



Newsletter

Term 2, Week 6

Friday 5th June 2020

From the Principal

I hope you enjoy the first newsletter we have had in a little while! The return of our students brought back big smiles for students, teachers and parents alike and although we came back to some wet weather, it was so nice to hear the sound of children in the school again.

I would like to sincerely thank our entire school community for the support shown as we continue to work our way through the current situation. I am incredibly proud of the way in which we have worked together to ensure the best outcomes for the children of Peakhurst West. It really has been the most extraordinary time for all of us. It has been wonderful to be back to full time face to face teaching and we are really pleased that we have been averaging 95% attendance each day, but we are still far from "normal" operations.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Peakhurst West PS staff for their ongoing professionalism and care during the period of remote learning, in particular. It is their commitment to our students' health, safety and wellbeing that ensures PWPS is a happy and safe place for our students to attend each day. You will see from the work samples included in this newsletter that everyone has been super busy back at school!

Updates

As per our recent correspondence through Skoolbag, the following still remains in place:

- Drop off at the gate and staggered pick up times continue until further notice
- No parents or visitors on site except for essential services such as maintenance workers
- No school events including excursions, performances, inter-school events with other schools, assemblies
- Children not required to social distance at school
- Enhanced hygiene practices and cleaning continue
- Students to bring their water bottles to school
- No birthday treats or food to be shared between students

Sport Update

Due to current regulations, PSSA Sport has been called off for season 2. Season 1 was also cancelled. We are hopeful that season 3 will run but must await further direction on this. It is unlikely that the Athletics Carnival will go ahead. We hope to run some fun sports events next term instead and details will be sent home as we receive more information and as regulations are lifted.

Student Health

Thank you for not sending your sick children to school. Although the request not to send students to school when they are unwell is applicable at all times, it is especially important at the moment. Please inform the school if you or a close family member who has been in contact with a student has been tested. This will always be treated with confidentiality.

If your child is at home sick, there is no expectation for sick students or staff to complete any work at home.

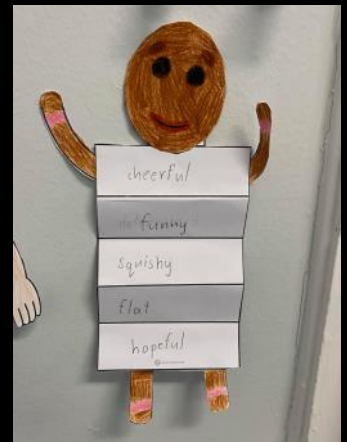
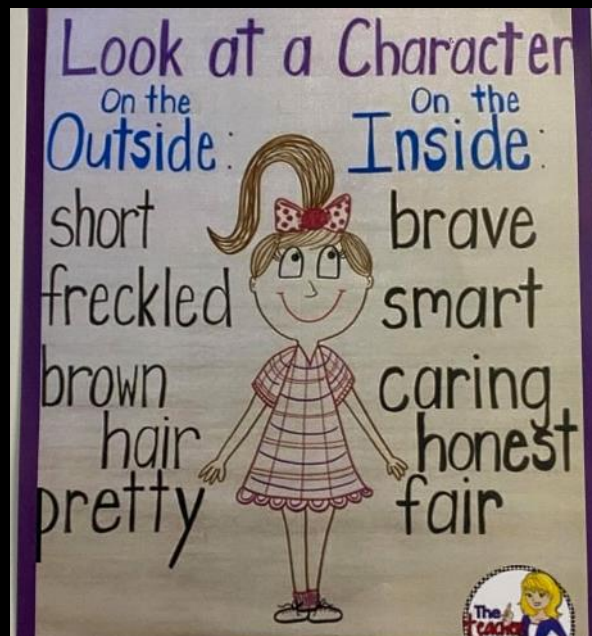
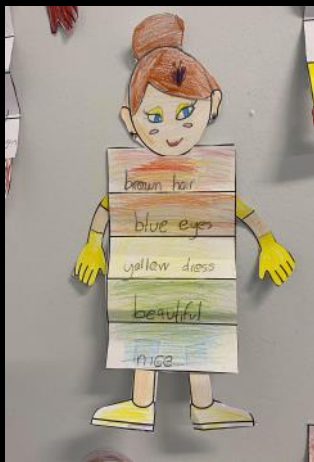
As always, we will continue to keep you informed of any changes as they come to light as we do not know anything more than what is released in the media publicly.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that - Martin Luther King Jr

Enjoy the long weekend and see you on Tuesday!

