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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Zoom Meetings

It has been great attending every class's zoom meetings each week. The zoom 'check in' meetings have in my mind been a huge success. From the student perspective seeing their classmates in a time of isolation and being able to get instant feedback on their learning gives the learning from home a more authentic feel. For parents to be able to sit their child at the computer and have myself and the classroom teachers work along side students I'm hoping is freeing them up to take on the COVID day to day challenges. Being able to support parents like this, even for 30 minutes a couple of times a week, I'm hoping will reduce the stress for parents. For staff it has been a huge bucket filler to see our students and get back to our passion of helping students learn rather than just setting work to be completed.



We have had a lot of students just logging in and working along on the other side of the screen. This is something that I whole heartedly encourage and support. Even if your child has no questions about their learning but just wants to feel more connected to their teachers and peers they are more than welcome to join in.

The zoom class catch ups have been a very popular option with high attendance numbers. Students have been doing trivia quizzes, dancing, fitness games, dress ups and tonnes of smiles and laughs. There's nothing like a 'wombat wobble' or a hotly contested trivia quiz to add a bit of light to our weeks.

Students anticipated return date

At this stage we are anticipating students to return on the 25th October. Be mindful that it is still along way off and there could still be changes between now and then. I will hold off making any announcements about how the staggered return will look until next term once we are closer to this date.

Decodable Readers

We recently received an order of decodable readers from the department. We have also topped up this order with another set of decodables with school funds. This now gives us 3 different sets of decodable readers that we can use once the students return. In a nutshell, decodable readers are books that have high percentages of the words on the page that can be sounded out. This is great for students in the early stages of learning to read as the text is then 'decodable' and able to be sounded or chunked out. It also helps to prevent students from just guessing what the word is based on the pictures or just the initial sound of the word. With the end result being students decoding words rather than guessing words.

This is an initiative that we whole heartedly support and are very grateful for this influx in resources. Staff have been busy with online professional learning during lockdown so that we can make best use of these books when the students return.

Take care
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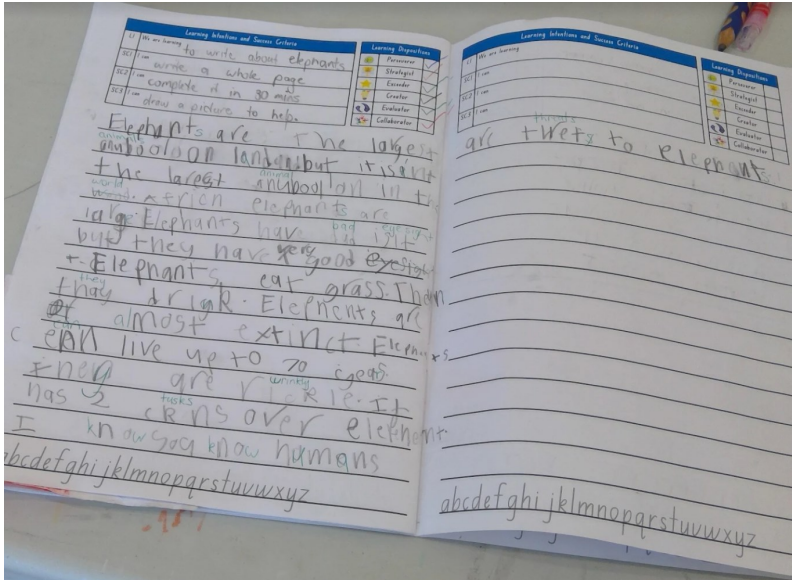
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TERM 3 CALENDAR

