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NEWTON MOORE EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

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## WELCOME

### PRINCIPAL JO VAN DER PLAS

Term 3 has been another awesome term! There have been so many excursions, in-school events and learning experiences that we have hardly had time to catch our breath.

Our Year 10's enjoyed their Upper School Taster sessions, to help them make their choices for Year 11 and 12. Most students' feedback was "I can't wait for Upper School!!"

Upper School students have been working hard to complete their ASDAN Portfolios and we look forward to getting the results next term.

Our Lower School learning has focused on the theme of space. With lots of learning about planets, the sun and astronauts, it has felt a bit like NASA here some days.

We joined in the NMSHS Stem Fair this year as a chance to show our learning on space. Some of the Year 6's who are coming to us next year were excited to see the learning we do.

We have had some amazing whole school events including our annual EXPO, which as always was a wonderful celebration of student learning and success. We were lucky to have the Leschenault Volunteer Fire Brigade come and show us how to operate the hoses and try on the uniforms.

A continuation of our growth in cultural knowledge was extended this term, with the wonderful Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse coming and sharing their Noongar language and songs with us, truly an awe-inspiring event. With all that has happened this term, staff and students have truly earned their rest time. We look forward to seeing students back in Term , 8th October.

# F1

## TEACHER KEITH KAVANAGH

What an absolutely amazing term F1 has had. We have been so busy participating in the many activities that the school has organised for us this term. Our highlight was without a doubt, NAIDOC Week. We had the chance to eat some delicious and very healthy bush tucker, the choices being kangaroo kebabs (my personal favourite), beautiful damper with some jam and a kangaroo stew. We learnt about the different types of hunting weapons that were used by Indigenous First Nations People, and then we got to meet the author and songwriter Gina Williams who wrote and sang Wanjoo. It was an awe-inspiring incursion.

Finishing the term off with R U OK? Day was a really good way to chat about mental health and wellbeing. Our focus in F1 is to know both how to ask R U OK? and how to chat and communicate with others when you know you are not okay. It is something that we are not very good at communicating so we bottle up our emotions. Our students learnt that in sharing a problem they can halve a problem. Precious words to have in your mind when times are tough.

An area of learning that F1 really enjoyed was reading and analysing the books we have been reading in class. We have come a long way in identifying plots, decoding information and predicting outcomes. This has created a great deal of interest in reading and we really enjoy our visits to the library.

We can't wait for next term.



# F6

## TEACHER MICHELLE OFFER

Wow, what a busy term! Students in F6 have emersed themselves in the SPACE theme for Semester 2. Each week they have researched a different planet and designed their own using paper mâché and paint. They had to think about the kind of animals, people or aliens that lived on their planet and what they would need to survive. Their planets looked amazing at the Expo.

In science, students have been learning about observable changes in the night sky. Students have looked at the changing phases of the moon and the movement of the planets around the sun. They experimented with rotating small planet earths on their axis and shining a torch to demonstrate how we get day and night and have carved the centre of Oreo biscuits to make a different phase of the moon.

