

Wakool Burraboi Public School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 5 2020

Principal's Report

During week 3 we celebrated Education Week with the theme 'Learning Together'. Students participated in several learning opportunities that focused on getting along with others. Students finished the week with a special afternoon tea together. We would like to congratulate Mrs Chalmers for her Education Week award that recognized her commitment and dedication to the school. Well done Mrs Chalmers. Tamara was also presented with a special thank you gift to acknowledge the ongoing commitment and dedication she shows towards the school. We are very lucky to have you both a part of our school.

This week we are celebrating Science Week at school. Students will be participating in some Livestream activities as part of learning in science over the coming weeks. This year I had planned a visit to the school from Questacon. However, due to the current COVID-19 restrictions in place, the Questacon visit is unable to go ahead in a face-to-face incursion capacity. Although we are fortunate that Questacon will be Livestreaming Science to us over two sessions later in the term. We look forward to these sessions.

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, a signed note is required to indicate the reason for the absence from the child's parent or carer. This is a Department requirement. If you would like more information about school attendance please contact the school. We currently have a large number of students with low attendance rates. This also includes if your child is late arriving to school.

Please make sure your child brings a drink bottle filled with water to school each day. We are encouraging students to bring their drink bottles into the classroom.

This week I have included a Term Planner in the newsletter.

Last Monday evening the P&C Meeting was held via Zoom. Thank you to those parents and community members who were able to attend.

Have a great week
Lisa Chambers
Principal

Upcoming Events

This week: Science Week

Monday 17th

> *Special Lunch Orders*

Tuesday 18th

> *Yr. 2-6 Homework Due*

Wednesday 19th

>

Thursday 20th

> *Music lessons 11:30-1:30*

> *Library*

Friday 21st

> *Science afternoon*

Next Term:

Monday 24th

> *Special Lunch Orders*

Tuesday 25th

> *Yr. 2-6 Homework Due*

Wednesday 26th

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Thursday 27th

> *Music lessons 11:30-1:30*

> *Library*

Friday 28th

> *Questacon VC*

Road Safety

This term we have reviewed School pick up and drop off safety and made necessary adjustments to routines and expectations. The main change has been those students in the 'not bus' line are required to stay in line and wait inside the school gate until the bus has left the bus zone. This change has been effective in raising student awareness of road safety and eliminating student running out onto the nature strip. Thank you to those parents and carers who have reminded their children about these important safety rules.

Over the past week we have been further enforcing school pick up safety through:

- > Having school bags packed so nothing falls out of your bag
- > Walking in line sensibly
- > Listening carefully to the teacher

Library

It has been pleasing to see a growing number of students borrowing and returning school library books each week. Please remember that students should have a library bag or suitable bag to place the library books into to make sure that they are safely transported to and from school. Our school library day is Thursday.

P&C

Thermo-Mix
Raffle winner
CONGRATULATIONS
Lana Scoullar

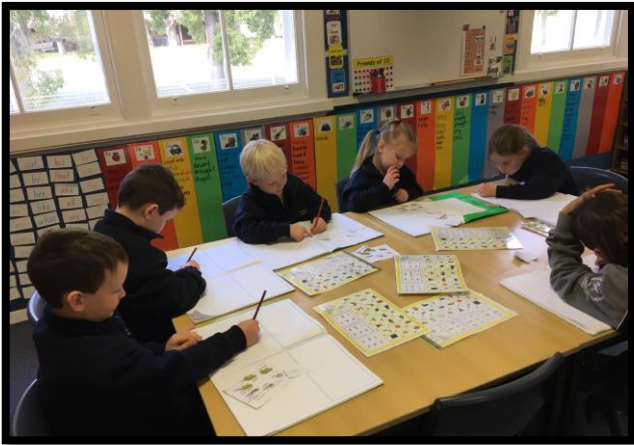
*Thank you to everyone who
purchased or sold tickets*

*A big thank you to Tamara for
her amazing effort with this.*

Reminder:
Library bag
and books
on Thursday

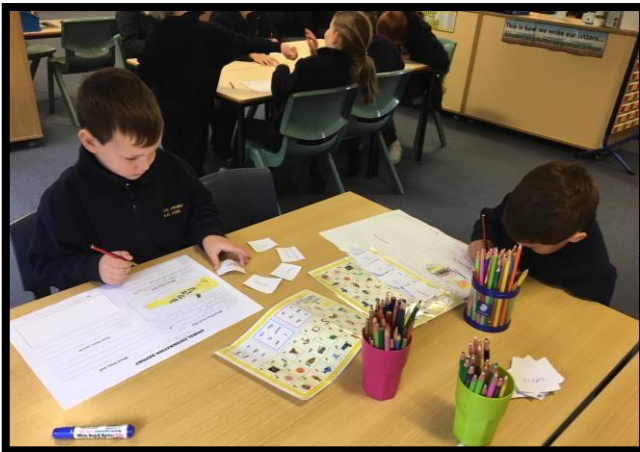
In the classroom...Writing

In writing students have been focusing on information texts. We have been learning about the planning stage of our writing; gaining background knowledge. Students have been writing using the knowledge they already have and the knowledge they have learnt from listening to facts, reading facts and watching facts.



