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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



## *Greetings Friends!*

I am so sorry about the sudden closure of the College on Tuesday. It was so inconvenient for everyone, especially as it was done at the last moment. We had no prior information about the power outage (due to a car accident) and when we found out that it would take most of the day before power would resume, we had no option but to close the College for the day, mainly because of OH&S reasons.

It has been a difficult term for many people, with COVID, lockdowns, storms and power cuts. We are in awe of all our students and families who have had to make many changes to constantly adjust each day in their schooling, work and home life.

Our staff have been amazing in how they have adapted to remote learning and the constant changes that have been demanded of them.

It has not been easy to change 'school' with only a few hours' notice. Many exams, excursions, camps, events, and the GAT have had to be reorganised. As we remained open for 'permitted' workers, there was also a constant unknown each day, as we arranged staff to be on site to supervise these students from all year levels.

Academically our students are progressing, what I am more concerned about is the wellbeing of our students.

I have been undertaking mental health courses to assist our staff in understanding mental health issues and we now have several staff trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid and Teen Mental Health First Aid.

This year, our Year 7 students will undertake the RAP (Resilient Adolescent Program), which will be taught by their Home Room teacher and the Teen Mental Health First Aid Course (TMHFA) will be rolled out to all students in Years 8,9,10 and 11. Two other staff members will join me in teaching the TMHFA courses.

It is vital that our students undertake the TMHFA training, knowing that one in four young people will present with mental health problems in their adolescence. There is evidence that this course saves lives as young people have a preference in going to another young person to help them out rather than going to an adult.

The TMHFA course:

- Helps reduce the impact of crisis situations.
- Gives young people the knowledge to recognise warning signs; offer and provide support; knowledge of and importance of self-care; and, how to guide a friend towards seeking appropriate adult help.
- Guides students to be able to help a friend with a possible mental health problem, or a friend in a mental health crisis, until a responsible adult can take over.

You will receive notice about these courses from our Secondary Wellbeing Coordinator, Mrs Marina Heading.

It is good to engage with your child when they are doing these courses as to what they are learning and gleaning from this training. It is good to talk about wellbeing and mental health, and dismantle the stigma that often surrounds people with mental illness. It is just an illness like physical illnesses and can mostly be treated with good medical care and support.

If your child is struggling in any way, please first see their *HOME ROOM TEACHER* who, if needed, will refer students to the **Wellbeing Team: Rev Warwick Grant (College Chaplain), Mrs Marina Heading (Secondary) and Mrs Sonia Sires (Primary)**.

We continue to pray for all our students, staff and families.

Please join us on Tuesday nights at 8pm (during term time) for fellowship and prayer, praying for our special school. It is done on ZOOM and is only for half an hour.

*“Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich boast of his riches, but let him who boasts boast about this: that he*

*understands and knows me..." Jeremiah 9:24*

Abundant blessings to you all over the winter Semester Break! May you be refreshed!

*"I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint." Jeremiah 31:25*

Keep safe, keep warm and keep focused on our Lord.

*Catriona Wansbrough*



## NEWS

### Enrolments for 2022

We have commenced our planning for 2022 and confirming places for new students to start in Term 1, 2022. Unless we have been advised, we are assuming that all current students will be returning to the College in 2022.

**If a student is not returning to the College, in line with the enrolment policy, one term's notice in writing is required. If the notice is not received on time, one term's tuition fees in lieu of notice will be charged.** This requirement is clearly noted in the Enrolment Agreement Form which all parents/guardians signed when their child(ren) was enrolled.



To assist our planning please advise the College by Friday 17th September 2021 if a student is not returning to the College in 2022. The notice should be addressed to the College Registrar and can be sent via email to [registrar@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@standrews.vic.edu.au) It will be helpful to receive this notice as soon as possible as it will allow us to offer any vacant places to students on our waiting lists.

*If there are siblings of current students wanting to enrol at the College, it is important that parents submit an Application for Admission two years prior to the planned year of entry. This allows the College to provide a priority place for siblings of current students. Siblings are not guaranteed a place if the Application for Admission is late. Late applicants will be placed onto the waiting list.*

Please do not hesitate to speak with the Registrar, Mrs Suzy Song (8847 8309) if you have any concerns regarding this information or if you need clarification in any way.

**Darren Waterworth**  
Business Manager

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## LEGO Club says a BIG THANK YOU!



The St Andrews 7/8 LEGO Club operates on Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes in the 7H Homeroom. Students in Years 7 & 8 come to have fun, design, build and create the most amazing structures, vehicles and creatures!



Tom Bolwell, our captain, was grateful to receive a *HUGE* donation of LEGO from Sarah and Daniel Farmer! Our 20+ members are so very grateful for your servant hearted gift and look forward to you coming in to judge upcoming LEGO MASTERS competitions.

*Marina Heading*

*Secondary School Teacher*

## Presentation Night Changes For 2021



As the College continues to grow and as we have moved into a Primary and Secondary model – there are times to reconsider what we do and how we can improve.

Just because we have done things in certain ways (in our teaching/special events etc) in the past, doesn't mean we continue to do things in the same way.

We don't change for the sake of change, especially if something is going well, but we need to always reflect on what we do and seek the best way in going forward (within our limits, finances, resources).

As educators we understand that reflection is a very important step in learning, and we need to keep questioning ourselves and each other with such questions as:

What way is best for the whole College or whole class (not what is best and easiest for myself)? How are we honouring God and glorifying Him in this practice/decision? How can we improve?

On reflection and due to our growing College community, the ELT have decided to change the format of our end of year celebration evening – ***Presentation Night!*** 😊

This year, Presentation Night will be split into a Primary and Secondary event.

- The Primary Event (Yvonne Hughes in-charge) will take place in the MPH on Monday 6th December starting at 9:15am.
- The Secondary Event (John Present in-charge) will take place on Monday 6th December at 7:30pm (venue TBC).

We look forward to both events!

Blessings to you all,

***Catriona Wansbrough***

*Principal*

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***SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, 20 July 2021***



## CyberSafety - Parent Information Night

We have invited Susan McLean, author of “Sexts, Texts and Selfies” and an expert on Cyber Safety to speak at our College on ***Tuesday 20th July at 7:30pm.***

Susan is Australia’s foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. Widely known as the ‘cyber cop’ she was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people.



*Established in March 2007, Cyber Safety Solutions has grown to be the most highly respected and in demand cybersafety consultancy in Australia.*

Please keep the date free!

***Catriona Wansbrough***  
*Principal*

## Coming Soon - Macaron Fundraiser

St Andrews Netball Club is planning to run a fundraiser and we will be selling macarons made by De'Medici Macarons.

Flavours will include creme brulee, passionfruit, honeycomb and strawberry milkshake plus we will have a vegan option with passionfruit and chocolate and they will be \$25 per dozen.



Our aim is to raise funds to further develop our club, which include: running netball skill clinics to build confidence in our players and strengthen our teams; provide equipment for our teams as needed – netball balls are desperately needed.

We are hoping to send out order forms at the start of Term 3 and the orders will be delivered to the students in mid-August.

Let your friends and family know and help support our club!

***Lauren Gaschk***

*St Andrews Netball Club President*

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## PFA Update

On behalf of the Parents and Friends Association (“PFA”) I would like to wish all families an enjoyable and safe holiday period.

Unfortunately due the recent lockdown (as well as the snap lockdown in February) and the uncertainty in relation to the scope of restrictions implemented by the Government, the PFA has had to suspend planned community events so far this year. We are hopeful that as we emerge from yet another lockdown, new opportunities will present themselves for us to organise some Community activities in the second half of 2021.

We are thankful however that we could still remain connected and involved through our wonderful families and PFA community helping with College based activities such as Icy Pole Fridays, PMP and the inaugural House Cross Country event.

It is important to remember that although the COVID-19 environment creates isolation periods, it is critical that people continue to communicate and support each other wherever possible, whether that be in person or via technological means.

St Andrews is a school with a strong community spirit, and I encourage everyone to continue to help and support others in their time of need. We look forward to once again being able to come together as a Community in the near future.

Best Regards

***Andrew O’Brien***

*PFA President*

***2020 PFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

**President:** Andrew O'Brien

**Vice President:** Sally Wade

**Secretary:** Thomas Chong

**Treasurer:** Eric Chen

**Email:** [pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:pfa@standrews.vic.edu.au)

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## SPORT

### St Andrews CSEN Update - Winners are Grinners!

The St Andrews Year 9/10 Boys AFL team brought home another groundbreaking AFL victory, defeating Chairo Christian School 24 to 13. Well done team!