Tanya Sarafoski

Look what 2F have been learning about.



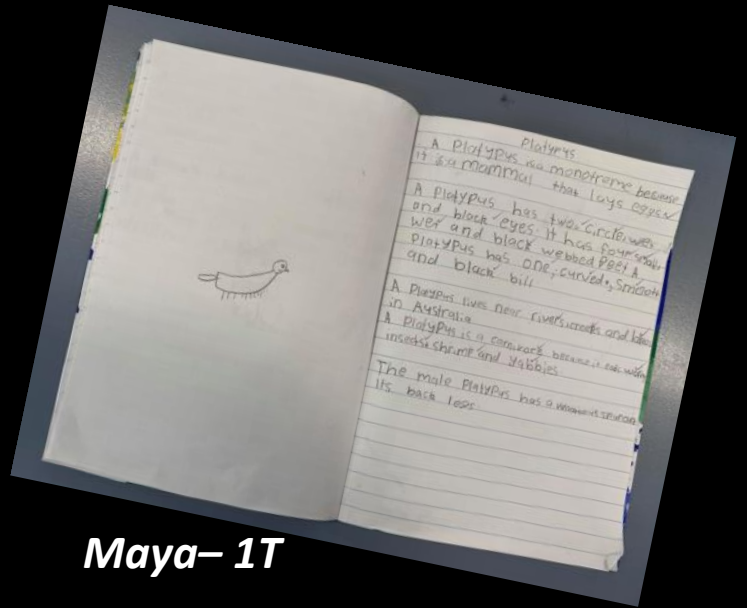
This week 2F have been learning about adjectives which can describe the way a person looks on the outside and what their personality is like on the inside. Students brainstormed some great describing words for their adjective characters.