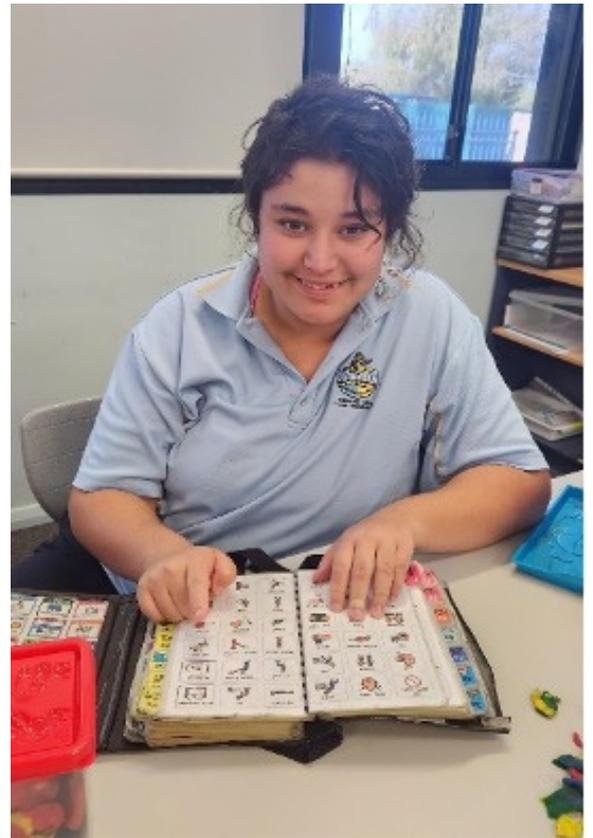
In HASS, students have been learning about the terminology used to describe time such as 'a long time ago', 'now and then' and 'old and new'. They have looked at a family holiday from 100 years ago and compared it the type of activities they do today.

In Maths, students have been learning about 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes. They have been using geoboards and attribute blocks to name shapes and count the number of sides, corners, angles and vertices.

Students have participated in multiple incursions and excursions for our cadet program including a 'birds of prey' and 'firefighter' incursion and an excursion to the BREC to see a theatrical performance 'ARC.' Students are engaging well with our Communtiy Accesss program, regularly shopping for ingredients and cooking healthy, scrumptious meals. We enjoyed celebrating our 100 days of learning at the beginning of the term with food and a movie.

We are very much looking forward to what's to come next term!





# G1A

TEACHER

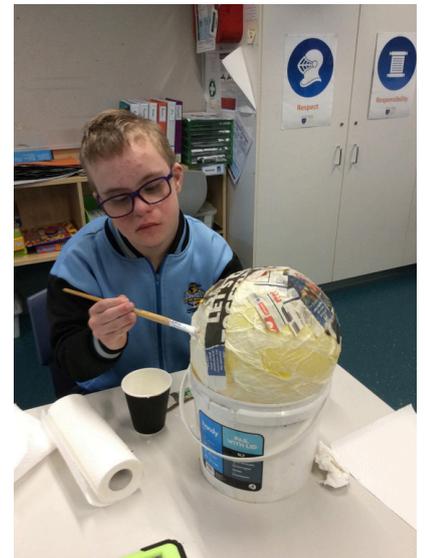
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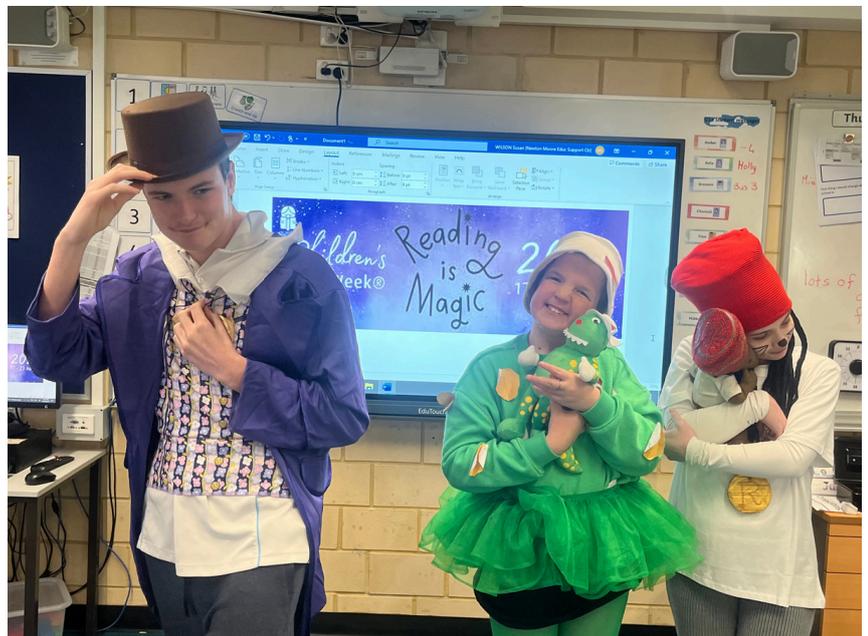
What a busy term we have had with Year 10 Taste Testers, Science Fair, NMESC Expo, an excursion to Brec, visiting endangered Wildlife birds, Book Week, class swimming and classroom learning!