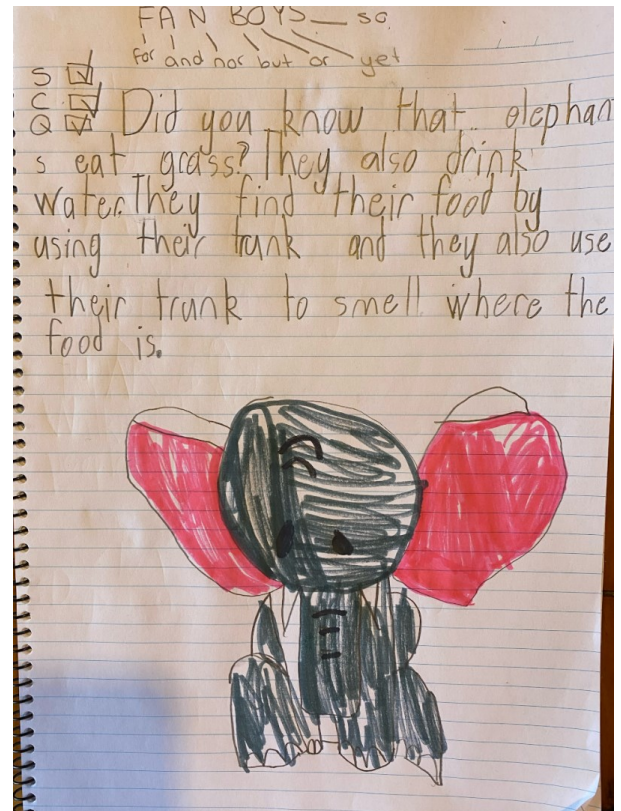
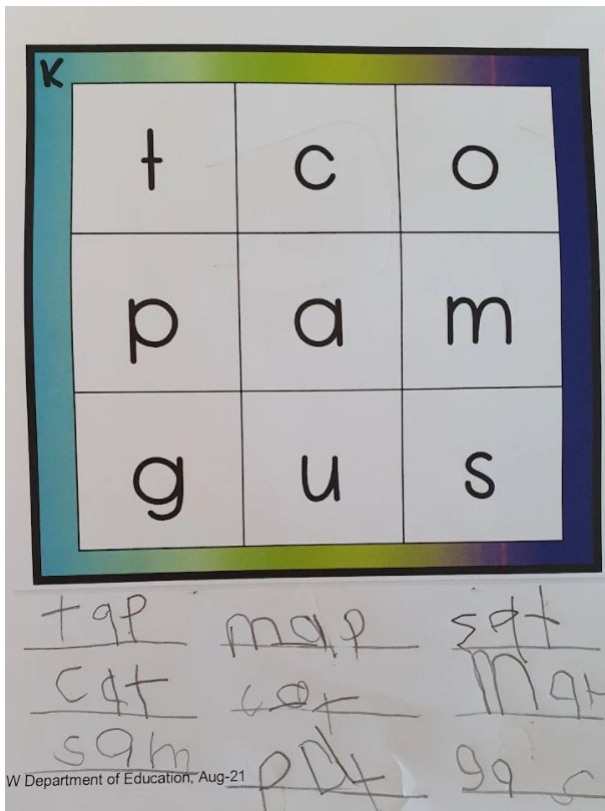
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Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W1 Jul	12 Staff Development Day	13	14	15	16
W2 Jul	19 Henny Penny Chickens Arrive 'Postponed until students return'	20	21 Super Hero Day 'Cancelled'	22	23
W3 Jul	26	27 Spelling Parent Information Session 'Postponed'	28	29 Education Week Open Day 'Postponed' P&C Meeting 'Zoom'	30
W4 Aug	2	3	4 Cupcake Day 'Cancelled'	5	6 Phonics with Families 'Cancelled'
W5 Aug	9	10	11	12 Healthy Harold 'Cancelled'	13 Parent Assembly (C3) 'Cancelled'
W6 Aug	16 3 Way Conference Week 'Postponed'	17	18 Zone Athletics 'Postponed'	19	20 Zone Athletics 'Postponed' Phonics with Families 'Postponed'
W7 Aug	23	24 Book Week 'Via Zoom Class Catch ups'	25 Hawkesbury Dance Festival 'Cancelled'	26 P&C Meeting 'Zoom'	27 Term 3 Excursion 'Cancelled'
W8 Aug/ Sep	30	31 Learning Dispositions Parent Information Session 'Via Zoom'	1 Cupcake Day 'TBC'	2	3 Phonics with Families 'Postponed' P&C Bingo Night 'TBC'
W9 Sep	6 Stage 3 Camp 'Cancelled'	7 Stage 3 Camp 'Cancelled'	8 Stage 3 Camp 'Cancelled'	9	10 Parent Assembly (C1) 'Cancelled' Netball and Futsal Gala Day 'Cancelled'
W10 Sep	13	14	15 MMVWaC Academic Challenge 'Cancelled'	16 SRC Rewards Disco 'Cancelled'	17 Colour Fun Run 'Cancelled'

