

# YEAR 1 BULLETIN

*TERM 3 - Week 5*

## **OUR BIG IDEA:**

Continuing through our unit, 'OUR SCHOOL LOGO IS DECIDED UPON AND REPRESENTS US IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY', our approach this week has been to look at the habitats of our native animals. Questions about what makes a habitat (a home for living things) and what are some important characteristics of a habitat (access to food, water, shelter etc) were posed to the children. Part of the reporter focus in investigations, the children were asked what they could not live without the most. This led to some very interesting answers and opened up many different conversations.

## **We have been learning about...**

### **WRITING**

Our creative writing workshop last week with Beth Cregan has given us many opportunities to improve, expand and challenge our students with their own creative writing. Many examples have shown how talented our children are at story structure, choosing characters, development of problems and coming to solutions, and thus has been really positive to see and read.

### **MATHS**

In maths we have continued to focus on developing visualisation skills, descriptive and positional language, as well as continuing our focus on patterns. Through various activities, we have been using collections to verify answers with reason and altering collections to discover new ways of answering questions.

### **INVESTIGATIONS**

Investigations continued this week with the children using our focus of Persistence, to build courage in new areas, increase their confidence when met with challenges and problem solve when working individually or as part of a group. As a range of areas now have iPads for the children to record their findings, we have observed how well they use the prompts available, communicate to each other their ideas and practise their implementation of strategies. A lot happens during investigations and it is so thrilling to see the children utilise these sessions so positively.

## **What you can do at home:**

Please continue to work through the My Word Book together and use these high

frequency words to allow for our student to improve with their spelling. It is such an important part of their development and lends itself to their confidence when writing in class and at home.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Book Week: Friday 18 to Thursday 24 August.

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

9am – 10am Andrew Plant - Illustrator

#### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup>**

2:30 – 3:30 Book Preview (classes 1Z and 1P)

#### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9am – 10am Book Preview (classes 1K and 1C)

No Assembly today.

#### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9am – 10am “Gary” Meerkat Productions

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**

9am – 10am Whole School Book Parade

11:30 – 12:30 Tripod performance

**Have a lovely week!**

**The Year 1 Team**