



Lowanna Public School

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Week 3 Term 3 – Monday 31/7/2017

Dates to remember

Monday 31st July:

District Athletics

Wednesday 2nd August:

Crazy hair day

Thursday 3rd August:

Coffs Harbour Cup half day holiday

Friday 4th August:

Old clothes for painting day

Friday 11th August:

Old clothes for painting day

Monday 14th August:

Excursion to Yarrawarra

Wednesday 16th August:

Orara Valley CAPA Enrichment Day

Friday 18th August:

Old clothes for painting day

Thank you

"Best day ever for 2017" was the quote from the kids.



Thanks to community collaboration, we have completed our Bee Hotels. This was

the culminating activity in our Project Based Learning on "Honey, Where are the Bees?" Bee Hotels are a great way to attract more beneficial pollinators into our playground, while also helping to give the bees a habitat that will aid in boosting their declining populations.



I was well out of my comfort zone last Wednesday, but thanks to the community experts, Mark (x2), Hilly, Tracey and Jo, the kids successfully built their creations. Many thanks also to Tamara, who provided food. The bees in our playground will also appreciate a place to rest while pollinating. We are all very proud of your hard work and excellent results.

Good luck

We wish Ebony, Natalia, Shayna, Kiara and Chanelle all the best of luck today in their respective events at the District Athletics Carnival. The girls have all done well to

reach this level. Congratulations! We know that you will all be trying to do your best.

Garden tubs

We began painting our garden tubs last Friday under glorious sunshine. Each child has completed their draft, which was critiqued before being put onto their panel of a tub.



Community panels

We have added some extra panels onto the garden tubs for any interested community members, parents or grandparents to design and paint if they wish to do so.

We have had three families so far who have said they are interested and would love to work on a panel.

Please let us know if you would be interested in doing this as well, as we have three extra panels left for any community members to decorate.

Gardens

The children have been enjoying a healthy morning snack freshly picked from our gardens. We've had a bumper carrot crop with everyone amazed at their taste and juiciness! Yum!



Class news

K-3 have been busy this term learning about fractions and what better way than with cupcakes? The children were given a cupcake that they divided first in half and then into quarters before eating them a quarter at a time. One great discovery was that two quarters are the same as one half. We also created fraction fish using fractions as small as $\frac{1}{16}^{\text{th}}$!

This is a timely reminder to check *Seesaw* where you can see pictures of our learning in action. Don't forget to send in any items you may have that would be great for our musical fence. The children took home a note with more details about this in Week 1. This will be an ongoing project over the coming weeks.



