VICTORIA AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER • 31 MARCH 2023 • TERM 1 WEEK 10

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

Week 11

Thursday 6 April

Easter Hat Parade
Mufti
Last day of school

TERM 2

Week 1

Monday 24 April

Staff Development Day – NO STUDENTS

Wednesday 26 April

Students Return
9:30am ANZAC Service

Friday 28 April

PSSA

Week 2

Tuesday 2 May

Just Like You Incursion

Wednesday 3 May

Just Like You Incursion

We are approaching the last few days of Term 1 and I am amazed every day at the skills, talents and abilities of each one of our students.

Congratulations to our Kindergarten students on completing their first term at school. Their academic and social progress over the last ten weeks has been exceptional. They have discovered the many routines of school life, become more independent, are enjoying their weekly STEAM lessons, visits to the library and forming many new friendships. Most importantly, I enjoy seeing their happy smiling faces every day.

I would also like to congratulate our students who have seamlessly transitioned into their new school environment or new class with positive and inclusive attitudes.

I would like to extend my thanks to the teaching and administration staff for their dedication and hard work.

Year 6 fundraiser

This year our Year 6 students will be selling small bags of Easter Eggs on Friday 8 April for $2 per bag. We are also inviting students to wear mufti in exchange for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go towards the Year 6 end of year gift to the school. Please ensure students wear enclosed shoes.

Canteen Opening in Term 2

I am very excited to announce that our canteen is opening for recess and lunch, 5 days per week, commencing in Term 2. At the end of this newsletter you will find a canteen menu.

Ordering of lunch can be completed via the Flexischools and information on her to register can also be found at the end of the newsletter. Flexischools would like to offer a promotion whereby they will give $5 to every parent who registers a new Flexischools account. This money will be loaded onto your account on a specific date before service is released. In addition, they will donate $5 for every new account to the school.

Opportunity Class Placement 2024

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes in 2024 open on Thursday 30 March and close Monday 15 May, 2023.

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students. They help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs. Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5.

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

Apply online at education.nsw.gov.au/oc - Opens Thursday March 30.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunityclasses/year-5.html

National Ride2School Day

On Friday 24 March our school participated in National Ride2School Day. This is Australia's biggest celebration of active travel. It was wonderful to see so many students and their families leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go!

Easter Hat Making and Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade is being held on Thursday 6 April at 2:15 on the School Oval. Classes in K – 2 will parade their extravagant hats to 3 -6 students and parents.

Hats will be made during class time with the help of our senior students. Families are asked to please supply some items to support these marvelous creations by Friday 31 March. Suggestions include: hat, cardboard, Easter themed items, pompoms, pipe cleaners, anything to create a fancy looking hat.

Harmony Day – Tuesday 21 March

Nearly half of all Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was. This makes Australia one of the world's leading multicultural societies.

Victoria Avenue PS is a diverse and supportive community with students from 42 different countries. Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs". Harmony Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. At Victoria Avenue we celebrated Harmony Day by wearing our cultural dress or orange. We also completed collaborative art projects which

have been displayed around the school.

School Bytes - Making a payment

Our school has implemented a system called School Bytes to manage payments. Parents/carers can visit the School Bytes portal at any time to make a payment online, provide permission, view payment history and apply credit.

All parents will be required to register using the following link:
https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login
This portal can also be accessed through our school website.
A detailed how to guide regarding registration can be accessed via this link:
https://support.schoolbytes.education/hc/en-us/articles/5184859634191-Parent-Portal-Set-upyour-parent-portal-account

Term 1 school invoices were sent home in Week 7.

Bike and Scooter Safety

Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate.

All bicycle and scooter riders are required by law to wear an approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened. We are observing an increased number of students now riding bikes and scooters with their helmets. Thank you to our school community for ensuring students are riding safely to and from school. Should a student NOT have a helmet, their bike/scooter/skateboard will be retained at school and parents contacted

Positive School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Parents and Carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. For further information you can read this brochure from the NSW Department of Education.