We have had fun learning about the solar system, making our own Solar system display out of paper maché and learning how important our sun is for all living things on earth and how to protect our skin and eyes from the sun's harsh rays.

Taste Testers for the Year 10 students was an exciting introduction to possible Upper School subject choice options for 2025; the students participating in a variety of activities in Woodwork, Office, Retail and Workcrew.

Book Week was such a fabulously busy week. We indulged in a variety of narrative stories, a favourite being Wombat Stew. What fun it was putting on masks, acting and adding gooey mud slime, chewy feathers, crunchy flies, munchy creepy crawlies, spicy gumnuts and a fat wombat to Wombat Stew. The class participation was delightful! We then chopped up meat and vegetables to make an even better G1A stew, winning the Book Week cook-up competition and sharing our delicious stew with other classes of students. Book week ended with a fun dress-up. Characters 'Rastamouse', 'Willy Wonka' and 'Dorothy the Dinosaur' had a great day at school.



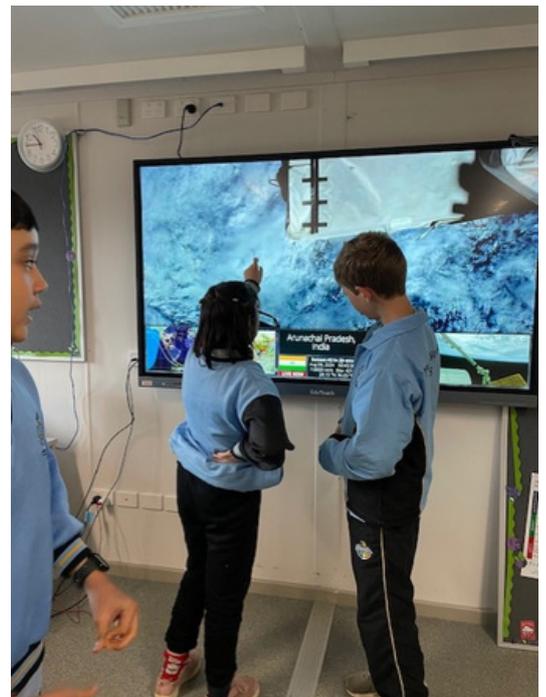
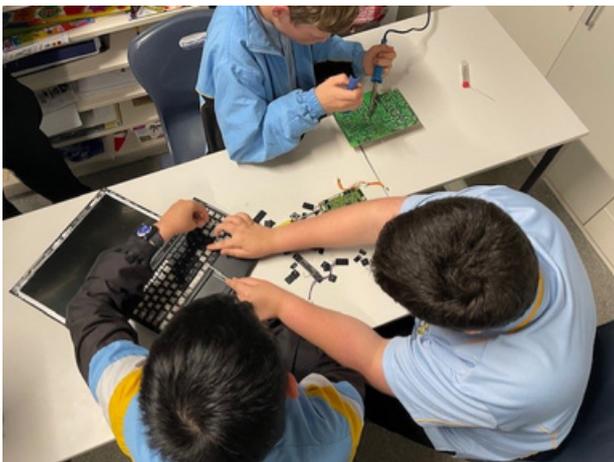


# G8A

## TEACHER

## ANGELA DAVIES

This term has been full of exciting activities within the school including Book Week, swimming, NAIDOC and R U OK? Day. The class has been immersed in the Space theme, which coincided with a new interactive whiteboard. We have been watching the International Space Station (ISS) make its journey around the world and learning about life as an astronaut - even how they go to the toilet on the ISS! We have been learning about different types of text and can distinguish the difference between story books and information texts, and what makes a fact over an opinion. Mr Gordon has been teaching the students how to use a soldering iron and they have been pulling apart various electronics. As we move towards the last term of school, we have been reflecting on the amazing progress the students have made transitioning to Newton Moore ESC. New friendships, schoolwork, overcoming challenges and celebrating the wonderful young people that they are!