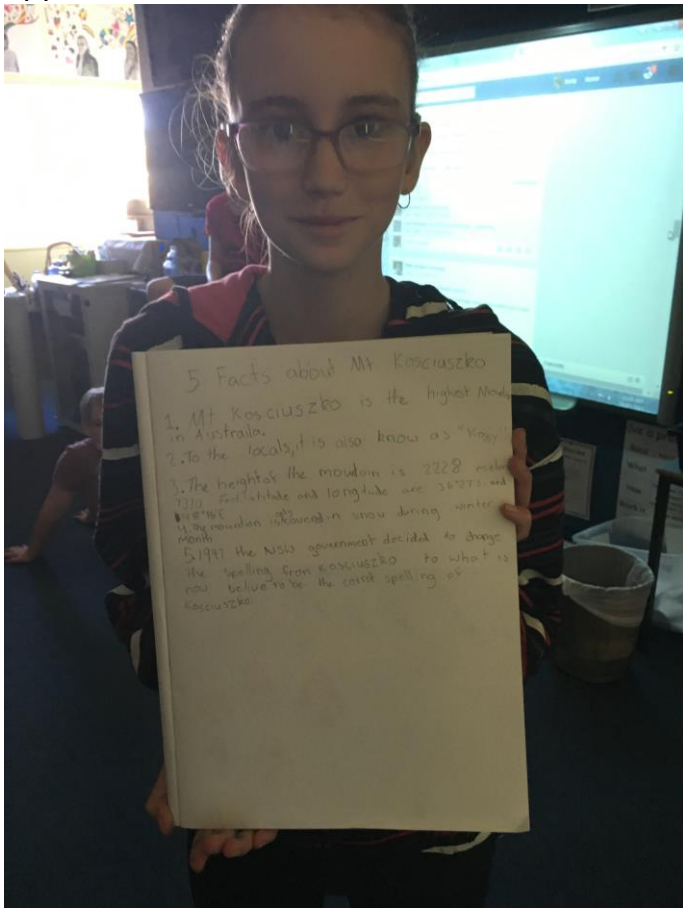
Mrs Hawken and Miss Corfe

What is happening in Term 3 with Miss Corfe on Thursdays and Fridays:

In Visual Literacy this term, we are looking at the brilliant picture book 'Fox' written by Margaret Wild, Illustrated by Ron Brooks. This narrative explores an intense emotional drama of love, belonging, temptation, risk and betrayal.

During maths groups, we are investigating chance and probability. We have been exploring the likelihood of something happening using terms such as certain, likely, unlikely and impossible. Outcomes in these ranges can be expressed as either fractions, decimals or percentages.

Geography takes us to the learning unit 'The Earth's Environment'. Sustainability is a key component of this topic and complements perfectly our school's implementation of L.O.L.A. Inquiry questions will address how people use places and environments more sustainably and how different views about the environment can influence our approaches.



Beth enjoyed sharing her learning about Mt Kosciuszko

We will be practicing Mindfulness this term using 'The Smiling Mind'. Mindfulness meditation is about becoming aware of the present, noticing thoughts as they come and go, observing one's breath and any other sensations. It's a simple skill that can be a life changing practice. For more information on this amazing resource please visit <http://smilingmind.com.au/our-programs/mindfulness-in-the-classroom/>.

This is a perfect addition to our 'Sparky and Shady' program that we ran with Kathy Sheehan last term.

I am looking forward to a busy, productive and fun term ahead. Miss Corfe

We are also fortunate to have enough devices, either computers, laptops or iPads, that each student can access their own device at any time to enhance their learning.



Group collaboration

Coffs Harbour Cup half day holiday

Thursday the 3rd August has been designated a half day public holiday for all schools in the Coffs Harbour City Council area.

School will be open until midday on the 3rd August, with parents needing to collect their children from school at midday. If this is a problem for you, please contact us as soon as possible, so that we can discuss any alternative arrangements that could be made.



Engaged learning

People You Meet...

Relationships make the world go around and nearly everything our students will achieve in life will come from working well with others. It is important therefore that there is a deliberate focus on cultivating in students the necessary skills, dispositions and attributes to enable them to build high quality relationships.

Continually building all the elements of students' wellbeing every day will equip them to achieve this. It is essentially about building students' moral, social, emotional, ethical and spiritual infrastructures.

Encouraging students to use their strengths when interacting with others will provide them with plenty of positive experiences which will strengthen their overall wellbeing. It is the frequency of positives that make the difference to relationships, not the intensity of them. It can be as simple as smiling when meeting other people or listening with their eyes, ears and heart and asking over and over again, tell me more.

We need to keep reminding students that others matter. The way they interact with others at school, at home and in the community will contribute to how successful they are in achieving their goals. The majority of people they will meet are friendly and easy to be with.

Then there are those people who have irritating manners and habits who they will find difficult and uncomfortable to be around. To be their best in life they need to learn strategies to tolerate such people and build working relationships with them.

do
THE RIGHT
THING...
EVEN WHEN
no one
IS LOOKING

'Advocate' surveys

Thank you to all the families who have returned their survey slip regarding the delivery of the 'Advocate'.

The results resoundingly show that families still want to have the paper delivered from Julie's shop to the school, so this will still continue to happen.

And you never know what you might see or read in the paper...



Kind Regards,
Alison Hawken