Please remember students are encouraged to be *In the Gate by Half-Past 8 – Attendance Matters*

Late Drop off and Early Pick Up

If you are picking up your child early, you must go to the school office and sign them out. If a student is late coming to school, you must sign them in at the front office before they go to class. Students cannot sign themselves in or out of school. Please try to avoid collecting children during our break times. Should this be unavoidable please allow enough time for us to locate them within our grounds.

Road Safety

I have received a number of complaints regarding parents and carers parking unsafely, and illegally, during drop off and pick up times. To ensure the safety of our community, I ask that parents obey the road signage. This includes not stopping on the roundabout, or either side of the roundabout.

The school's Kiss and Drop areas are within the "No Parking" zones at the front of the school. You are only allowed to stop your vehicle to set down or pick up passengers and must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle. Our disabled parking area within the car park is only for those community members that display a disabled sticker and our school taxis.

Thank you for ensuring the safety of all of our students when entering and leaving the premises.

Staff Development Day Monday 24 April

Students will return to school on Wednesday 26 April

Students can wear either summer or winter uniform, with all students transitioning to the winter uniform by Monday 8 May.

Have a lovely fortnight.

Elisa Baker
Principal

Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices form the relational basis for Quality Teaching and Learning. Our Restorative Practice Framework, because of its explicit nature, offers a common language and practice capable of fostering healthy relationships. Student achievement is enhanced through Restorative values being embedded as a way of being and learning together. Our approach fosters individual responsibility and helps develop empathy. Inappropriate behaviour or choices and mistakes can be viewed as an opportunity for insight, learning and development in both the academic and social domains.

The explicit framework is inextricably linked to the Quality Teaching Framework and includes the following sets of questions to be asked by children, teachers and parents.

When Things Go Wrong…. When Someone Has Been Hurt

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you may do to make things right?
- What did you think when you realised what happened?
- What impact has this incident had on you and others?
- What has been the hardest thing for you?
- What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

The process is empowering as it takes students from the past to the present and gives them hope for the future. It empowers them to make things right and heal any harm that has been done. A restorative classroom setting is one that values dialogue through an inclusive approach where everyone expects to be heard and through this participatory process, students develop the capacity to learn that emotions are an important and legitimate expression of healthy dialogue. This process helps students to deal with conflict, tensions and difference in respectful ways that engender trust and foster healthy relationships.

Our Help Increase the Peace (HIP) Keys

Our school values incorporate the 'Help Increase the Peace Keys' to promote a harmonious, nurturing, and challenging living and learning environment.

The HIP program offers a whole school approach to building relationships through communication, co-operation, trust building and conflict resolution.

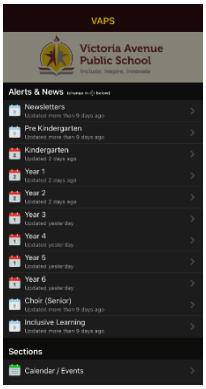
YELLOW KEY Care for Others
GREEN KEY Think Before Reacting
BLUE KEY Respect Yourself
RED KEY Work Together for a Non-Violent Way
BLACK KEY Expect the Best

Parent Communication

We use a variety of platforms to communicate information about upcoming events and highlight the great things that happen at Victoria Avenue Public School.