During the draft stage of writing students have been applying their growing bank of writing skills;

- > Capital letters
- > Punctuation
- > Phonetic spelling
- > Sight words
- > Re-reading to make sense



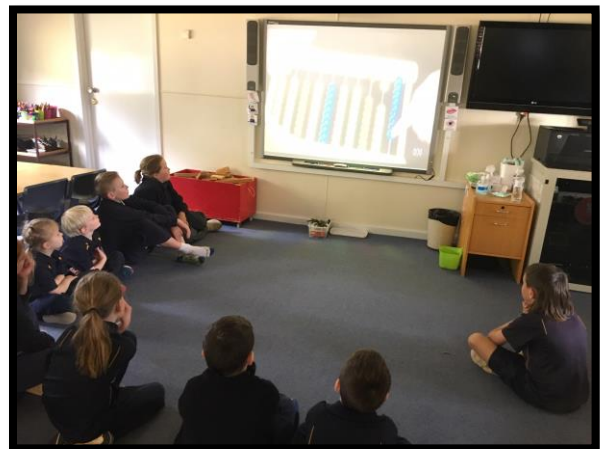
Students are becoming increasingly confident reading their writing aloud to the teacher and peers. This is an important step in the writing process to make sure that students can recognize when their writing does not make sense.

Students in Year 2-6 have started to self-edit their draft writing using checklists. This checklist looks at the clear learning intention for the lesson. Students are then using the computer word processing to publish their writing. Each week students are publishing a piece of writing. It is pleasing to see some students applying themselves during these publishing sessions each week.



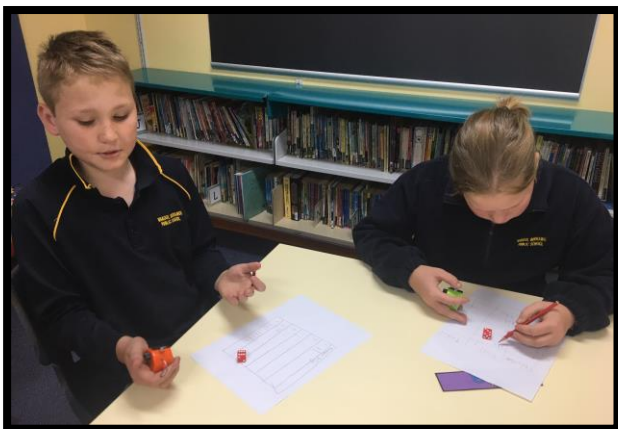
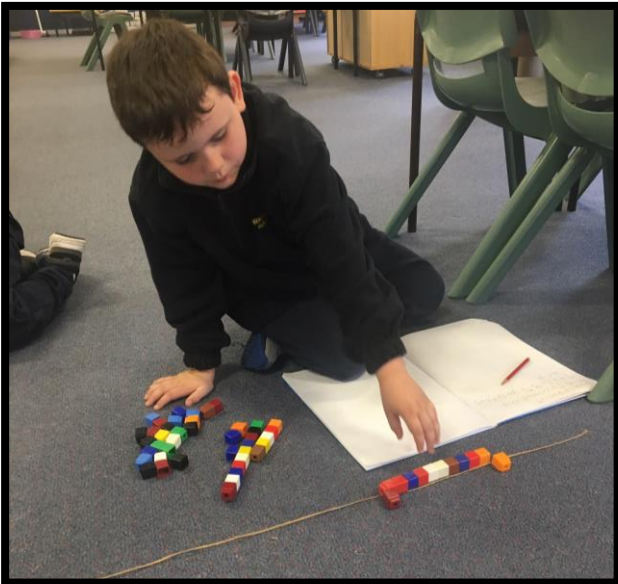
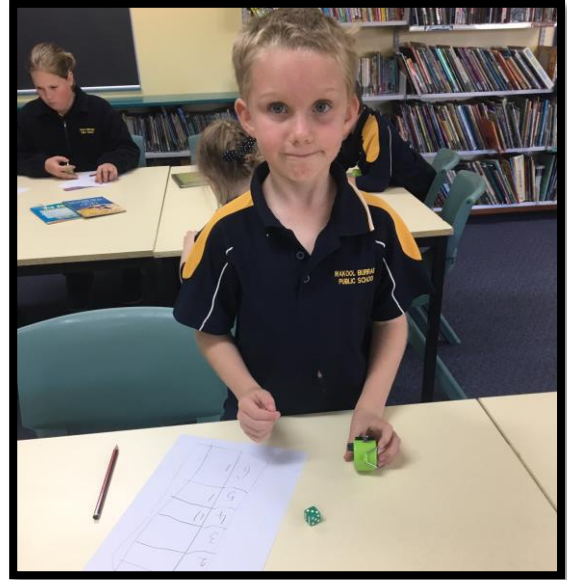
In the classroom...Maths

