4/5/6 Class News

What a busy first half of the term we have had in the senior room. Our Science experiments have continued this term and over the past 10 days we have been watching with fascination as the crystals we have grown from Epsom salts continue to take shape. The solar powered cars were a big hit in term one and remain in our classroom ready for any sunny opportunity. Our next activity requires construction and a windy day. Let’s go fly a kite!

Earlier this term as part of the King of the Ranges celebrations, senior students had the chance to work with Carol Heuchan. Carol is a well known Australian bush poet and she conducted a poetry workshop with the students which they all enjoyed enormously. Prior to her visit the class had studied an excerpt from her poem titled ‘Tractor Factor’. The children’s work from this activity was displayed as part of the poetry evening in Murrurundi and prizes were awarded by Carol for first, second and third places. Well done to Holly, Alicia and Tomara.

Students in the senior class all have particular roles around the school which change each term. Some of the roles include maintaining the school sign, ringing the bell and being responsible for securing the laptops each day.

During this term and first term students have been using a number of different programs on their laptops to create and publish their work. Some of the programs they have used include Microsoft Word, Publisher, PowerPoint and Excel. Students have developed skills in all of these programs and have produced a variety of work such as different types of graphs, greeting cards, topic based PowerPoint’s and published word documents. Students have been emailing their work to me which has developed their email skills using attachments. The benefits associated with each student having their own laptop cannot be underestimated.

Each morning, Monday – Wednesday the children have been participating in the RATS program with Mrs Summerell. The children have been enjoying the opportunity to practise their oral reading and we appreciate the generosity of Mrs Summerell to assist us with this valuable program.

Thank you to all the senior students for making the 4/5/6 classroom such an enjoyable learning environment. Keep up the great work!

Mrs Megan Druitt