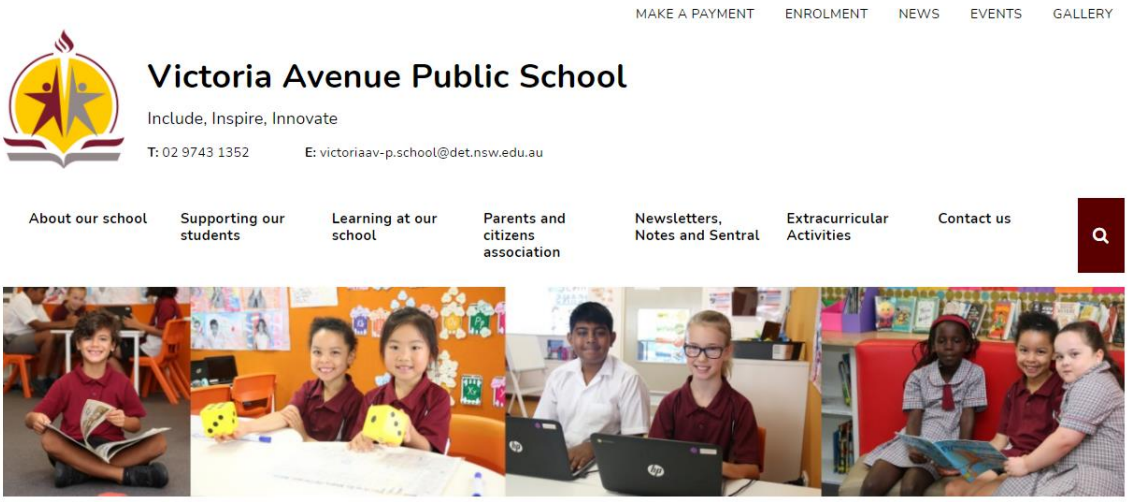
School Enews App

Important notifications are posted and emailed on the School Enews App. School Enews is a free app available for all mobile devices. Just download the app from the App Store or Play Store by searching for Victoria Avenue Public School. Please ensure that push notifications alerts are turned on so that you can receive information as soon as it is distributed.



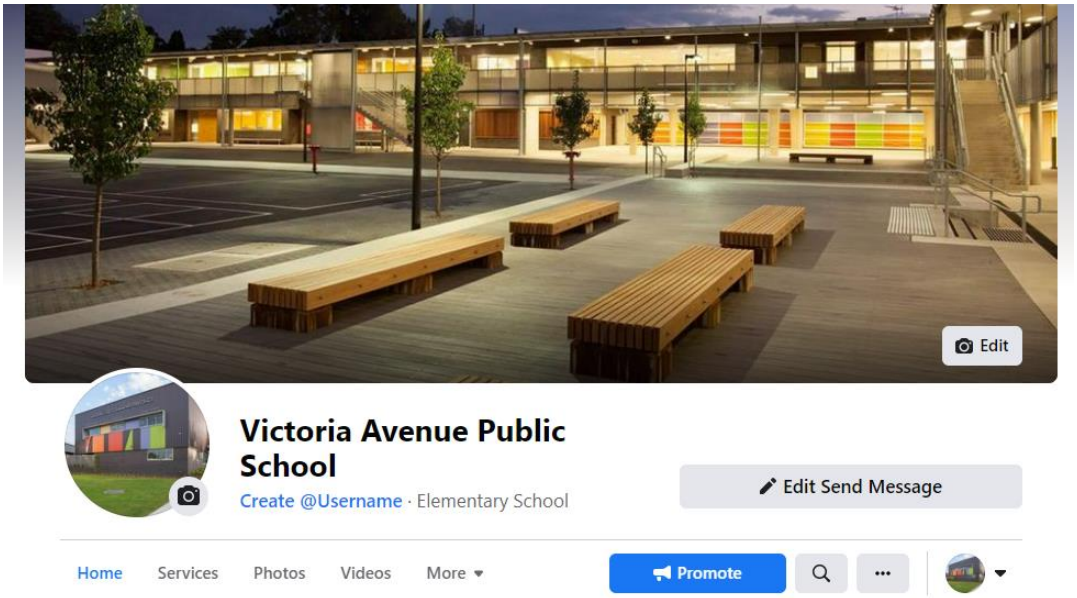
School Website

Our school website is updated frequently. Our school website is https://victoriaav-p.schools.nsw.gov.au



Facebook

Victoria Avenue Public School has its own Facebook page where we celebrate student achievements. Parents are unable to post any news items, but can comment on reports and photos. The page is designed to keep the community up to date regarding all the wonderful things that happen at Victoria Avenue Public School.