Informative writing in 1T

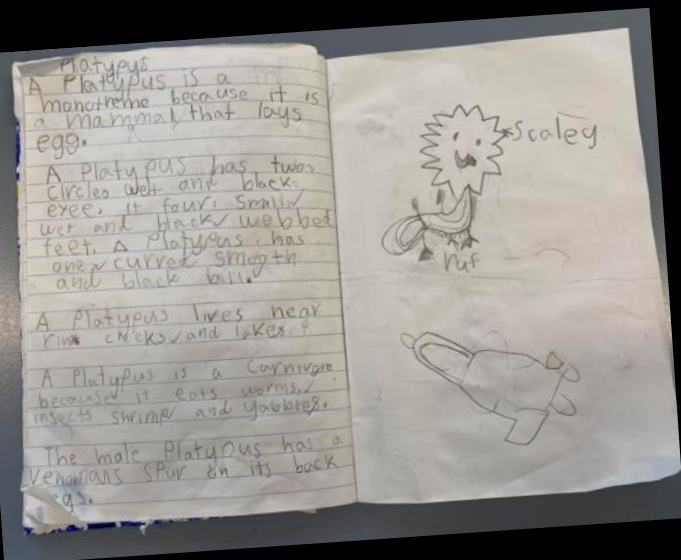


Jakob- 1T

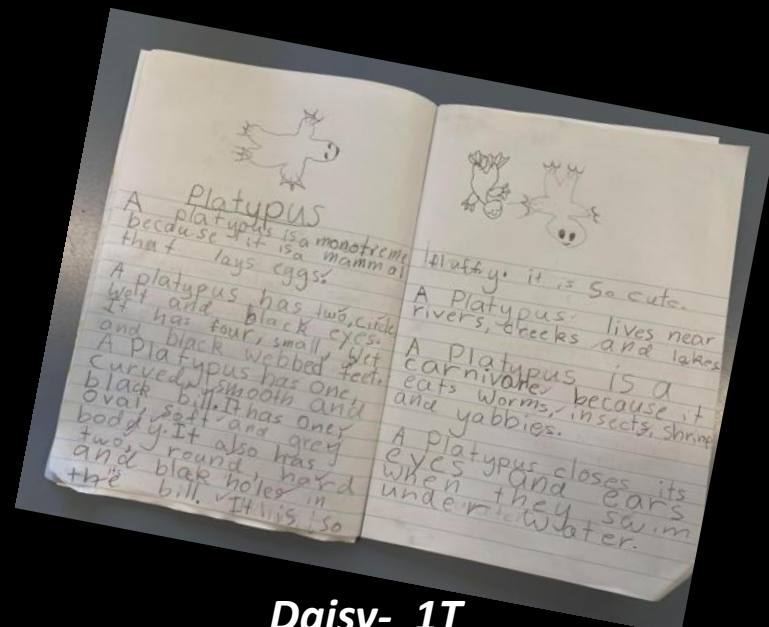


Maya- 1T

During remote learning, Stage 1 students were looking at the characteristics of informative writing. Since being back in the classroom, students have continued to expand this knowledge, producing some fantastic writing



Ronuk- 1T



Daisy- 1T

From the easel



Prachi

Prachi– 2F



Menna

Menna– 2F



Henry

Henry– 2F

Year 2 students created a 'Kandinsky inspired' tree artwork with a focus on shape and colour.



Zach

Zach– 2F



Tony

Tony– 2F



Avera

Avera– 2F

From the Easel



Stage 2 have been exploring the technique of stencil printing. They are studying the topic of *Creatures of the Sea*. During Wk4, on the Stage 2 day at school, they learnt about seahorses. They cut out a cardboard stencil and learnt how to create negative and positive prints. They also chose colour schemes and learnt about tone.



Elissa used a positive template to create a negative print (above left). Then she used a negative stencil to create two positive prints.

Ruby used a negative stencil to create three positive prints (below).



Left: 3S decided to cut out some of their prints and create a stunning classroom wall display featuring their seahorses. They added some seaweed to show how the seahorse uses its prehensile (grabbing) tail to hold onto objects so they don't get washed away by the ocean current.



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After their return to school in Wk5, students in Stage 3 have started examining an artwork by contemporary Australian artist, **John Brack**.

They are exploring Brack's style and in particular doing an art appreciation study of his 1955 painting, **Collins Street, 5pm**, (right). As an extension task Amina and Lara were inspired by Brack's work to create their own collages.



Amina



Artist: John Brack



Lara



From the Easel



Stage 3 students have created some wonderful dioramas inspired by their work on **The Great Barrier Reef**. These pieces have been done as projects for their Geography topic.

Tia



Sienna



Amina was taught to knit by her grandmother in Hungary and recently knitted this lovely scarf for winter,

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Ava



Aliyah

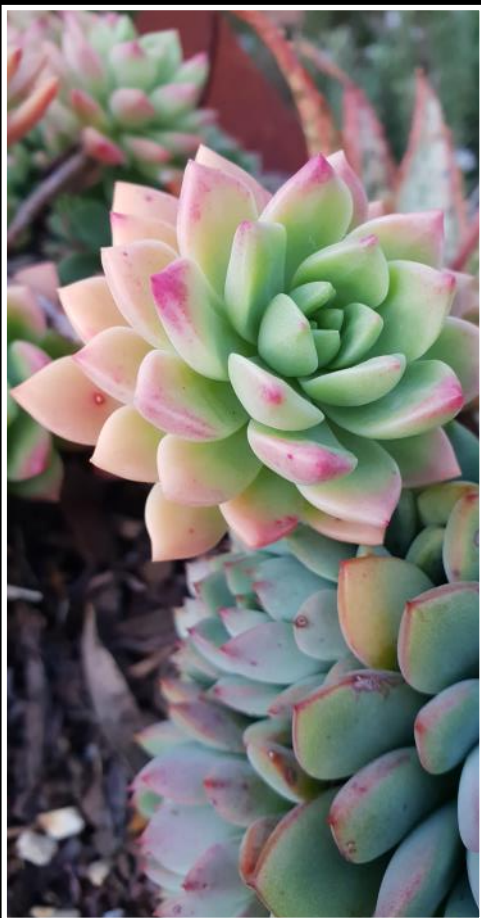


Nick



A Walk Around *Our* School

Take the time to look & appreciate the wonder of nature



Everything has its own beauty but not everyone sees it