The Year 9/10 Girls Soccer team celebrated a win over Maranatha Christian School.



Netball girls beat Chairo Christian School 14 to 4.

*Andrew Farmer*

*Head of P.E. and Health*

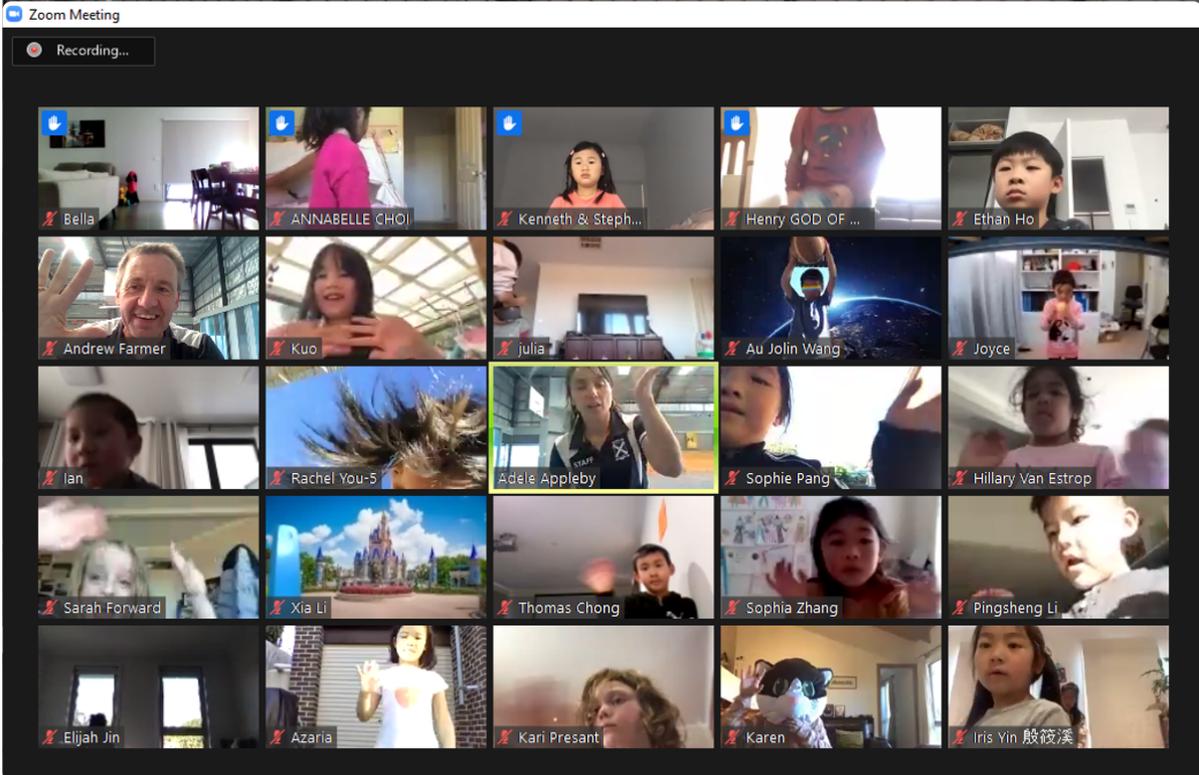
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## VCE Rally Day

VCE Rally day was a lot of fun, our Year 11 & 12 students got to compete at a number of sports, enjoying some exercise and some amazing team building!









*Now for the big news...*

O'Brien Real Estate Wantirna South have generously come on board as a Major Sponsor for St Andrews Netball Club, with a 3-year commitment and we are so grateful to Geraint Gardiner and his team.

O'Brien Real Estate is very keen to help our club as we continue to grow and assist us in improving the programs that we deliver.



# OBrien Real Estate

*If you are looking to buy, sell or rent in the near future check out:*

O'Brien Real Estate Agents Wantirna South | Property Managers - [OBrien Real Estate](#)

**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR ALL OUR SPONSORS SUPPORT!**

Our other Minor Sponsors include [Andatech](#), [Precision Electrical and Plumbing](#), [St Andrews Christian College](#), [Subway](#) and [Montania Cafe](#).



Thanks to the St Andrews community for your ongoing support,

*Lauren Gaschk*

*St Andrews Netball Club President*





# PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Amazing Senses

This term in science we have been studying our 5 senses. We use our eyes to see, ears to hear, hands and feet to touch/feel, nose to smell and tongue to taste. We enjoyed experiments including scavenger hunts, guessing games, touching and tasting.



The Prep children walked back into the classroom after library and could smell popcorn without seeing or hearing it being made.

Our favourite experiment was when we explored different tastes. We got to taste sweet grapes, salty chips and sour lemons. The children looked at their taste buds on their tongues and were amazed at how God created us with these amazing senses that can work by sending messages to our brain.

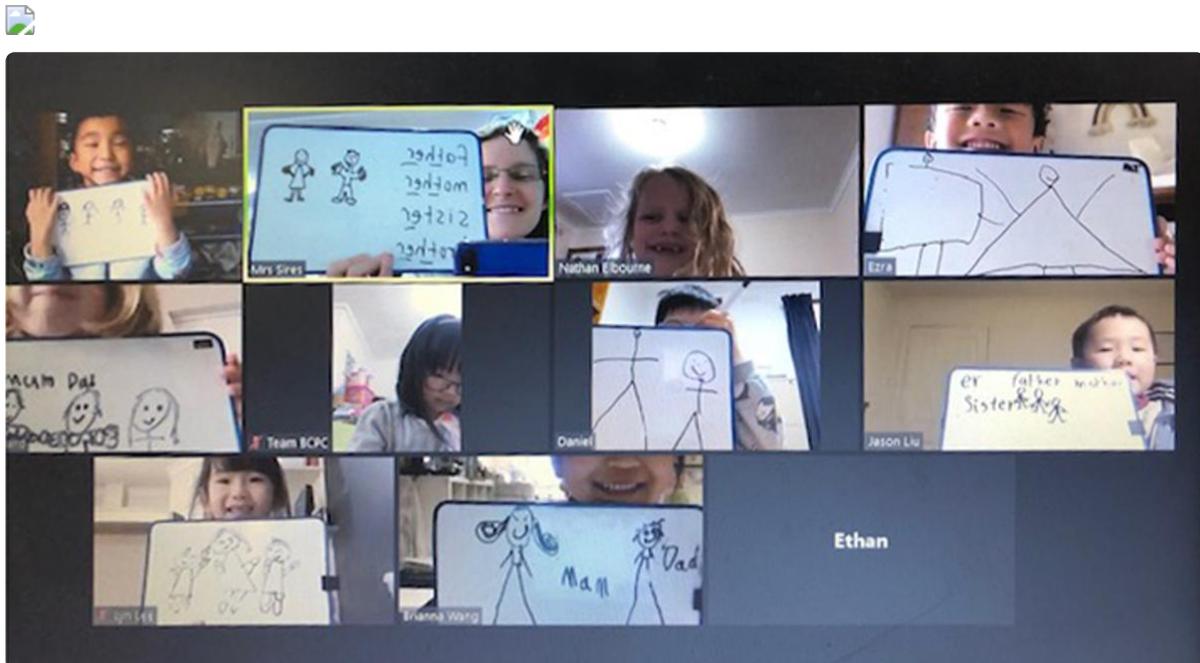
*Shellene Pillifeant*

*Prep Teacher*

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## Zoom Full of Fun

The Preps had fun practising our phonograms while we were on Zoom! We wrote tricky words, drew amazing pictures and enjoyed a few games of “Man in the Box”. (Mrs Sires never wins because the Preps are too clever!)



We also loved seeing our friends each morning for Devotions on Zoom. Many Preps also enjoyed “Fun and Fitness” with Mrs Appleby and Mr Farmer on Wednesday afternoons.

When Mrs Hughes taught us STEM on Zoom, we saw the cheeky monkeys and laughed about their new, crazy adventures. A few parents even joined the STEM Zooms to “meet” the cheeky monkeys!

*Sonia Sires and Nicole Ng*

*Prep S Teachers*

## Lockdown Legends of Year 2!

The Year 2s were true legends during our lockdown and had so much fun learning from home. We are so proud of their resilience and hard work. Here are some pictures of the amazing posters some of the Year 2s created from their scavenger hunt at home.