# E4

TEACHER TIM SPIJKERS



Term 3 in E4 has seen our class begin our new topic 'Space'. In these lessons, we have been investigating the planets, the solar system as well as the wider universe and its mysteries. This topic has included the project-based task of designing our own planets, deciding what they look like, what terrain they will have, what they're made up of and what sort of lifeforms occupy the planets.

Term 3 has also provided our class with some exciting excursions and special presentations including the cadet's day trip to the BREC to watch the amazing 'ARC' performance based on endangered animals, The 'Birds of Prey' incursion which brought us up close to some beautiful owls, falcons and eagles, The NAIDOC day celebrations filled with amazing Indigenous Australian food, artwork, music and cultural immersion as well as the PBS excursion to the Bunbury Cinemas.

We also successfully participated in the Department of Education Swimming lessons at the Southwest Sports Centre which required organisation, resilience and the willingness to try new things. Along with all this, we have continued with our Community Access program, focusing on developing life skills such as road safety, appropriate behaviour for public places, organisational skills, managing money as well as important PBS expectations such as Being Responsible and Moving Safely.

E4 has had an excellent Term 3, working hard across all areas and enjoying the many opportunities both in and out of school, and we are looking forward to Term 4.



# D10

## TEACHER ETHAN ROBINSON

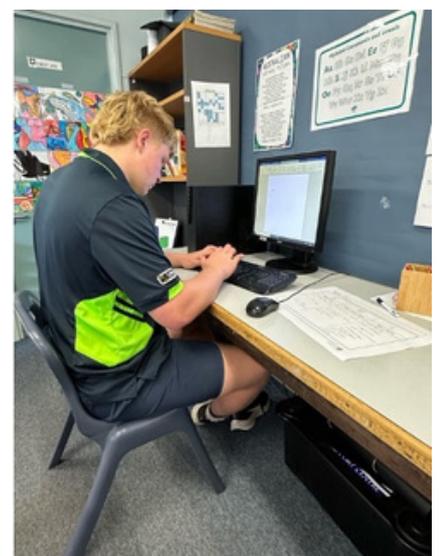
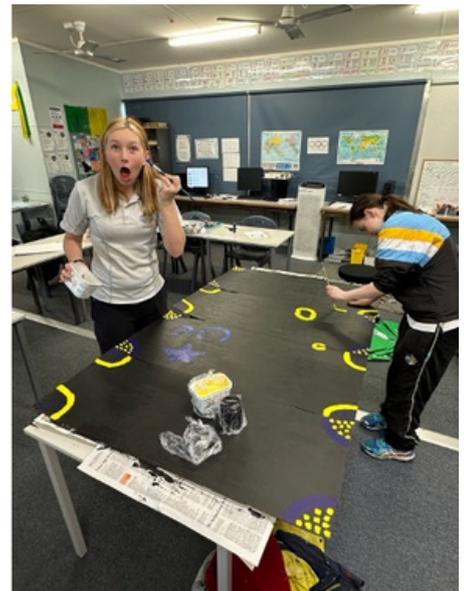
**Term 3 has been a very productive Term for D10!**

**The Year 11's and 12's have been completing their ASDAN Portfolios. They've put in an incredible amount of effort, learning about money management, financial support, and independent living. We are all looking forward to seeing the completed portfolios at the end of the year.**

