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LEAP GROUP SPOTLIGHT: *Imaginative Writing with Year 3*



One of the most liberating things to know when you are becoming a writer, is that your first drafts are always rubbish. This fun fact allows us to let go of perfection and write without stopping, getting as many of our ideas down on paper as we can.

Last term I ran a Learning Enrichment Activities Program (LEAP) group with some Year 3 students who were nominated by their teachers as showing distinct writing potential. We met once a week and talked about story ideas, how to write a good beginning, and using hooks to grab the reader's attention. We learnt that a story's plot is driven by its main character, and our job as writers is to throw disasters at this character and make the reader care about what happens to him/her. We did a lot of writing without stopping and students encouraged each other as they shared their stories.

Every student has the potential to be a good writer, however, it is interesting to note that the best writers are usually those students who have read a wide range of books and have absorbed the way their favourite authors arrange words. That is why we are continually encouraging our students to read, read and read some more! And we always encourage parents to read to their children as often as possible.

At the end of the term, I invited each of the students in the group to write, edit and submit a short story for publication in the school newsletter. Maddie from 3J worked very hard over the holidays to polish and submit her story. Maddie had written this idea in her writing book early in the term and it is great to see how she has developed the story! So grab a cup of tea and a biscuit, and enjoy "The Poem That Reads Itself" by Madeline H.

Carlee Yardley
Curator, Learning Discovery Centre

CALENDAR DATES:

Term 3

Start—Mon 17/07

25 Jul Zone Athletics

27 Jul 100 Days of School
Celebration for Kindergarten
& Science Showcase

11 Aug Combined Churchtime

24 Aug Drama Competition

29 Aug Father's Day
Breakfast

30 Aug-1 Sep Yr 4 Camp

1 Sep CSSA State Athletics

6-8 Sep Yr 5 Camp

13 Sep Grandparents Day

15 Sep Kindergarten Urunga
Excursion

19 Sep CIS Athletics

Finish—Fri 22 Sep

Term 4

Start—Mon 9 Oct

Mon 11 Dec Presentation
Night

Finish Tue 12 Dec Last Day

2024 Proposed Dates

Term 1 29 Jan—12 Apr

Term 2 29 Apr—28 Jun

Term 3 22 Jul—27 Sep

Term 4 14 Oct—13 Dec

SCHOOL NEWS...

100 Days of School Celebration

To celebrate Kindergarten students completing 100 days of learning, we are holding a 100 days of school celebration THIS THURSDAY with lots of '100' themed games and activities. All Kindergarten students are encouraged to dress up as a 100 year old person.



Yellow Car Signs

If you pickup your children from curbside at Gate 2, please clearly display your yellow sign with your surname. This ensures that the pickup process is quick and easy for everyone.



If you have someone else picking up your children, it's helpful if they are able to use your yellow sign too.

Highlights

Coming up this week:



Tuesday 25 July - Zone Athletics Carnival
Thursday 27 July - 100 Days of School Celebration for Kindergarten

Churchtime



The highlight of each week is Churchtime, and all are welcome to come along. Churchtime kicks off at 9am at the Baptist Church next to school.

School Canteen

The Junior School Canteen is open on Mondays and Wednesdays at recess and lunchtime. The pricelist is available from the school website www.coffscs.nsw.edu.au/school-life/canteen



Zone Athletics Info

A couple of quick reminders for students involved in the zone carnival tomorrow (Full info is found in your note on Operoo).



- Students can arrive from 8:15am, marshalling of the first event is 8:45am.
- When you arrive, please find Mrs Ward in the stands to check in, and again before you go to check out.
- Arrive in school uniform and pack a warm jacket and raincoat - just in case!
- The carnival finishes at 3:30pm and all students must be picked up by then.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results are being sent home with Year 3 and Year 5 students today. Please check your child's bag for this. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.



Indo Word of the Week

Sudah
Done.



English Word of the Week

Temperature

The degree of heat in a substance or object.



BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him."
John 1:11