04.06.2021 

# My Scavenger hunt



As useful as  
A gathering  
rake



As pretty as  
The pretty  
flowers



As fun as  
The rolling  
dice



As heavy as  
The heavy  
scale



As cute as  
The cute  
dinosaur slippers



As empty as  
A blank  
notebook





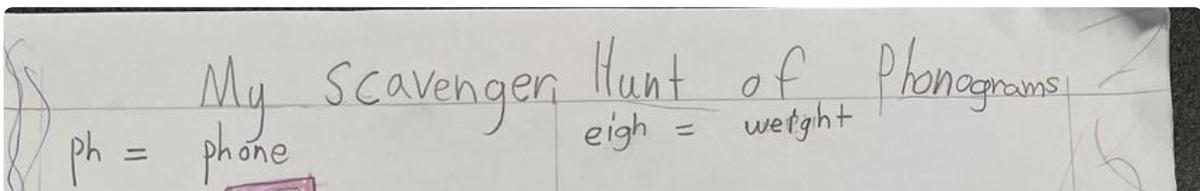


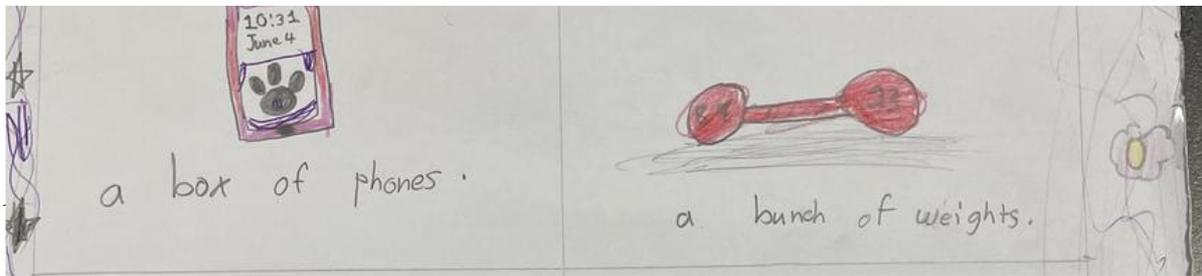
A light blue flowery bow.  
 as pretty as a sunflower  
 as noisy as an orchestra  
 as yummy as ~~sweet~~ sweet honey  
 a pink rubber glove  
 as slippery as a ~~map~~ wet floor  
 a kind next door neighbour  
 as cool as a rockstar

au i-e ow      Phonograms      Ph eigh a-e  
 o-e  
 ph-phone      a-e-cake   
 as black as a dark cave.      as tasty as a cupcake  
 eigh-eight      i-e-slide   
 as round as a fat cat.      as smooth as water  
 au-sauce      o-e-home   
 as red as a hot volcano      as cosy as a blanket









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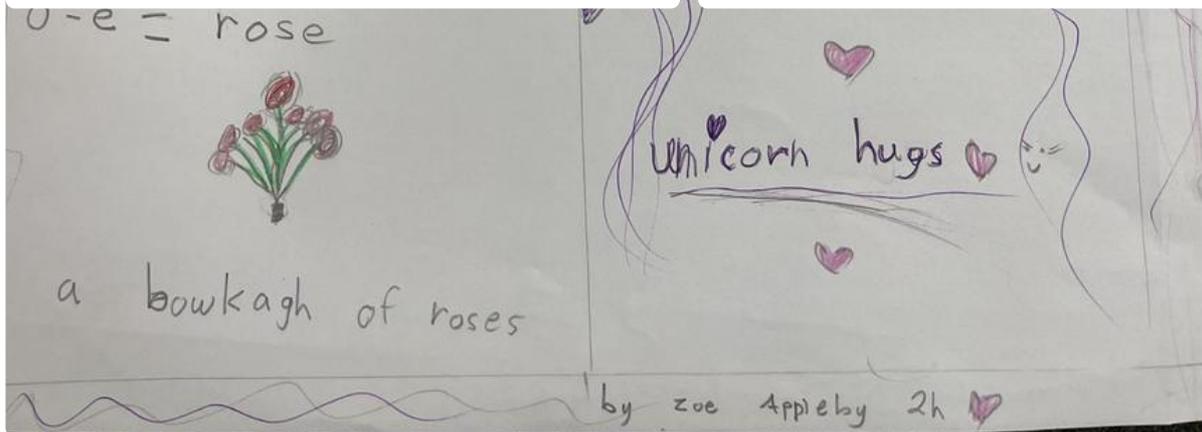
Aboriginal people living here  
 Uluru the sacred stone  
 Surrounded by tourists  
 Terrific scenery in Australia  
 Really just an island  
 Animals here are amazing  
 Local fruit is delicious  
 Indigenous people belong here  
 Amazing food in restaurants

By: Adrian

AUSTRALIA

Amazing plants grow here  
 Uluru is enormous  
 Spectacular beaches  
 Terrific koalas are found  
 Rare treasures to explore  
 the Great Barrier Reef  
 Awesome place to live  
 Lovely weather for all +  
 Interesting animals to  
 All its people are special

By: Evie



<p><b>Tiger</b> fearless, fast hunting, killing, roaring a tiger is brave cat</p> <p>By: Thierry</p>	<p><b>Mum</b> kind, loving running, baking, singing my mum is beautiful woman</p> <p>By: Sophia</p>
<p><b>Snakes</b> slippery, slimy biting, slithering, swallowing snakes are very dangerous reptiles</p> <p>By: Aaron</p>	<p><b>Horses</b> kind, loyal trotting, jumping, galloping being protective and respectful friends</p> <p>By: Cissy</p>

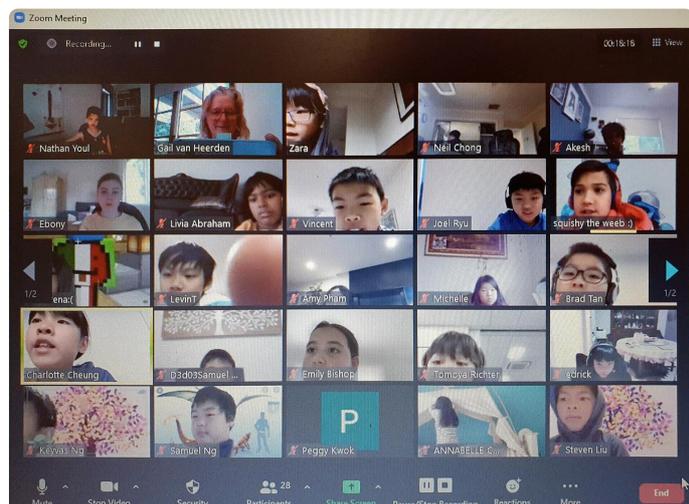
*Anthea Albertus*

*Year 3 Teacher*

## Year 4 Learning From Home

During our 2 weeks of Online learning Year 4s once again, learnt so much, showing resilience, patience and flexibility.

Some students shared their oral presentations on their favourite hero and their talks were presented with confidence and enthusiasm. Students went into break out room and practiced their debates with their peers.



We celebrated Zara's birthday, singing Happy Birthday, using the flute and piano and did our best singing on Zoom.

We brought both our soft toys and shared our pets during morning devotions BUT, we still missed seeing each other face to face and looked forward to connecting with each other back in the classroom.

***Gail van Heerden***

*Year 4 Teacher*

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## Things we thank God for in Year 2

In Year 2 Biblical Studies recently we learned about Jesus healing the 10 men who suffered from Leprosy, and how only one came back to praise and thank Jesus.

### ***Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy***

*Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"*

*When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.*

*One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.*

*Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." **Luke 17:11 – 19***

The students were invited to write and draw on cards "Things we thank God for in Year 2". These were placed in the lawn for all to see.



*Warwick Grant*  
*College Chaplain*

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## Year 5 Art Excursion

On Thursday May 27 Year 5 students went to McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery for an Art excursion. The students enjoyed a walking tour of the sculpture park with a guide and learnt about many of the sculptures within the park.



They were then taken on a tour of some of the sculptures inside the gallery where the education officer Marie helped the students gain insight into the meaning and elements of several different sculptures. The students went on to create a sculpture from various recycled materials in small groups.