**In Protective Behaviours, we have learnt about staying safe. We have discussed and learnt about different ways we can stay safe both physically and emotionally, who to go to when we feel unsafe, and online safety. Our Year 11s and 12s have shown that they can identify unsafe situations, and what they need to do to stay safe.**

**Additionally, the Year 11's and 12's have helped set-up the NMESC Expo, saw the Science Fair, go on Community Access, do lots of cooking, finish our Keys 4 Life program, and more.**

**We can't wait for Term 4!**





# PERFORMING ARTS

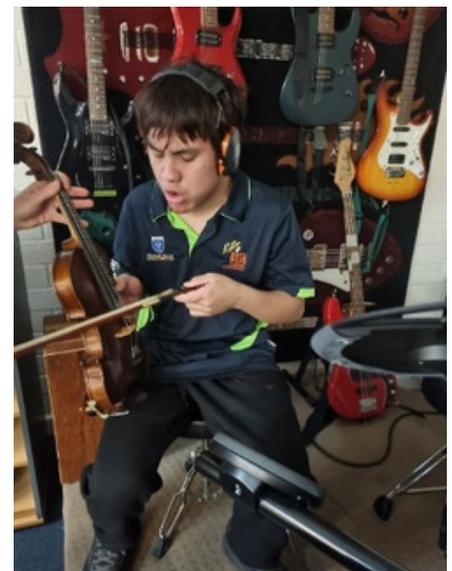
TEACHER

JESS BRITTAIN

During Term 3 our Music and Drama students have investigated the different families of instruments that we find in a symphony orchestra. We have some great instruments from the percussion family in our classroom which we use regularly like the djembe, xylophone, guiro, cabasa, and drumkit. We tried a brass instrument, the trombone, and made some very funny sounds (we think Ms Jess eats WAY too many beans for breakfast!). We discovered how you can make a woodwind instrument out of straws and made Jar Guitars when we investigated the string family. During Science Week, we also learnt about how sound is made by vibrations travelling through air, and that we can alter pitch by adding water to our rainbow xylophones.

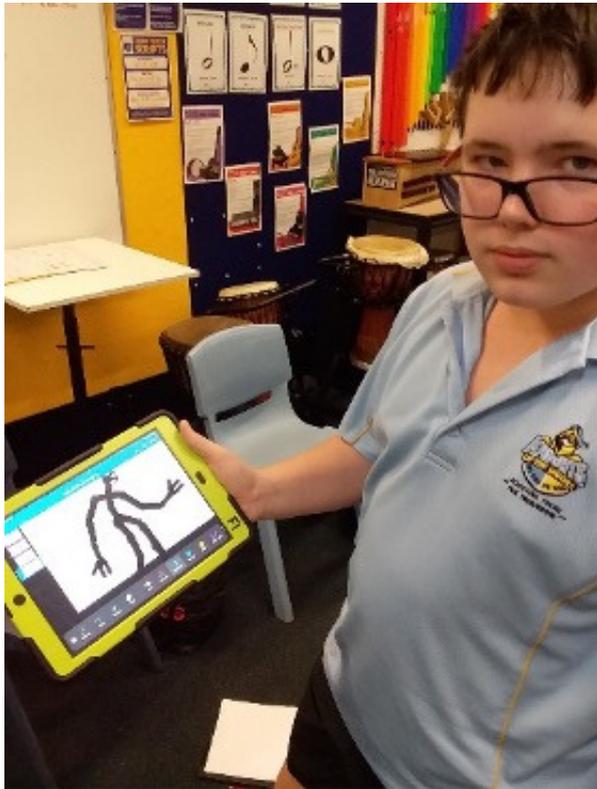
We have also learnt about the elements of drama, which are very similar to the elements of music, and are important factors in communicating meaning and emotion. These are things like pitch, volume, tempo or pace, timbre, and emphasis. We discovered that we could say the same sentence in various ways with different speeds and emphasis points, and it can convey a slightly different message or feeling. We also got to explore the world of puppetry with a visit to the Arc performance at BREC and practice our skills at being a respectful and attentive audience.