Victoria Avenue Medical Procedures

Prescribed Medication:

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents/carers must:

- notify the school
- provide up to date information as required
- supply the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
- complete the Victoria Avenue Public School Medical Permission Note (please see the office for a copy of this note).

The administration of prescribed medication in schools is carried out by staff who volunteer and who are trained. Students must not carry medication unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents/carers.

Individual Health Care Plans:

An individual health care plan must be developed for:

- severe asthma, type 1 diabetes, epilepsy and anaphylaxis
- any student who is diagnosed as having a condition that may require an emergency response
- any student who requires the administration of health care procedures

If your child has any health conditions and does not already have an existing individual health care plan, please contact the office to collect the required forms.

If your child has an adrenaline auto injector (EpiPen) prescribed by a medical practitioner, an Action Plan for Anaphylaxis must be completed. If the school does not have a current, Action Plan for Anaphylaxis please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has allergic reactions where no adrenaline autoinjector is prescribed by a medical practitioner, an Action Plan For Allergic Reactions must be completed. If the school does not have a current Action Plan for Allergic Reactions please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

If your child has been prescribed by a medical practitioner as having asthma, an Asthma Action Plan is required. If the school does not have a current Asthma Action Plan please have your child's doctor complete one immediately.

CANTEEN MENU

RECESS/SNACKS

Yoghurt Cup	**$3.00**
Mixed Berries with Yoghurt	**$3.50**
Fruit Cup	**$3.00**
Vege & Hummus Cup	**$3.00**
Homemade Muffins	**$2.50**
Homemade Cookies	**$1.50**
Hash Browns	**$2.00**
Garlic Bread	**$1.50**
Cheese and Crackers	**$2.00**

SANDWICHES
Available At Lunch
Monday - Friday

All Served on Wholemeal Bread

Wrap 50c
Toasted 50c
Gluten Free Bread $2.00

Vegemite	**$3.00**
Tasty Cheese or One Salad Item	**$3.00**
Egg with Mayonnaise & Lettuce	**$4.50**
Ham/Chicken/Tuna	**from $4.00**
With Salad	**$5.00**
Salad - Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber & Carrot	**$4.50**

SALAD BOXES

Salad Box -Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot	**$4.00**
Add Chicken, Tuna or Egg	**From $1.00**
add avocado	**$1.00**

DAILY SPECIALS

MONDAY

Nachos (Beef or Bean)	**$5.00**
Chicken Nuggets (6 Pieces)	**$5.00**
- Add Chips	**$3.00**

TUESDAY

Sushi	**$5.00**
Mi Goreng Noodles	**$5.00**

WEDNESDAY

Mac & Cheese	**$5.00**
Pizza Pockets	**$5.00**

THURSDAY

Butter Chicken & Rice	**$5.00**
Cheeseburger	**$5.00**

FRIDAY

Beef Pie	**$5.00**
Sausage Roll	**$5.00**
Chicken Burger	**$5.00**

Drinks

Water Bottles	**$2.00**
Just Juice	**$2.50**
Milk (Choc & Strawberry)	**$3.00**
Chill J	**$3.00**

Frozen Treats

Ice-blocks	**From $2.00**
Frozen Yoghurt	**$3.00**
Bulla Icecream Cup	**$3.00**

NEW CANTEEN ORDERING PROCEDURES

Our new canteen is happy to introduce online ordering, through the use of Flexi Schools App. Flexi Schools App is a great way for parents to order and pay online, being able to view our selection and ensure their children have wholesome lunches, recess and snacks.