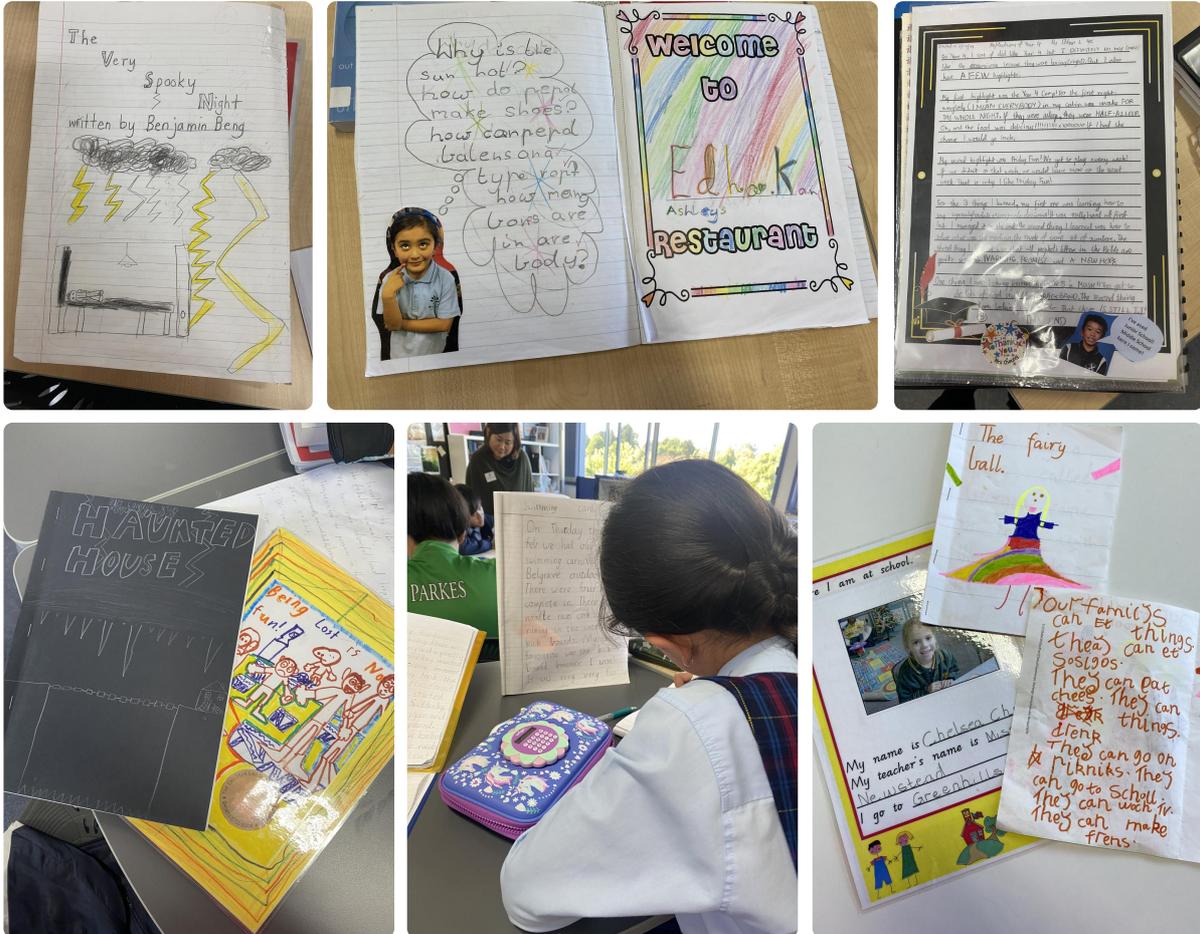
After our lunch break we went on a walking tour and the students had the opportunity to draw various sculptures and also create a small sculpture with natural materials.

It was a great day and we were blessed to be able to enjoy this day, running around and exploring God's creation and artists' creations – despite the short bursts of rain, before the lockdown.

***Sally Darlison***  
*Art Teacher*

## A Trip down Memory Lane

As part of our narrative writing unit, 6E enjoyed reading through some of our old writing pieces from Prep, Year 1 or 2, and seeing how much our writing has improved over time.



We then had a go at editing and improving our old stories to change them into great narratives using our Year 6 writing strategies. We had a lot of fun doing this activity, and the students especially enjoyed seeing Mrs Edwards' own stories from when she was in Prep!

**Chelsea Edwards**

*Year 6 Teacher*

## Year 6 Captains Excursion



On Tuesday 25th May, our Year 6 Captains were incredibly blessed to be able to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. The conference was held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre with approximately 2500 primary school students from around Victoria. It was a wonderful day of learning, interacting with student leaders from other schools and gaining practical tips of how we can best lead our school. Well done Year 6 Captains!

*Chelsea Edwards*

*Year 6 Teacher*

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## Performing for Preppies



In Drama, 6L students performed a puppet show to entertain the Preps via Zoom as part of their drama lesson's puppetry unit. The puppets sang to ... 'The Bellybutton Song' and 'Space Unicorn'!

*Chelsea Edwards, Melanie Lepileo, Karen Elbourne*  
*Year 6 Teachers*

## Learning on Campus During Lockdown

Mrs Ireson led devotion on the first day of the lockdown for the week and Year 1 students created their dream backyards with cardboard construction.

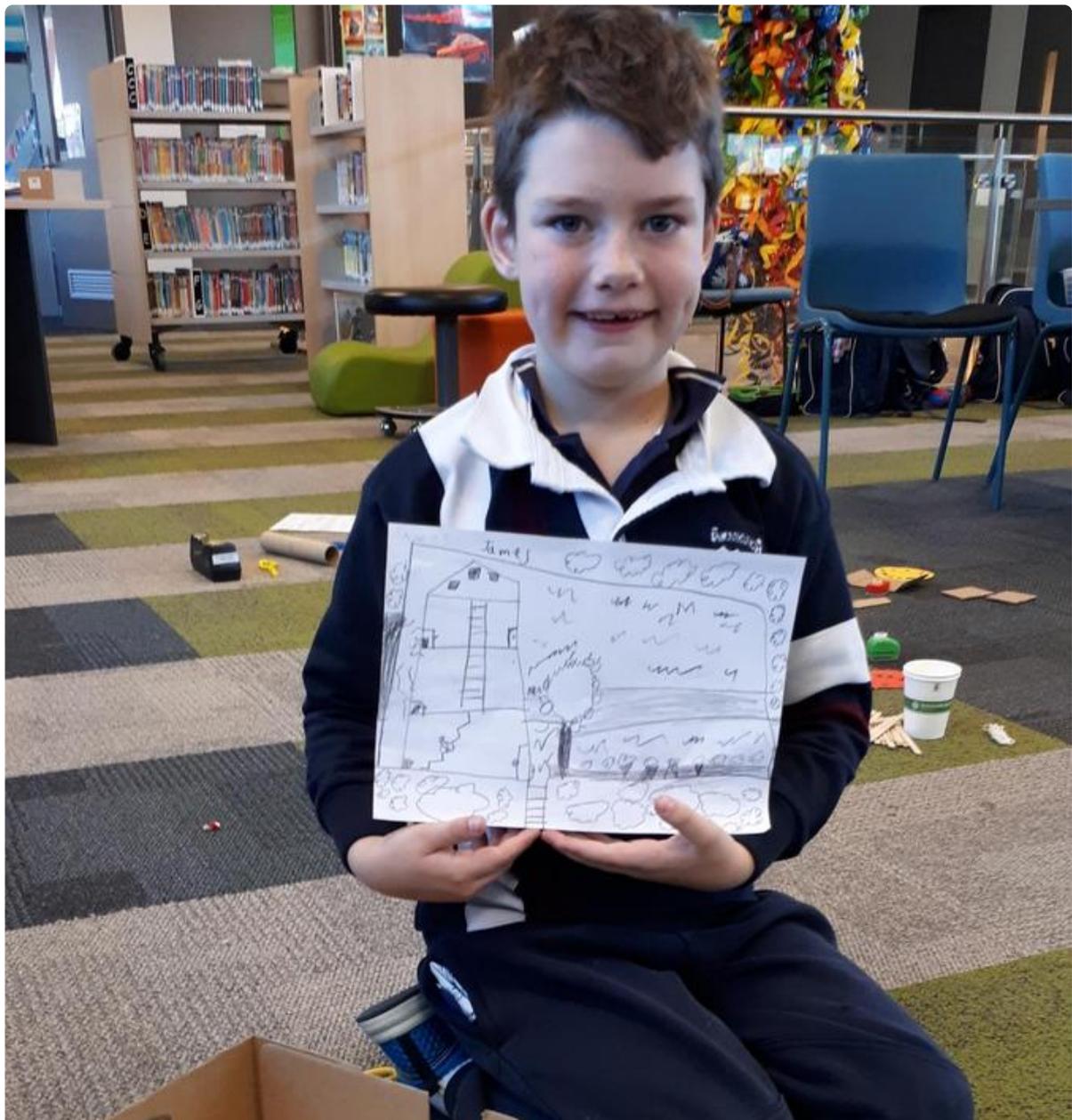


Devotions - Prep, Year 1 & 2s on the first day with Robyn Ireson

Learning Assistant



Daniel Armanyous (left) and Jovial Ghatas (right)





James MacQueen









# SECONDARY SCHOOL

## Year 7H English

Here are the 7H English students working in groups on an activity that challenges their choices as a writer. Mr Presant came in to help Mrs Wilks-Beasy's class and joined in with these activities.