This semester we also augmented the learning area to include Media Arts for some of our older students. F1 created a scary movie called 'The Nightwatchers' that all students participated in with various film making roles - director, actors, musical director, sound technician, and camera operator - and the background music was composed and/or recorded and performed by the students themselves. Some of our D10 Group 2 students have also been working on an exciting project for Year 12 Graduation. Watch this space!



# MUSIC AND DRAMA

TEACHER  
JESS BRITTAIN



# OFFICE

## TRAINER AND ASSESSOR JODI COLLINS AND CHRISTINA WHILD

**Our office students have been busy working their way through what was an excitingly jam-packed term, showing their resilience as we introduced two new staff members into the office space, giving students the opportunity to showcase some of the amazing skills they have learnt throughout the year and wow, we were impressed.**



**This term was full of exciting opportunities starting with our Year 10 Tasters. This gave our Lower School students a look into what life will be like in Upper School. Traveling out to our CWC Office, students learnt all about the skills and qualifications that are available to them in our Office Program, it was a fun experience for not only our students, but also our staff.**

**Another big event this term was our school Expo - our Office students played a big part in helping organise and set up for the day. Working as a team, the Expo gave our students the opportunity to design the invitations, advertise, help set up and support stall holders. It was a big effort and what an amazing success it was with lots of connections made and opportunities on display for our students.**



And of course, we can't forget that our Office students reigned supreme champions winning the Book Week door display for 2024, with their incredible ability to turn an idea into reality, and no, it wasn't the fact that we had cake! Students demonstrated their many skills learnt in the Office by researching a topic, formatting word documents for printing, laminating, and designing the layout of our door making for an incredible design and ok, maybe the cake helped, but the students displayed great teamwork in completing this task and we were all very excited.



# WORKCREW

TRAINER AND ASSESSOR  
ANDREW HOWES

This has been another busy term for the Work Crew students and staff and with the wet weather being so bad it has made things a lot harder to plan and organise. However, despite these difficulties everyone has worked very hard to maintain our high-quality service to our clients whilst learning and practicing our skills. This term, our Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit our Work Crew and participate in our Taster Program ready for next year. For many of the students, this was the first time they had experienced handling the machines and equipment but overall, this was a great experience for staff and students.



# ITEM

## TRAINER AND ASSESSOR

## CHERYL-ANNE WALKER AND CHRISTINA WHILD

It's been business and study as usual at our Item store this term. Although the fun and excitement hasn't gone a miss!

Our Year 10 students joined us for some Taster days. They will soon be making their choices for CWC's next year so we provided a little taste of what a day at Item would look like. We had lots of smiling faces while they enjoyed making our popular selling card holders. Well done Year 10's you did an awesome job!



# ITEM

## TRAINER AND ASSESSOR

CHERYL-ANNE WALKER AND CHRISTINA  
WHILD

**We attended the NMESC Expo where we spoke to lots of interesting people and showcased some of our beautiful products on sale in the shop.**



**Our funky Koala canvasses have proven extremely popular. As soon as our students have completed one, it's sold! We can't keep up with the demand. Some have even made their way to Melbourne and as far away as America!**

# WORKSHOP

## TEACHERS

DAVE BARBOUR & DARYL LA'BROOY-MCIVER

Term 3 has been a busy one for the Workshop. The students have made a lot more serving platters and chopping boards as well as new products like sea themed wall art, pot plant holders and toolboxes. They have worked hard at manufacturing these for our ITEM store and the students efforts are to be commended as they place endless dedication and positive attitudes into producing these projects.

We also had the awesome opportunity for our Year 10's who were doing the CWC Taster Program to check out the Workshop. Some of our students cut, sanded and painted wood blocks while others worked on various wood work activities. They listened to safety instructions and learnt how to put on safety equipment. This has allowed insight into our CWCs for those who are entering our Upper School Program next year.

