

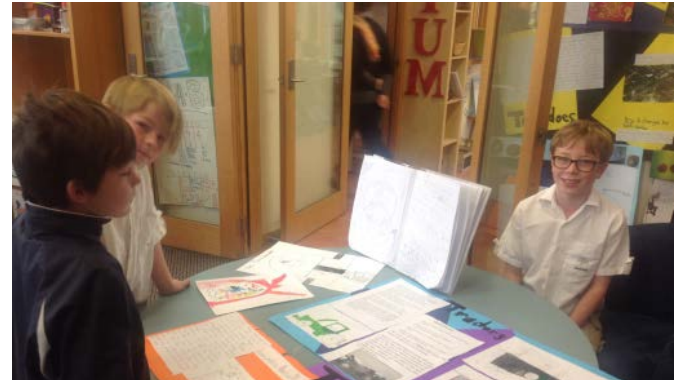


Week 1 Term 3, 2016

Year 3 Group News

Term 3

Welcome back! Can you believe we are already half way through the year? We hope you all had a wonderful break. It is great to see the children all refreshed and ready to learn. This term, there are a few exciting events for the children to look forward to. We have the Book Fair, Book Week, the Olympic Games, incursions and excursions (including the Crabourne Botanic Gardens and the Melbourne Aquarium).



Expo

Our Term 2 Expo was a school based Expo. The children within the school were our audience. Through this ERP, we really wanted the children to gain a better understanding of the whole process. ERP's are not only about their final artefact (project), this aspect is only a small percentage. ERP's are about the immersion, discussions, excursions, reading, questioning and all the follow up work that goes with this. It was amazing to watch the children's research skills, presentation skills, time management and independence develop while working on these ERP's. We look forward to seeing further development this term.



Beanie Day this week at Penbank!

Warm your head and your heart and wear a beanie to school on Friday! Bring a gold coin donation to support the Woodleigh Beanie Festival which is on THIS SATURDAY 23rd July from 11am to 3pm at the Woodleigh campus. All funds raised will support the Indigenous Exchange Programs.

Science

This term our subject focus will be Science. We are focusing on living things and how their survival depends upon the health of our environment.

Our Key Learning Intentions:

- Explore how living things, including plants and animals, depend on each other and the environment to survive.
- Discover how humans can impact on the natural environment in positive and negative ways.
- Investigate how technology is a tool we can use everyday to help us learn.



STEAM!

Another focus will be on collaboration through mini group projects. The children will be working on a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths, Arts (STEAM) projects throughout the term. These projects will be aimed at developing a range of skills. There will be a great emphasis on teamwork, specific and problem solving.

Important Dates

The children have been busy 'unpacking' the Science Learning Intentions.



Our first STEAM Project was to create a Balloon Powered Vehicle.

This term we are very lucky to have Nina assisting in the Year 3 area. Nina, is a fourth year intern from Monash University. She is excited about joining the group and looks forward to working with the children.

Week 2:

Cranbourne Botanic Gardens Excursion - Tuesday 19th July

"Wear your Beanie to School Day" gold coin donation - Friday 22nd July
 Beanie Festival - Saturday 23rd July
 Woodleigh Senior Campus

Week 3:

Visiting Author (Jan Latta) - Monday 25th July

Bunjil Concert - Monday 25th July
 PFG Meeting - Wednesday 27th July 2pm

Melbourne Aquarium Excursion - Thursday 28th July

Life Education Van - Olivia's Group Friday 29th July

Week 4:

Life Education Van - Steph's Group
 Monday 1st August

Week 5:

Olympic Games commence

Kind regards,
 Steph and Olivia