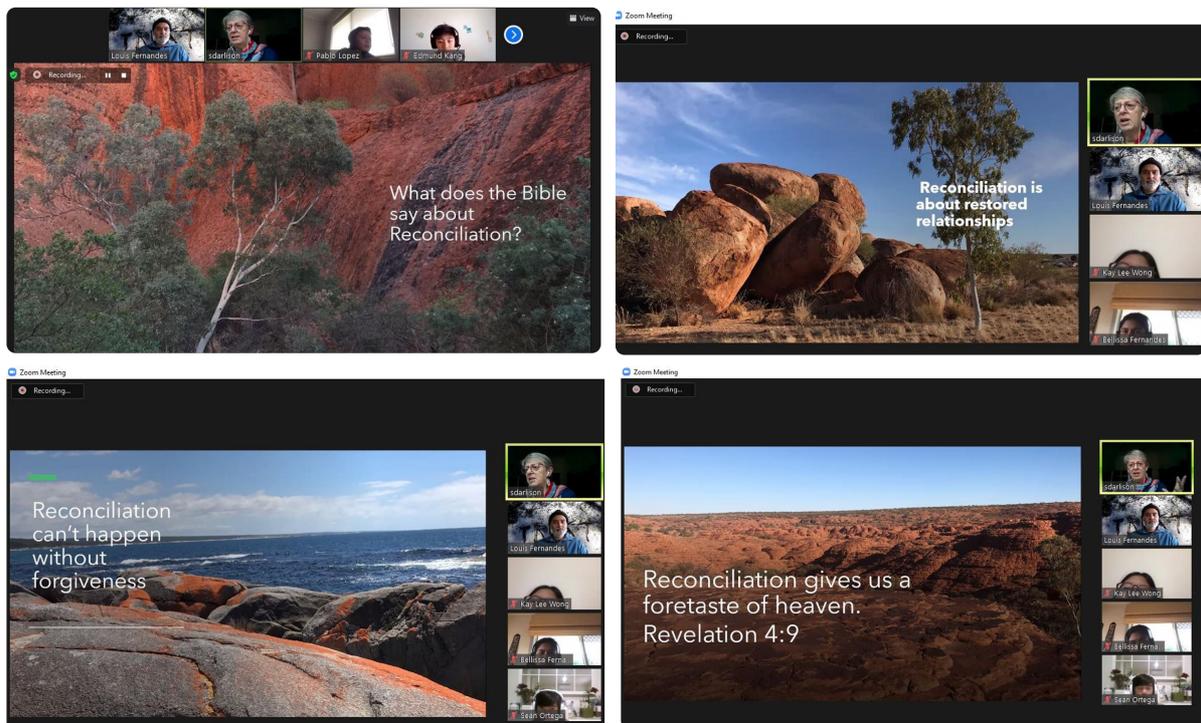
*Lisa Wilks-Beasy*

*Head of English, Secondary School Teacher*

## What does the Bible say about ‘Reconciliation’?

Thank you Mrs Darlison for sharing a devotion with homeroom 7F on ‘reconciliation’ during the National Reconciliation Week.

Although we were under lockdown conditions due to the recent Covid-19 outbreak, our students learnt heaps from Mrs Darlison via ZOOM on what the Bible teaches us about Reconciliation.



Students were able to appreciate that reconciliation is about restored relationships which cannot happen without forgiveness. *Reconciliation is more than a word – it takes action.*

*Louis Fernandes*

*7F Homeroom Teacher*

## CSEN Public Speaking Championships



On Tuesday 25th May, St Andrews Christian College was represented by Year 11 students Caitlyn, Michelle, Vicky and Kayle who volunteered to participate in the CSEN Public Speaking Championships hosted at Maranatha Christian School, Officer campus. These four students presented a 4 minute prepared speech plus two impromptu speeches.

Members of the Debating Association Victoria Association adjudicated these speeches and provided feedback throughout the day with the hope to develop students' understanding of Matter (content) and Manner (presentation) skills. As the day progressed students were expected to listen and embed this feedback into their speeches.

Overall, St Andrews students excelled with their attention to detail, willingness to listen and use feedback, network with other Christian school students and received two 'Best Speaker Awards' (Caitlyn Smith 11A and Michelle McCabe 11A) for their speeches. Congratulations to all students involved and we look forward to the CSEN Debating Championships in October, 2021.

*Lisa Wilks-Beasy*

*Head of English, Secondary School Teacher*

## Year 8 Ice Hockey Excursion

On Thursday 27th May, the entire Year 8 cohort took their talents to the ice and spent the day showcasing their Ice Hockey skills! As part of our health curriculum we are studying international sports, and got to have a fun day learning and playing Ice Hockey!



To see the kids with smiles from ear to ear and having fun with their friends in their final day before another lockdown was such a privilege! If you can't take my word for it, here's a photo of the legends in action.

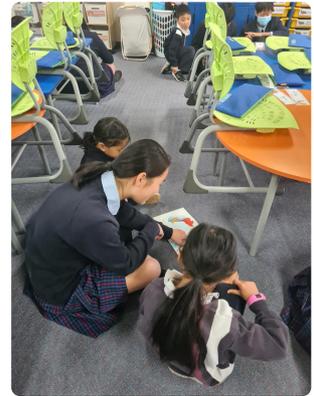


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## Year 9 & Year 1 Buddies

The Year 9s have been loving getting to know our fun Year 1s and sharing devotions with them! Some highlights have been an egg hunt, and the Year 1s teaching us all a wonderful song/dance.





*Cailyn Holland*  
*Year 9 Teacher*

## Year 9 Guinea Pigs

The Year 9s have class Guinea Pigs named Basil, Cookies & Chester they are very cute and love to cuddle!



*Cailyn Holland*

*Year 9 Teacher*

## Mission Service Learning in Year 7

Year 7 classes heard from Stephen Barrington, CEO of Foothills Community Care program, on Friday 27th May during their Pastoral Care period as part of their MSL program for the year. Students learned about how Foothills Community Care provide

over 600 meals a week for needy families in the Eastern suburbs. Year 12 student and Service Captain Isabelle Baxter also spoke about the benefits of service to the students.



To find out more about the work Foothills Community Care do visit [www.foothillscare.org.au](http://www.foothillscare.org.au)

*Andrew Farmer*

*MSL Coordinator*

## Chinese Language News - Oral Exam Prep

On Tuesday, 15th June, our Year 12 Chinese students (First Language and Second Language Advanced) had a mock oral examination. This was conducted with the help of a guest teacher, Ms Lynn Li. Ms Li was very impressed by the students' attitude to their studies and by the support given to Chinese Language by the College. The mock oral examination plays an important part in preparing the VCE students for their external oral examination that will take place at the end of the year.



*Nelly Wang*

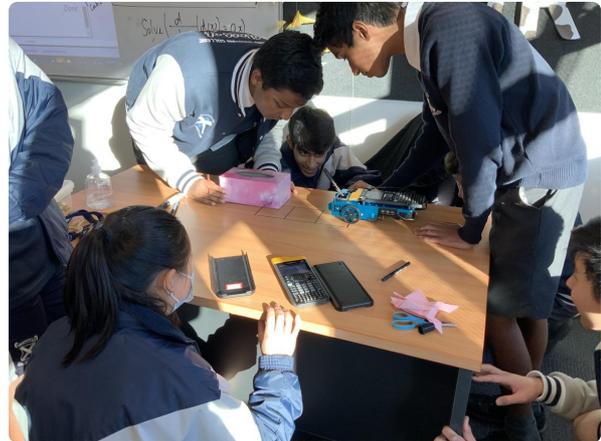
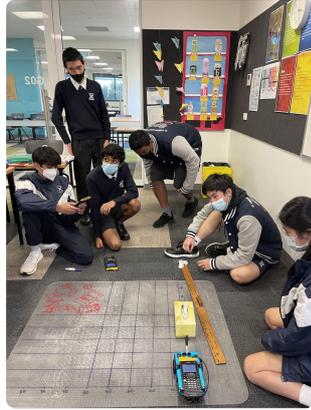
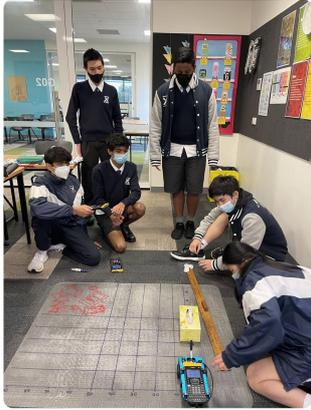
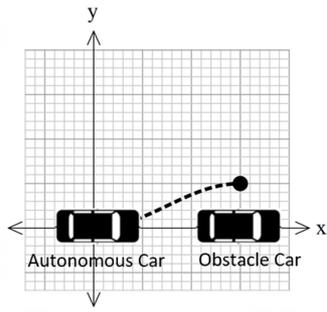
*VCE Chinese Language Teacher*

## Year 12 Mathematical Methods – Modelling Autonomous Driving

Once upon a time, autonomous transportation could only be seen in Sci-fi movies. However, this is now certainly the most exciting frontier technology. Tesla, Texas Instruments (TI), Google and other companies are vigorously testing their cars aiming at realising full autonomous driving, which will be a multi-trillion global economy project.