C1



Look at William and Kye's excellent writing about elephants. We have been learning about how to use simple sentences, compound sentences and questions.



Archie has been working hard to learn all of his sounds. This week he was able to blend his known sounds together to make 9 words.

C2



C2's artwork had a funky take this week- How amazing is Will's?

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6 Energetic Puppy

The energetic puppy returned the big blue ball to his proud owner. He waited patiently for his biscuit treat. The puppy lessons are helping to transform this little puppy into a talented show dog.



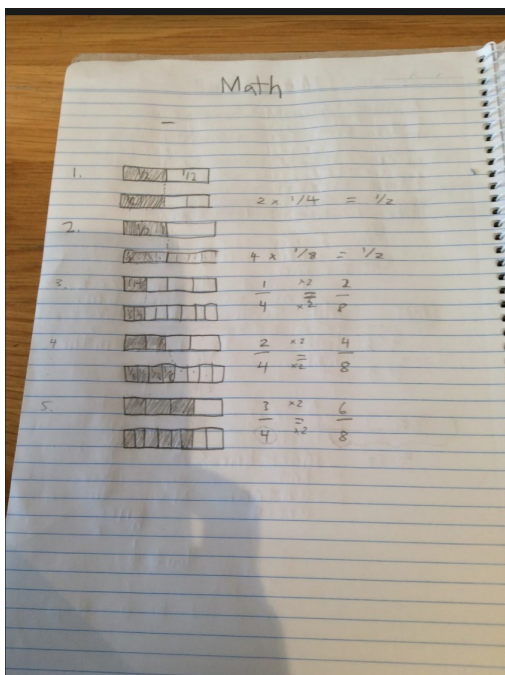
Find 3 spelling mistakes.
Add 3 capital letters and 1 full stop.

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Editing is an important step in our writing. Alex demonstrated this perfectly!

Spotlight work from C2

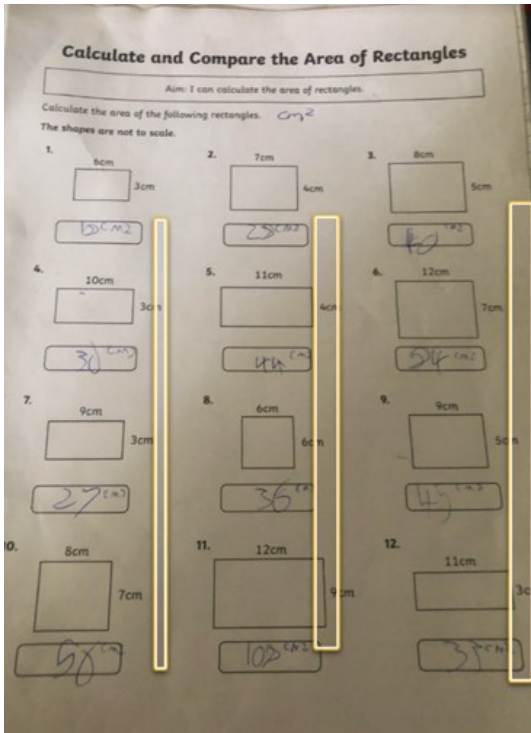
How great is Tyler's math work demonstrating fractions!