Well done to all students involved in the Workshop this term.



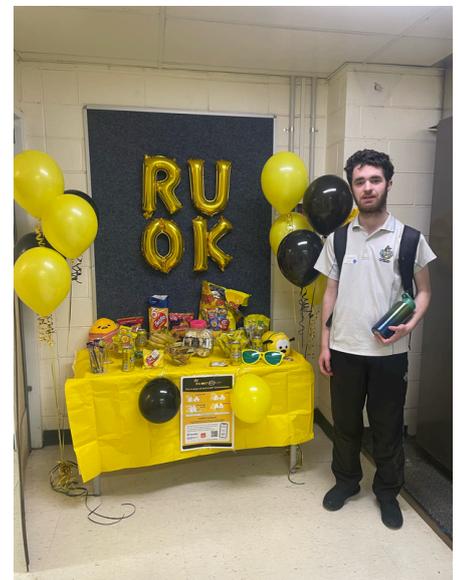
# WORKPLACE LEARNING

JODIE MATTABONI AND JESSICA RENNICK

Some of our Year 11's have completed their first term in their second placement, while four Year 11's started their first work placement. These students have completed a semester in our independent program, Skills for Success, to prepare them for the work force. Good Sammys and Vinnies Depot have kindly placed these students and adjusted their hours to accommodate these young people, to introduce them into the work environment. The students have been enjoying their introduction and are really engaging in the work. They have had tremendous personal growth and a positive experience. From starting in Skills for Success, they extended their skills and put their learning into practice. A BIG THANK YOU to our amazing staff who have assisted in making this transition a success. Bunbury businesses continue to be supportive with placements for our young people, and we truly could not do it without them. We would like to thank the following business for their support and sharing their experience with our students over the past term.



- Big W
- Vinnies
- Good Sammy's
- Spud shed
- Rebel Sports
- Red Dot Dalyellup
- Coles- Centrepont
- Coles- Parks Centre
- Leschenault Community Nursery
- Proudly Productive



Miss Jess has left our school this term and would like to say goodbye to all the wonderful students she has had the pleasure of guiding in their work placements. Jess would also like to thank all the students for their hard work, and the team of EAs for their never-ending support over the years to make this programme a success for our young people.

# STUDENT WELL BEING

MISS VANESSA, MR CRAIG, MISS DENISE, MR CALLUM, MISS KODIE AND MISS LISA

Term 3 in Student Wellbeing has been a busy one for all.

Our regular Uno Club, Lego Club and Wii Club are all going great. Students are loving the fun engagement at recess and lunch times.

Are You OK? Day was held on the 12th of September. The sun was shining, it was a lovely day with some special visitors making an appearance that students and staff enjoyed. Pippa, the golden retriever, Lexi, the Lab retriever, Moosie the Frug and Micah the staffy, all enjoyed their day with the students.

We are not sure if the dogs walked the students or the students walked the dogs at break time, but everyone came back ready for a rest!

Over the holiday break there are going to be some changes in the Student Wellbeing space. The offices are getting a spruce up and the games space will be getting a new addition. Can you guess what that may be? We are looking forward to unveiling this in Term 4.

Have a fabulous holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back after the holidays.



# CADETS

## VANESSA MCQUADE

Term 3 in Cadets has been a fun and engaging one, filled with an excursion and two incursions.

On the 21st of August, we caught the bus to BREC in Bunbury to watch a play about endangered animals, called ARC.

In Week 6 we had a visit from 'Birds of Prey', where we got to meet and pat, (if we were brave enough) some amazing birds.

In Week 9 we had Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse from Wonjoo come and do a concert for us. Gina sang in Noongar, some familiar songs and we learnt some new songs too. Gina also wrote the song 'Wonjoo' which is a favourite amongst many of our students.



## ARC - EXCURSION



## WONJOO - GINA WILLIAMS AND GUY GHOUSE



## BIRDS OF PREY