Recently at St Andrews, a group of Year 12 Math Methods students were investigating how to apply their mathematical knowledge to model a car that could enter and exit a parking bay autonomously. Students modelled the path with a various possible of functions, including Trigonometric and Polynomial functions, together with Calculus, Algebra and Problem-Solving skills to program their TI-*n*spire CAS calculator and enable the TI-Rover (autonomous car) to manoeuvre in and out from a parking space with an obstacle car in front.



It is my pleasure to work with our year 12 students to bring the mathematical theories and concepts on paper alive! Although, we have not gotten a successful model (yet!), the discussion, analysis, bouncing back of various questions and ideas together with co-operative teamwork during the process was most invaluable!

*Angel Wong*

*Head of Mathematics, Secondary School Teacher*



# LEARNING AND TEACHING

## Learning Support at St Andrews

Online learning at school is a constantly evolving and changing space.

The first week of lockdown happened so quickly, and most students have had enough experience to know what to expect and transitioned into the rhythms of doing online learning onsite with little resistance, even though there was disappointment.



Trusting God through this time, has been an opportunity to again put into practice what we have been learning about as staff and students.

*“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.  
They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.”*

*Jeremiah 17: 7-8*

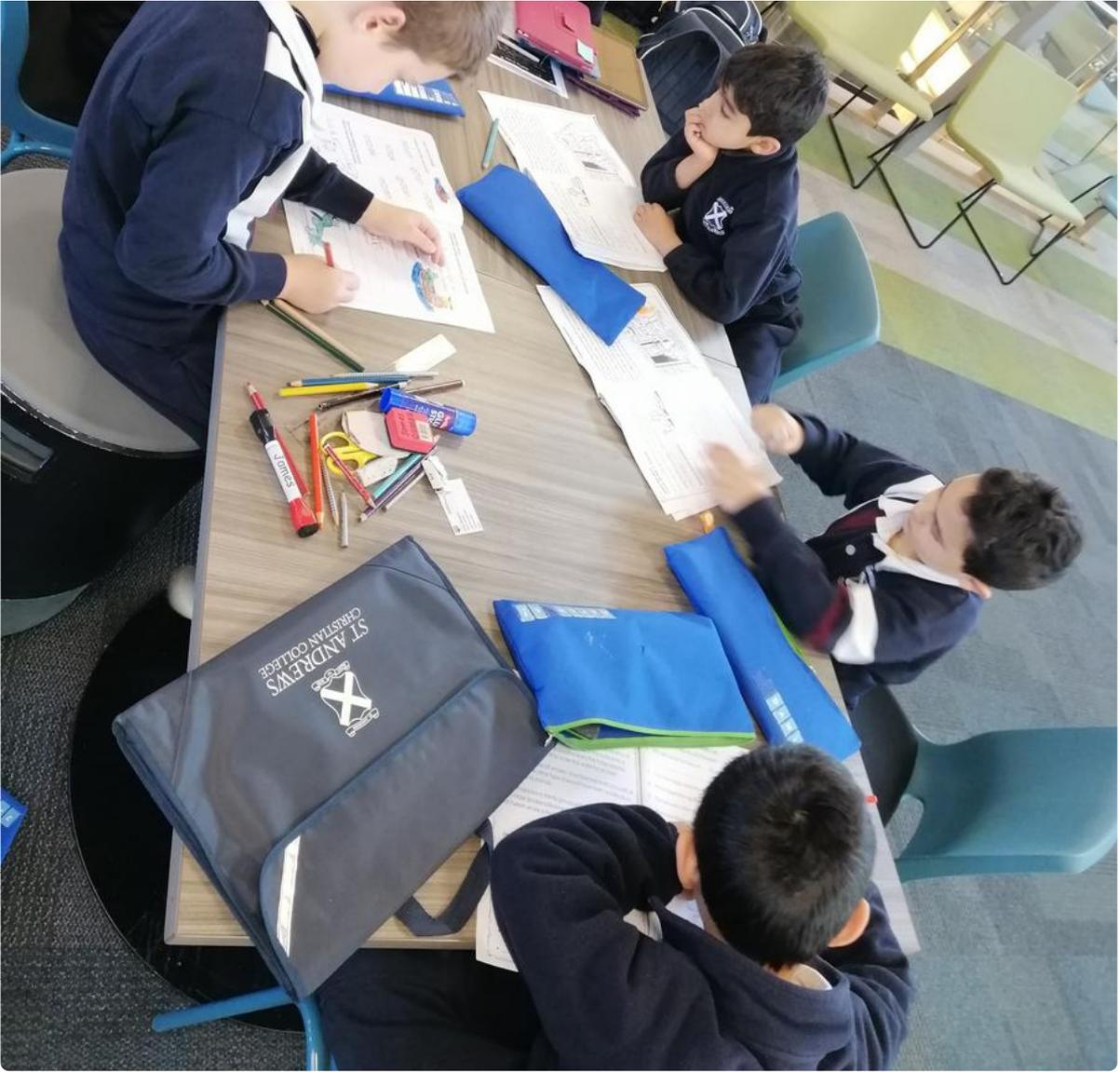
The second week brought exams for secondary students, and although a slightly different way of doing these assessments, students have taken this in their stride.

At school, we have had up to 40 students needing to attend onsite each day. Learning Assistants have again needed to adjust to doing things differently as we continually refine and change how things are best done. It is always wonderful to be a part of student learning and development.

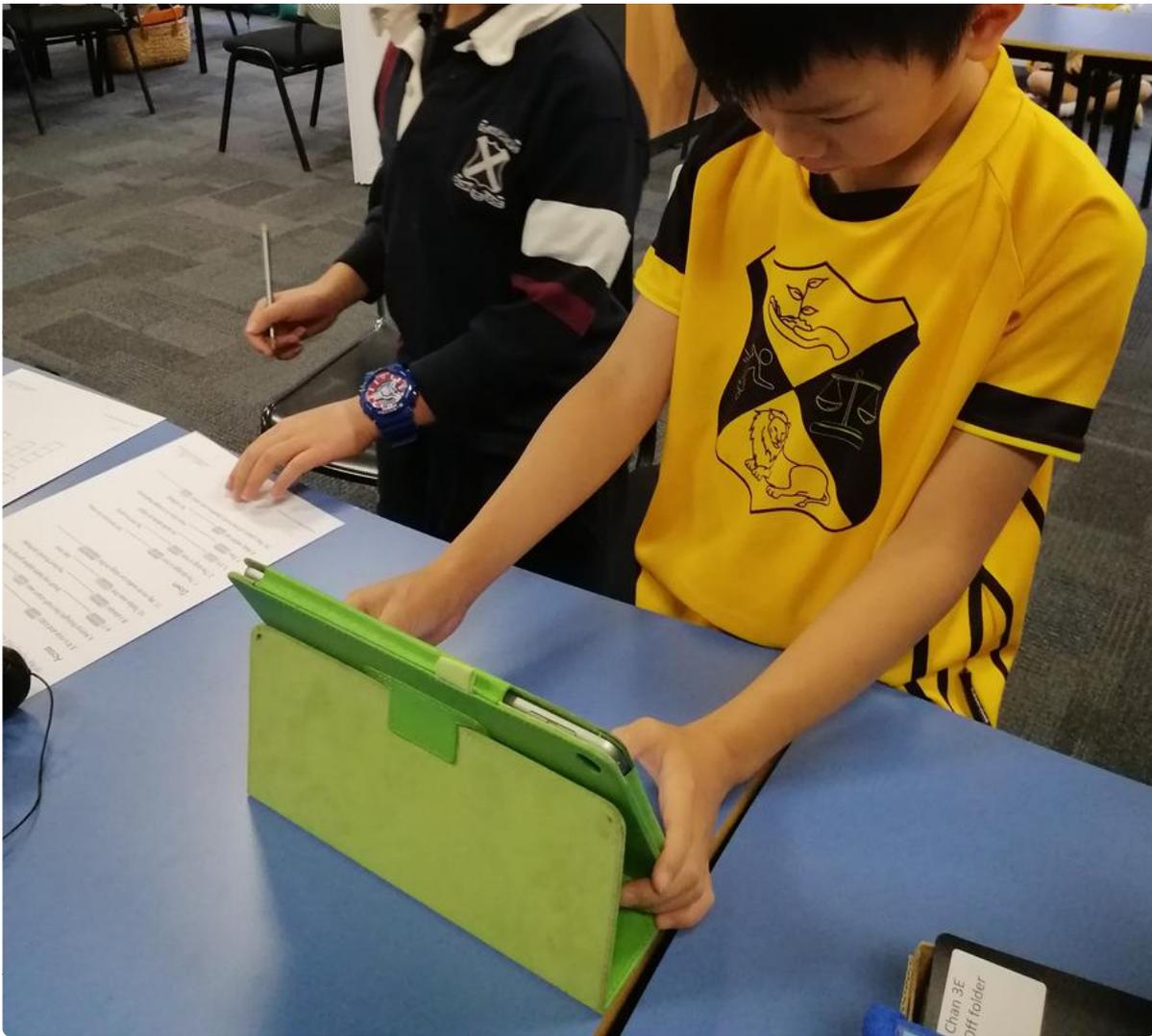
Students have relished the opportunity to see their peers, to participate in Zoom devotions each day, and have grown in their understanding of IT.

