It’s Book Week. The theme for this year is ‘Australia! Story Country’

English:
Some “happenings” this week: On Tuesday, the students were highly engaged with the adaptation of the picture book ‘Mr Huff’ by Anna Walker. ‘Mr Huff’ is a delightful story about a boy named Bill who is being shadowed by his ‘huffy-mood’. Throughout the story, Bill has to find a way to recognise and work through what he is feeling. The performance by Meerkat Productions was hilarious, engaging and explored ways for the children to articulate what is happening for them when they are experiencing a ‘huffy-mood’.

Yesterday Kim Kane, a local author, shared her books; ‘Esther’s Rainbow’ and ‘Ginger Green the Playdate: The Crazy Friend’. Kim told us about the inspirations for her stories and gave the students an opportunity to delve into their own imaginations.

Book Buying: Some students have purchased books from the Book Fair. You may still purchase books with your child today from the Library at 3:30pm. It is the last day for book purchases.

Tomorrow, your child is encouraged to come dressed as his/her favourite book character or as something that reflects this year’s theme. The parade will take place in front of the stage at approximately 9:00am. We hope you can join us!

Parent Helpers – Reading:
Thank you to the parents who have assisted us in the classroom so far, we appreciate that you are all extremely busy and know that the children thoroughly enjoy having you as a part of their school day. We have had many discussions with the children about appropriate behaviour when their parent or someone else’s parent is in the classroom and how they may feel disappointed should their parent not be working in their group. Furthermore, as parents, it is necessary that you follow the directions of the teacher in the classroom and do not contradict the instructions given. When you come into the classroom please remember you are only to stay for the duration of the lesson. The different emotions the students feel at these times assist in the development of their resilience and independence.

Incursion notices:
Please ensure that your child’s Incursion Levy is returned to their classroom teacher by Friday 26th August.

At home learning:
At APS we are continuing to develop and refine our approach and presentation of mathematics in our learning environments. We have been working closely with Larissa Armstrong and other members of EdPartneships to gather evidence and explore the dispositions that underpin our teaching. As we continue to investigate what these dispositions look like in our learning environments and what these mean for our students, we want to continue to build our partnership with you at home to ensure consistency for our students’ learning. To begin this process, we have developed a learning experience for you to explore with your child (and your whole family) at home. We strongly encourage you to set aside some time in the coming week to learn with and, from your child through this simple experience.
Write 10 (or 20) in the middle of a plain piece of paper. Have your family members take turns to show how they could represent this number (using materials you may have around the home, such as bottle tops, coins or toothpicks). Encourage various modes of representations including concrete material; pictures and number sentences. Each family member contributes one idea at a time and continues until as many of the possible ways have been explored. Discuss the different ways that have been documented.

Upcoming dates:

Have a wonderful week!

Angela, Connie, Nikita, Steph and Amanda