In Maths students have continued to build a strong understanding of number. We have looked at the number 10; counting to 10, using 10 on the place value chart and counting by 10. Last week we applied our knowledge of ten in addition. Kindergarten represented addition using pictures and symbols. Students in Year 1-6 learnt about vertical addition (algorithms) with trading. This was a tricky concept for some of our students, however with perseverance it was achievable for all students.





Students have also been learning about Number Patterns. We have focused our learning on making patterns and describing what is happening in the pattern; the rule. Students have been looking at increasing and decreasing patterns. Students have been looking at reasoning in Maths to help explain why they have chosen a particular answer. We are also building our Mathematical Vocabulary each lesson by introducing key terms.



Students have been learning about Chance and probability. We have started a Chance experiment to see which number on a standard dice is the most likely to be rolled. We look forward to finalizing this investigation this week.

Gymnastics

We have been successful in gaining a Sporting Schools grant for Term 3. As part of this grant students will be engaging in a Gymnastics Program. A Gymnastics coach will be implementing the program later this term at school. We look forward to utilizing the gymnastics equipment the school has for this program.

During Term 2 the school was provided with a Sporting Schools grant for the purchase of equipment for students. A new parachute was one of the purchased items. Students have all enjoyed using this during recess and lunch play.



**PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD
TO BRING THEIR
INSTRUMENT BACK TO
SCHOOL EVERY THURSDAY**

Education Week Award

Mrs Chalmers was awarded with a director award in recognition of her commitment and dedication to the school. She was presented with her award during a special afternoon tea with students on Friday afternoon during Education Week. Well done Mrs Chalmers and thank you!





Tamara Flight was also recognized with a director gift for her commitment and dedication to the school. Well done Tamara and thank you.

*Thankyou
Tamara!*

Cooking Session

On Friday 7th August students participated in a cooking session with the focus 'learning together'. Students made:

- > Lemon balls
- > Chocolate Balls
- > Freshly squeezed orange juice

These delicious items were enjoyed by all students for our special Education Week afternoon tea.



In the classroom...Performing Arts

During Music Lessons students in K/1/2/3 have been learning the correct playing technique for the ukulele. Chris used the smart board for students to count beats as they strummed. Chris has provided feedback that some students are really applying themselves to these lessons and quickly developing a great playing technique.



Year 5/6 students have been engaging in individual lessons in guitar. This ensures that Chris can teach the students at their point of need and ability. Great effort everyone, keep it up! A reminder that students can take these instruments home during the week for practice at home or leave them at school. All students need to have their instrument and music folder back at school each Thursday.



School Hats

Students are expected to be wearing a school hat whilst outside. This includes; recess, lunch and sport. We are currently awaiting an order of smaller size hats. If your child has lost their school hat, please contact the school to purchase a new one. If your child has some of the spare hats at home, please also return these to school.

**SCHOOL HATS
MUST BE WORN
OUTSIDE**

In the classroom...Visual Arts

Students have been applying their drawing and sketching skills during art lessons. Students engaged in a still life sketching lesson using three pears. We then used water colour paints and fine tip markers to complete these artworks.





Students have also been looking at sculpture as an artform using air drying clay. Students have been sculpting the clay into different shapes to construct wind chimes. Over the coming week students will paint and decorate these using beads.





Science Week Activities

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents/carers into the school for Science Week.

Monday –

Sea Life Livestream
10am

Tuesday –

Science Activities at
lunch time

Wednesday –

Sea Life Livestream
10am

Thursday –

Science Activities at
lunch time

Friday –

Hands-On Science
Experiment Afternoon