Additionally, Learning Support sessions for some Primary students continued via Zoom – either 1:1 or in a small group. This allowed for the continuity of learning, which is imperative for some students. Thank you to the parents who helped to facilitate these sessions – logging your children on to Zoom, being present in the room for 1:1 sessions and even printing pages required for the sessions. For some students, this has allowed seamless learning to occur.





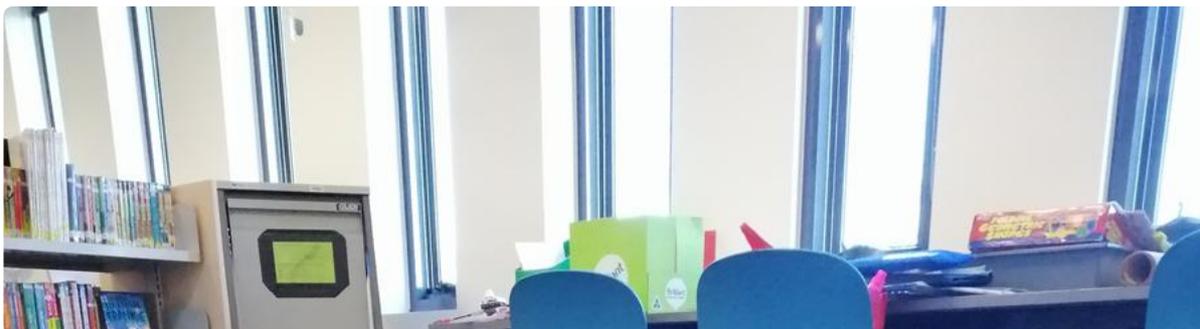


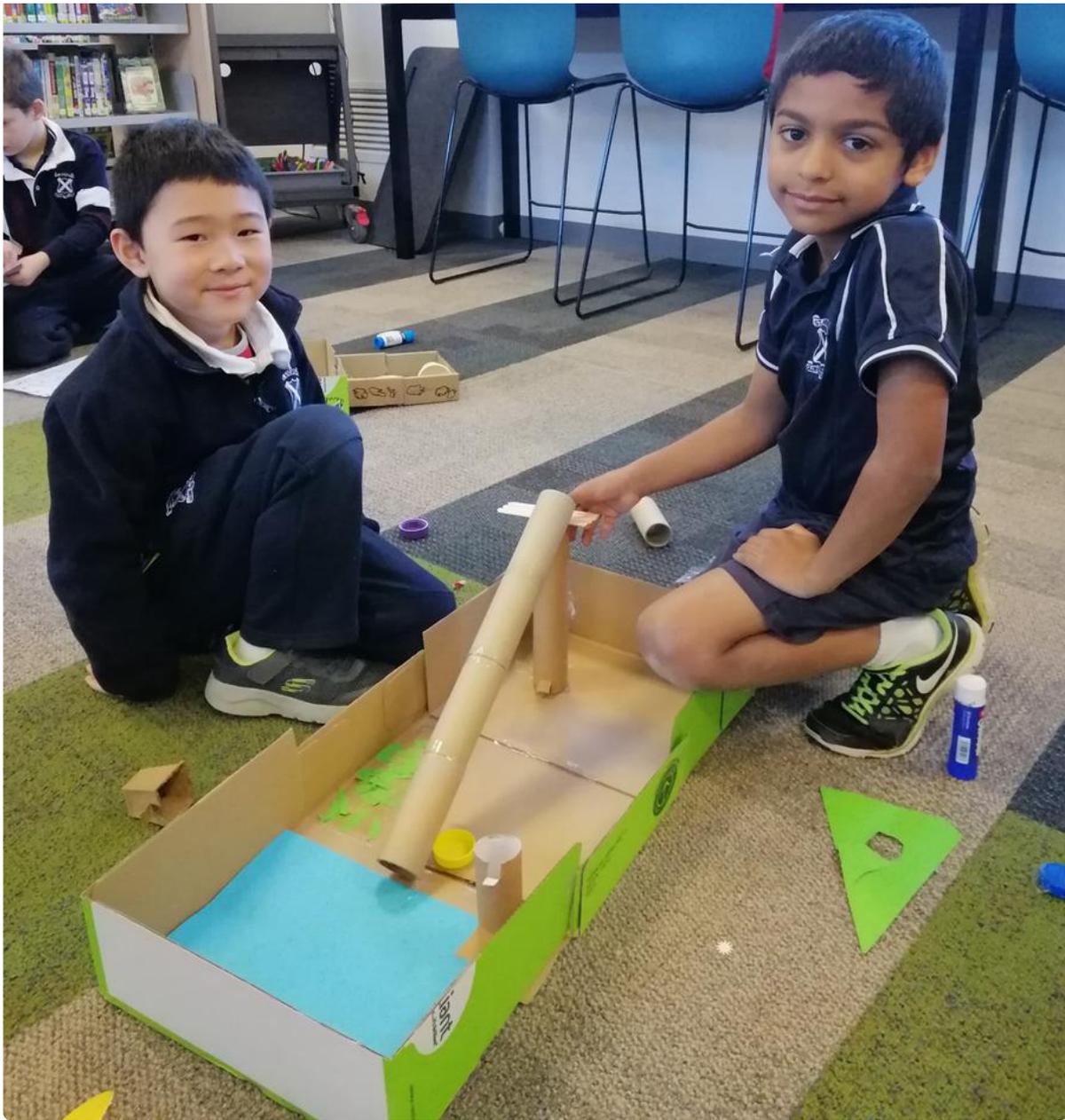


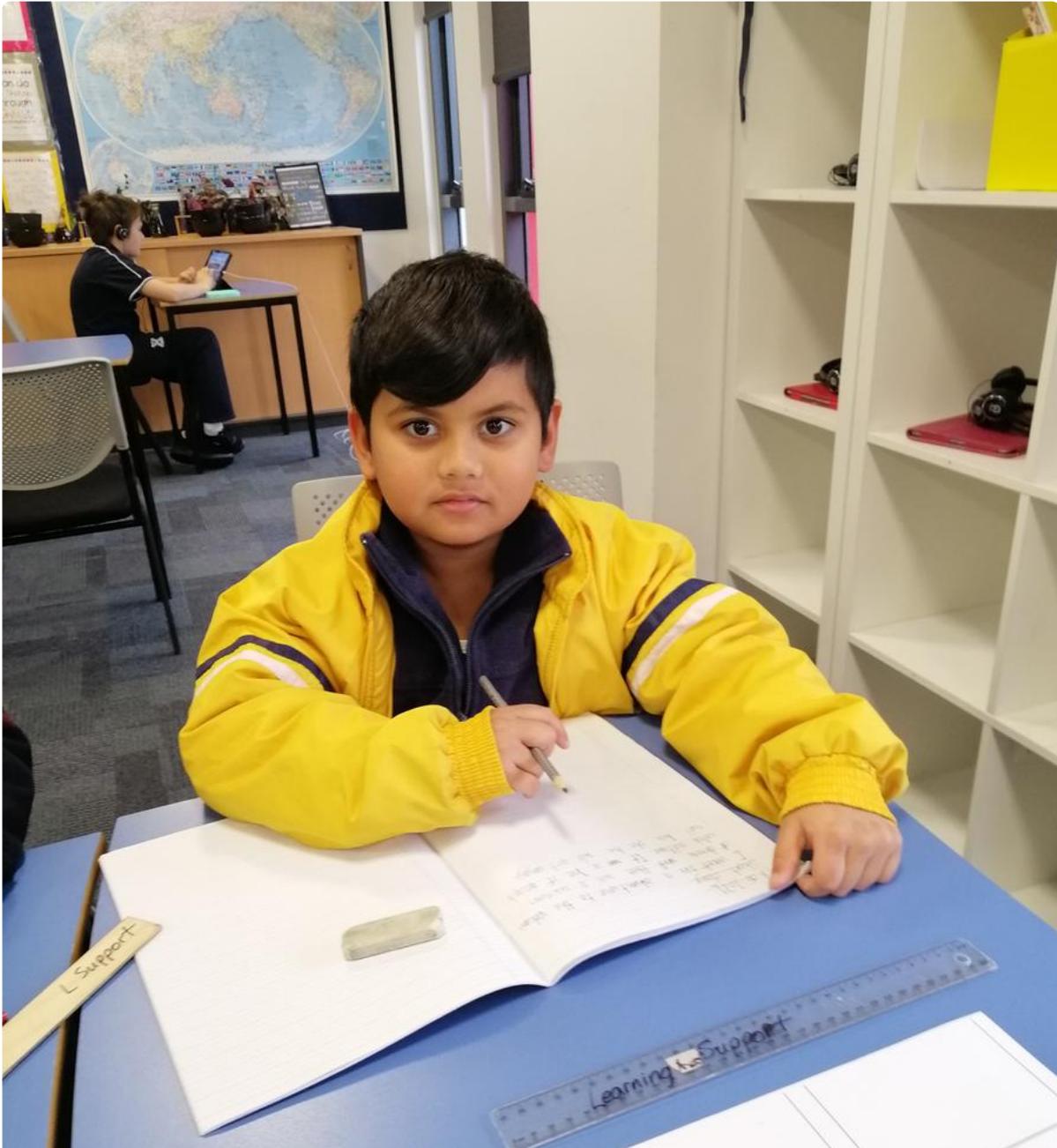
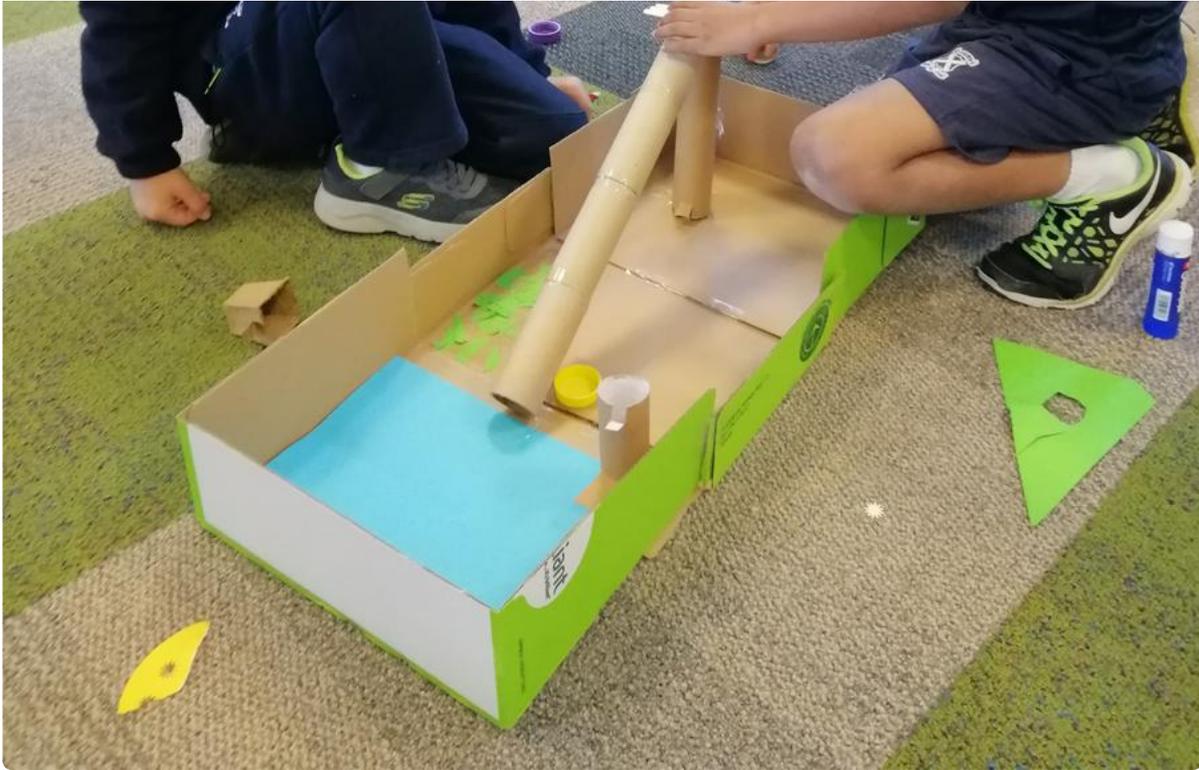
could arrange occasional meetings where parents of these students could share advice















# LIBRARY NEWS

## Opening hours

***Senior Library:***

*Monday to Friday: (for students in Years 5-12 only) 8.30pm to 4pm*

***Junior Library:***

Students may borrow books after school if they bring a book bag and return the books they have finished reading. Please see staff in the Senior Library for access and loans.

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## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Update



Year 7 and 8 students have been working towards meeting their challenge of 15 books in the Premier's reading challenge. Many have been logging the titles read on the website. Some students have made an excellent effort. So far, the highest number of books recorded in Year 7 is 47 and in Year 8 is 108. Well done!

Students: If you have not yet started to record the books you have read, please start to do so.

- You will need to go to <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home> and sign in on the VPRC login tab (If you have forgotten your log in details, please contact the library staff or your English teacher)
- Search for the titles you have read and click add book to add it to your list.
- Your English teacher will verify the titles.

If you cannot find the title of a book you have read, please email the library on [library@standrews.vic.edu.au](mailto:library@standrews.vic.edu.au) giving details of the title and author and the library staff will add your book to your dashboard for you. We will let you know once this is done.