Similar to the Opal Card, it is a cashless card system for greater safety and security, with a simple set up as below:

Step 1: Register

New User?
Register for an account click on the **register button** below and add your student to get started.

Cashless Card: Login and follow the prompts to link your student's existing student ID card.

Register

Step 2: Top Up

Top-up your account using VISA, Mastercard, PayPal or by direct deposit. We recommend topping up your account by $20 and you will receive an email reminder when your account is running low.

To ensure that your student always has funds available, we recommend setting an automatic top-up from your credit card.

Cashless Card: Set a daily spending limit for your student.

My Account

Step 3: Order and Pay

Order and pay for a range of school services including canteen, uniform shop, events, fundraisers, fees and more.

Cashless Card: Students present their existing student ID card to pay for purchases.

Order now

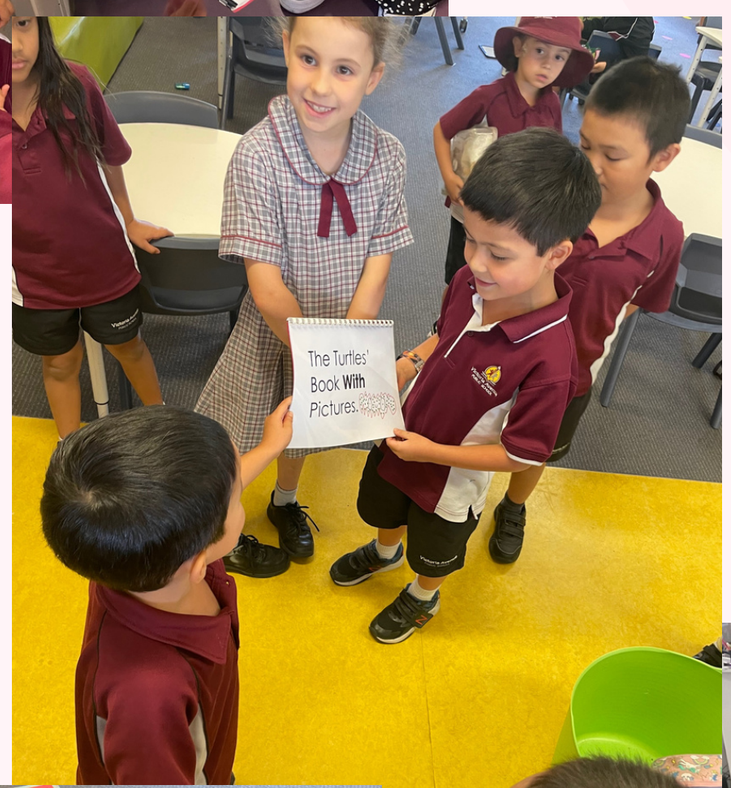
Step 4: Edit and Review

Canteen Orders: You can view, edit, cancel, or create a reoccurring order by logging in.

