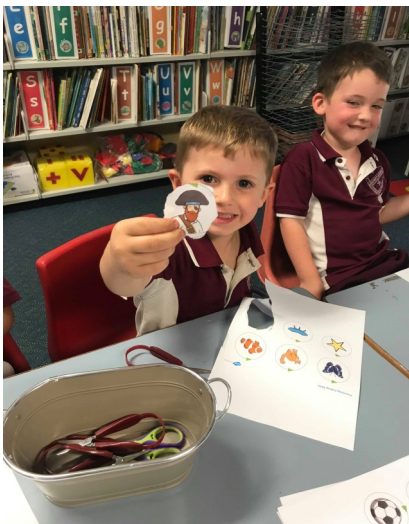
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HUNTER VALLEY OPERATIONS

A focus in our room at the moment is Australian animals. We enjoyed reading Wombat Stew, and have been looking at the different Australian animals in the story. A highlight is when we made Wombat Stew stick puppets by cutting out the different characters. We now get to play with these, which the children are quite proud of.



Our learning, playing and fun is in full swing as we enter our final term before Kindergarten. Here are some snaps!



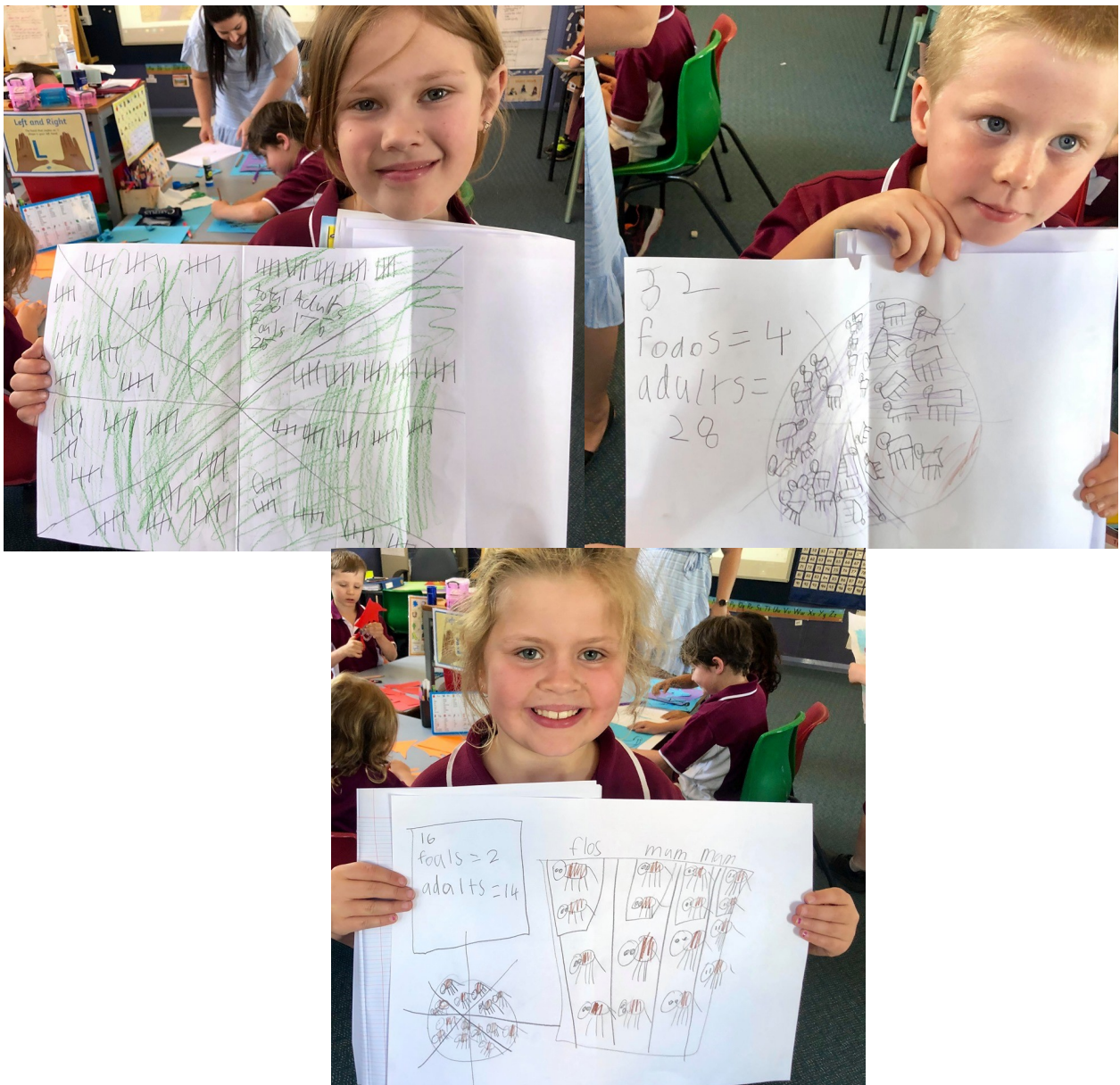
Miss Schreiber

K-2 Classroom

We try and use rich, open-ended tasks as often as possible during mathematics. This is usually initiated by posing a question or problem to the class and then students working either in pairs or by themselves to solve it. Research shows that students are not only far more engaged when working on inquiry-based tasks, but they also gain a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts, as they are compelled to take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, communicate and justify their ideas.