### Looking for Challenge titles?

The VPRC books in the library have a green stripe on the spine label. When you look up a title on the library catalogue, any VPRC titles will be indicated with "78VPRC". Check the Library homepage on the HUB for any new books that are also on the VPRC Challenge list.

You may also like to watch an introduction by this year's VPRC illustrator:

Keep reading!!



## Reminder!

There is still time to enter the Insight Publications Creative writing competition, which closes on the 6th August, 2021.

This competition is for students in Years 7-12.



## Dates to Note

This year marks:

- 60 years since the death of the 1954 Nobel Prize winning author Ernest Hemingway. He is considered to be one of America's finest writers. To find out more about him, [Click Here](#) (2nd July, 1961)
- 150 years since the birth of the influential French writer Marcel Proust. [Marcel Proust | Biography, Books, & Facts | Britannica](#) (10th July, 1871)
- 50 years since the Australian Aboriginal flag was first flown. [Indigenous Australian Flags | NAIDOC](#) (12th July, 1971)
- 155 years since the birth of Beatrix Potter, best known for her book-*Peter Rabbit*. [Beatrix Potter | British author | Britannica](#) (28th July, 1866)

## History Happenings - Cabinet Display for Term 2

This month's theme was money and there were two Chinese coins featured in the cabinet. Students were invited to correctly answer the quiz question - Name the two Chinese emperors on the coins and their dates.



Also on display has been an American \$50 Confederacy note. The Confederate States dollar was first issued just before the outbreak of the American Civil War by the newly formed Confederacy. It was not backed by hard assets, but simply by a promise to pay the bearer after the war, on the prospect of

Southern victory and independence. As the Civil War progressed and victory for the South seemed less and less likely, its value declined. After the Confederacy's defeat, its money had no value, and both individuals and banks lost large sums. In the image above, there are two "Invasion" notes, so called as this was the money used in Japan after World War 2 ended.

Amongst the collection in the cabinet has been a "Widow's Mite". This small bronze coin was mentioned in the story of the poor widow in Mark 12



*41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.*

*43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

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