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Every child matters every day.

All children can be high achievers.

2017 Term Dates.

Term 3 24 July – 29 Sept **Term 4** 16 Oct – 15 Dec

newsletter

Week 3 Term 3 2017

August – Friday 11th – SPLASH Theatre Performance

Monday 14th – Friday 18th Science Week

Wednesday 16th – Science Evening from 3:30 – 6:30 with a sausage sizzle being held from 4:30 – 5:30

Dear Families,

Welcome to week three. Over the next four weeks I will be your Acting Principal while Julie is over in US visiting her daughter in beautiful 31 degree weather.

I feel very grateful and privileged to be given the opportunity to work at this level.

This week Jacky Vogelsang and I had the privilege of being part of the STEM 500 leader's day held in Adelaide. There were teachers from all over the state that were a part of this fantastic learning event. The South Australian STEM 500 Strategy is designed to help Australia meet its target of being listed as one of the top five Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries for students' performance in reading, mathematics and science by 2025. The learning was heavily constructed around the Australian Curriculum Critical and Creative Capabilities.

Next week is Science Week! Throughout the week the SRC students will be running science activities at lunch time. This is a great opportunity for students to investigate different scientific activities outside of the class. In conjunction we will be having a Science night on Wednesday 16th from **3:30-6:30**. We are encouraging families to come along and enjoy our different Science activities throughout the night.

Governing Council will be running a **Sausage Sizzle** on the night between 4:30-5:30. Prizes will be awarded to three students for completing a range of questions on our science quest. The night will end with a **BIG BANG!** We would love to see you there!

Sincerely, Damian

Chad proudly showing his Daffodil which has begun to bloom.



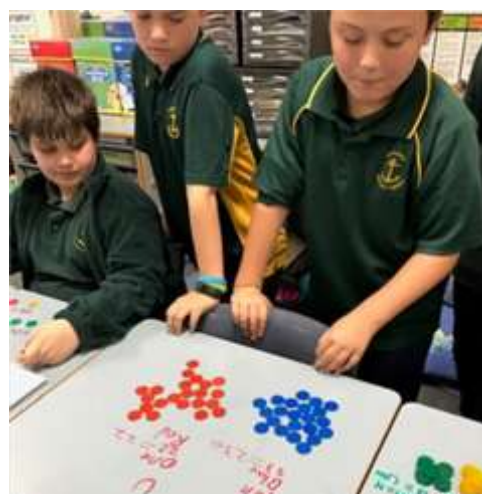
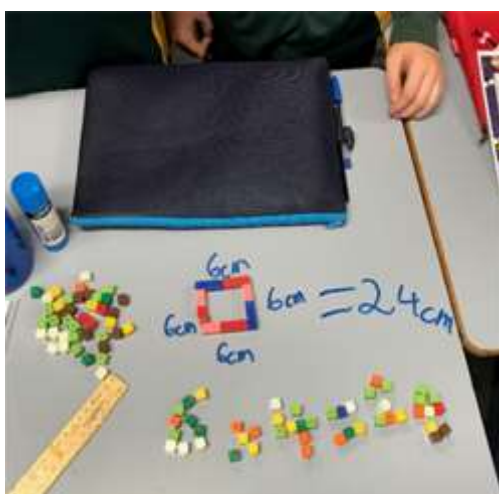
Team 9 Maths

In Maths, Team 9 has had a focus on developing a deeper understanding surrounding identifying and describing factors and multiples of whole numbers and then to use them to solve problems. The pictures are of students engaging in a prior knowledge activity surrounding whole numbers.

A simple task was set, the aim was for students to manipulate hands-on resources (counters and blocks) to express their strengths/interests around number. There was no limit on the learning. I gave each student the opportunity to express something they enjoyed in a creative way.

By completing this task it informed myself of what interests the students most in Maths and then designed our learning around personal interests in order to create a more engaging and successful learning environment.

Team 9 are becoming a group of rigorous Mathematical learners, who thrive on these rich learning opportunities where they lead their own learning. It's safe to say the kids had a ball using their whiteboard markers on their desk to display their learning.



Minecraft Day

At OSHC Vac Care

The inspiration for this day came from “the children’s voice” listening and responding to their interests. The day consisted of creating bag tags. The children designed ways to display them some used them as VIP necklaces, adding creative pieces to make it their own.

Hama beads - Minecraft templates created opportunities for creativity and inspiration with excitement. Using persistence and problem solving skills as well as using amazing maths skills by graphs, how many across/how many down, patterns/sequences, what colours to choose and where to place them. This activity promoted concentration and using memory to transition from the template to the board.

Making Minecraft Cubes – This was an activity designed for construction of a Minecraft Cube taking a flat template, cutting out, folding the edges and then building a box and sticking together with sticky tape. This activity was a little tricky as patience and persistence was required. Children used fine motor skills by using the scissors and meticulous folding skills. The outcomes were fantastic.

We had a colouring in table that consisted of colouring in pictures, mazes and code crackers. Using fine motor, creativity, letter recognition (literacy) skills.

Minecraft Box Game – We had a team challenge where two teams had a running race, each child ran up to the huge pile of pre prepared boxes placing one box at a time then tagging the next person. The idea was to stack the boxes as tall as possible. The children soon figured out that they needed to choose the biggest to the smallest. The excitement, engagement and encouragement was spectacular ensuring the inclusion of all children. Teamwork was amazing and children were filled with enjoyment, wonder, amazement, intrigue, curiosity, discovery, creativity and investigation.

Free choice building with the cardboard boxes. Children created their own Minecraft areas with the boxes. Building around themselves creating castles. Some children sat inside the larger boxes and other children created their own characters making them with the boxes. Some amazing and very creative play.

Extended Learning – Children used Kinetics to build and create Minecraft characters - Enderman and Creepers, swords and pick axes. Making characters with the boxes. Using colouring in pictures as bookmarks when laminated.

Sustainability – Using recycled boxes collected by the staff that we painted.

Children’s comments – “Loved it” “Wish we could have more Minecraft days” “I loved today” “I love Minecraft”

NQS – Standard 1.1 Element 1.1.1
Learning Outcomes

Principles - Partnerships

Practices – Holistic Approaches

Outcome 2 – Children are connected with and contribute to their world.



Harvest Christian College, Kadina

Harvest Christian College is hosting a science PD. Shell Questacon Science Circus is presenting a hands on science workshop to inspire students and teachers. Participants will be able to try out lots of fun activities, with guidance from *Science Circus* presenters, and explore a variety of topics through hands-on activities using familiar low-cost materials and build their confidence in teaching science and technology.

When: Tuesday 22 August 4-6pm

Where: Harvest Christian College - Performing Arts Suite

Cost: \$30 per person payable on the day

RSVP: Lenore Penner at lenorep@harvest.sa.edu.au

Please join us, it will be loads of fun!



KADINA BASKETBALL CLUB

2017/2018 Season

Registration Night

Juniors & Seniors

Tuesday 29th August

5.30—6.30pm

Kadina Netball Shed
Copper Coast Sport & Leisure Centre

All intending players must register. If you are unable to attend please phone/message or email prior to registration night.

All new and existing players/families welcome.

Please note: an **'Intent to Play'** amount of \$60-00 per player to be paid online for Registration

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