This week Miss Schreiber set the Stage 1 students a task. She told them that at Coolmore, out of all of the horses, one eighth are foals. She then sent the students off to work out what that might look like. This got our brains nice and sweaty! The 'lightbulb' moments are always the best to observe though.

Here are some of the different answers.



Miss Renneberg & Miss Schreiber

3-6 Classroom

A peek at the week



Celebrity of the Week

This term, we have continued our quest to help protect our environment from the impact of plastic through the Take3 Project. Students from years 5 & 6 will travel to Singleton in week 4 to unveil our campaign to other participating schools and special hosts.

Below are images of our science investigation about biodegradable products.



**Shelby stands proud as
'Celebrity of the
Week.'**



Mrs Holt

3-6 Classroom

What a great afternoon at Coolmore!

On Wednesday, we attended a snake awareness talk at Coolmore.

Students had opportunities to view a variety of snakes and lizards and learn appropriate safety procedures along the way.

Thank you Coolmore for allowing us to take part in this very informative presentation.



THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT SNAKES THAT YOU MAYBE INTERESTED IN

The only snake to live effectively above the snow line is the Copperhead. There are three species of Copperhead found in Australia. The Highlands Copperhead is found throughout parts of NSW and Victoria. The Lowlands Copperhead is found in certain regions of NSW, Victoria and Tasmania. Thirdly, the Pygmy Copperhead is found in South Australia.

Largest of all Australian Pythons is the Scrub or Amethystine Python found in the top-end of Australia. Snakes of between 7 and 8 metres in length have been recorded; sizeable enough to consume large animals such as Adult Kangaroos.

The smallest python is the Pygmy Python found in Western Australia. Adults grow to about 50cm and weigh approximately 210grams.

There are approximately 160 described species of land snakes in Australia. This is about 6% of the world's population of snakes, however 90 of the 160 species are venomous, giving Australia around 40% of the world's population of venomous snakes. Nowhere else on the face of the planet has this many. We are the lucky country.

The Inland Taipan and Western Browns both possess the ability to have a seasonal colour change. In the summer months they can be a golden-corn colour, whilst during winter they can be jet-black. This is an incredible adaptation to their environment; to both dispel and retain heat more efficiently during these climatic changes.

The Blackheaded Python likewise uses its black head like a little solar panel. This species can place their head out of a crack and heat the rest of its body up in approximately 20 minutes, thus not exposing the rest of the body to its predators.

Mrs Holt

"Learn to play, play to learn" Kaye's Kids

Welcome to this weeks news from Kayecare. They holidays are over, time to focus on a new and last term of 2019—isn't that a bit scary ☺.

This past week we have sorted through our busy box and, reflecting on the years work so far, the kids have polished up on their cognitive and fine motor skills, pencil grip and direction. I think we have all been able to now follow a 2 step instruction which can be tricky for some little ones. A simple task such as putting on socks and shoes can be difficult at times, as well as being able to listen first before attempting the task. It's all a part of learning to be independent and responsible little people.

As the weather is warming up we have discussed the need for sun safe activities and the importance of sunscreen and hats.

Fire safety has been discussed. Fire drills are now down to a fine art thanks to our Nash, he has a clear understanding of what needs to be done and the procedure.

We have welcomed baby Edward to care, he has settled in very well and enjoys the fuss the older kids make of him.

Water play and foam has kept the kids interested while working on concepts of full, half and empty using floating and sinking objects, creating a hive of conversation from the kids.

Angel had a visit from the tooth fairy, she was so excited to have her tooth come out while at Kaye's. We were visited by our lovely CDO, Louise, she was very happy with our interactions and planning. The kids made her very welcome and invited Louise to morning tea where she was able to meet some of our wildlife that join us each day.

That's all for this week. Until next time, stay safe and be kind to one another. Take care, Kaye .



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P&C News

Next Fundraising & P&C Meeting
Friday, 22nd November, 2019
Starting at 1:00pm
All welcome to come along

WHAT'S ON @ The Jerrys Plains School of Art Hall

Jerrys Plains School of Arts Hall AGM will be held
 6:30pm Tuesday the 12th of November.

Making the most of our hall requires input from a wide
 ranging group of people with different ideas and var-
 ied contacts within the community. All welcome, so
 please join us – we need you!



Zumba with Kayla

Start Time 6:30pm

Cost: \$10. \$5 for students

Start Dates: 14th November & 21st November

With Regular fortnightly classes

5th December , 19th December, 2nd January

All ages and fitness levels welcome (students 12 and under will required parental permission form

Hunter Valley Operations are
hosting a community
information session at the
Jerrys Plains Community Hall
on Thursday 7 November,
from 7am to 9am.

All welcome