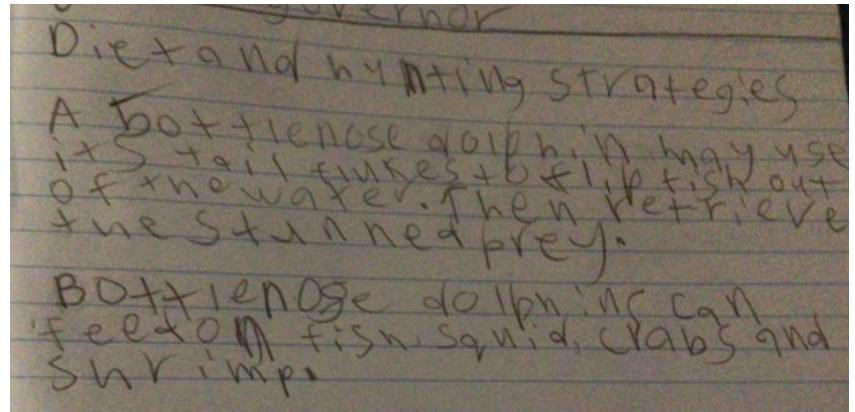
Book Week was amazing!
C2 discovered some fun new reading places in their houses.



C3



Great work in your Maths work Jimmy.



Wow Eli! Some interesting facts about Bottle Nosed Dolphins.

Reading groups

Grace Fennmore

Compare Scarlett & Dri.

Jessie knows Scarlett like a sister, but the only thing she knows about Dri is how obsessed she is with Liam. Scarlett is cool and has been Jessie's friend for years. Dri has been Jessie's friend since Tuesday. They also have completely different personalities.

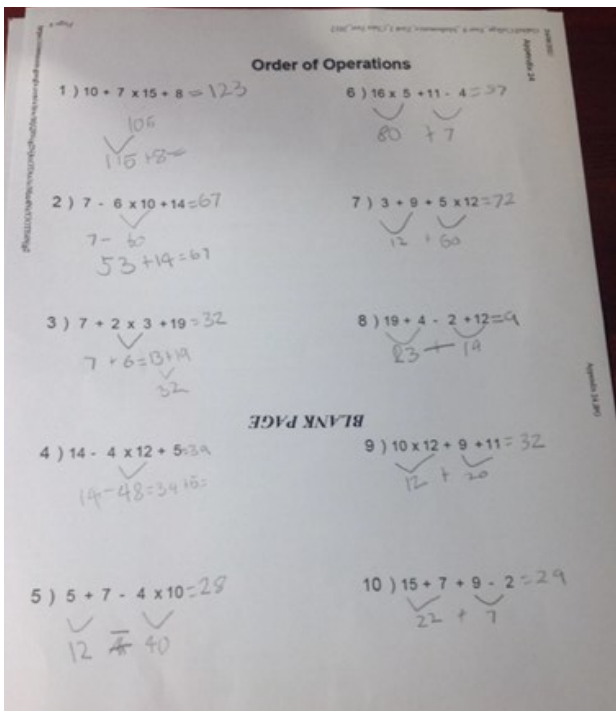
Compare how Liam might act around Gem vs at the book store with Jessie.

We know that Gem is one of the pretty popular girls who is protective of her boyfriend and probably changes the way that he acts. When he is around Jessie he is cool and nice and calm and even funny but when he is around Gem he could begin to act popular and rude or even bad. The way he acts could also be affected by the type of people his band are.

Compare two settings.

Jessie's house in California was extremely different to her house in LA. Her old house was a normal sized house with her, her dad, and her mum. Here in LA she lives in a mansion with a stepmom, a step brother, and butler! She also can't walk next door to visit her best friend because she has to catch a plane to get there!

Some great comparisons here Grace, well done!



Awesome work Kiarney. Love all your working out.



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IMPORTANT DATES / REMINDERS

Next P&C: Our next P&C meeting will be the on 28th October — 7:00pm at this stage if it is via zoom see the link and meeting details below. Keep an eye out in future newsletters if this changes.

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