

Ultima Primary School

Fortnightly Journal of Learning : Anywhere and Anytime.

August 15th 2014

Dear Parents,

Since the last publication of our school newsletter, staff and students have been busy in the classroom. Our school community has also been very busy taking care of our wonderful grounds and play areas and attending our recent special assembly. All of your support to our students is greatly appreciated.

Extravaganza: Mr O'Toole and the children must be congratulated for this exciting event that happened last Tuesday. The children looked amazing and did an outstanding job as mime artists. I received lots of praise and congratulations from the Principals from the other participating schools. Our mime act was also featured in last Friday's (8th August) Guardian newspaper in the Ultima News section.

School Council news:

Bendigo Writer's Festival: This was a great opportunity for the students to listen to and meet some of the authors of the books that they read. We met Jackie French, Sophie Masson and Chris Kennett (an illustrator). Earlier in the year we also met Phil Kettle and we notice that the children become really engaged with their reading once they have met the authors! Even though it was a long day in the bus the children were very positive about their experience. Many thanks to Miss Oliver for assisting with staffing and driving the bus.

Nexus Arts: Last Thursday we travelled to Sea Lake to see an operatic version of Cinderella. It involved four actors singing and acting the play for us. Their voices were incredible; if a little intense! Once again we were very fortunate to see a performance

In the classroom: The children are focussing on 'Dinosaurs' this term which has seen them involved in lots of research, reading and exploring. They are all very engaged with this topic. In P.E. the focus is the Athletics Day which is to be held on September 1st. In maths the focus has been positive and negative numbers and doing the four operations with decimals.

Susan Harley

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Grounds Duty

August

Galea family

School Council

August 19th.

2014 Calendar

Term 3: 14th July—19th
September

Term 4: 6th October –
19th December

Important Dates:

**September 1st: Athletics at
Ken Harrison Reserve**

**September 10 –11: Sleepover
and school at Nullawil**

**September 19: School finishes
at 2:00pm**

'Student Writing.'

Bendigo Writer's Festival

On Friday 8th August we went to the Bendigo Writer's Festival in Bendigo (of course). The first activity was to see Jackie French the author of "Diary of a Wombat" and she is the author of many other books too. Jackie French talked a lot about wombats. Our second activity was to see another author called Sophie Masson. She mainly writes chapter books. I found her talk a bit boring. Our third and last activity was seeing Chris Kennett. He is an illustrator. Chris draws all of his pictures on a computer. He also draws for TV shows. After Chris Kennett we went home. I had a good day. (Charly).

We were lucky enough to go and listen to Jackie French when we went to Bendigo. Some of the things I enjoy about her books are:

Her pictures, they make me laugh and giggle (Charlotte)

Her stories make me happy because she loves wombats (Charlotte)

Her pictures and her sense of humour (Jordan)

Her books are very funny, exciting, cool and extremely fun (Caleb)

Her funny pictures, the funny titles and I love the Wombat stories (Nick)

Her books are funny, excellent and really good (Patrick)

One of my favourite activities was at Dudley House. We saw Chris Kennett. He showed us a great drawing. (Nick)

On the way home on the bus we played Skylanders, the card game (Charlotte)

I liked this trip and I hope we can go there next year (Jordan)

On Friday I went to the Bendigo Writer's Festival. It was so much fun there. I went to see Jackie French and an illustrator called Chris Kennett (Caleb).

The story of Tim Tam, the dinosaur by Charlotte Innes

One day I was going to Swan Hill to do some shopping. When I was shopping I found a dinosaur egg. I found it at Coles in the lolly section hiding under a bag of whizz fizz. I took it home and put it into a cardboard box with some hay and a hot water bottle. By the next morning it had hatched. It was a baby T Rex. I called it Tim Tam. He was a nice dinosaur even though he was eating all of my lollies. One day I went to the local shop and when I got back Tim Tam was gone. I found him with his family. I said "stay there, that's where you are supposed to stay". "Good bye, I will miss you". One day I heard a noise. I opened the door and it was Tim Tam. He had come back to be with me. We lived happily ever after. The end.

The story of Spearhead, the Teradactyl by Nick Webb.

On a tree, three teradctyls lived, one was called Spearhead. He was going for a little fly when he spotted nine ceoliphyses so he decided to annoy them but as he went to swoop down 'bam' the celiophyses caught him in thin air. They dragged Spearhead to a den. Then he thought of what they might of been running away from. Crash, a T Rex crashed from a wall of the den. The celiophyses dropped Spearhead. He used this chance to escape. He flapped

his wings and away he went. He went through the gap in the den wall. "That was a close one", he said to himself and from that day on he never teased dinosaur.

Extravaganza By Caleb Cullen

Excited

eXcellent

Terrific

Ready

Action

adVenture

Amazing

Great fun

Awesome

Noisy

Zuper

Actors everywhere!

Extravaganza by Jordan Galea

Excited

eXcellent

Terrific night

Restful in bed

Anxious

Very fun

Acting with mime

Great night

Awesome

Nervous

Zazzy and zooper dooper

Action packed

Extravaganza by

Patrick Galea

Excited

eXhilarating

Terrific

Right

Artistic

Very happy

Active

Great

Anxious

Nervous

Zazzy

Awesome