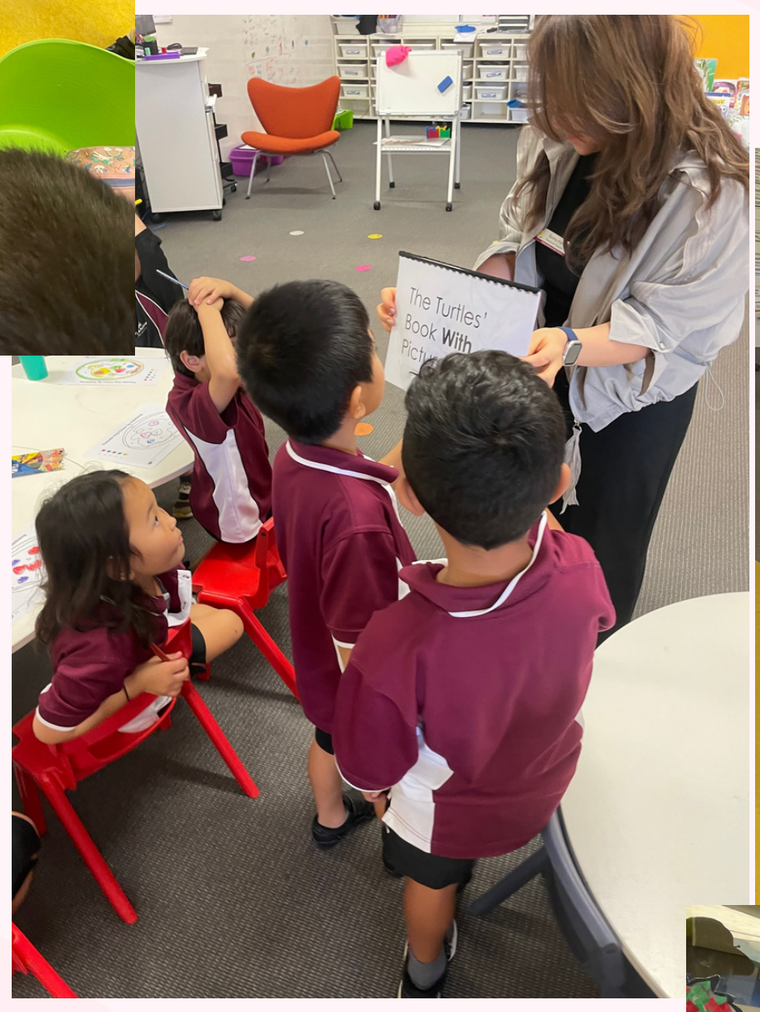
Cashless Card: Login to your account to view your students' purchases and/or update their daily spending limit.

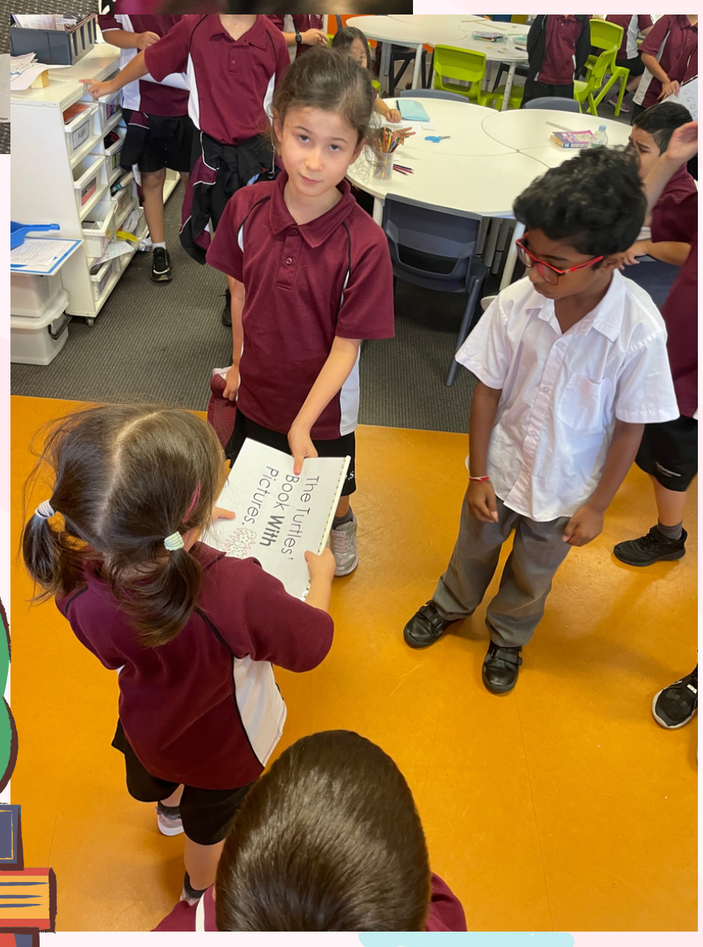
My Account

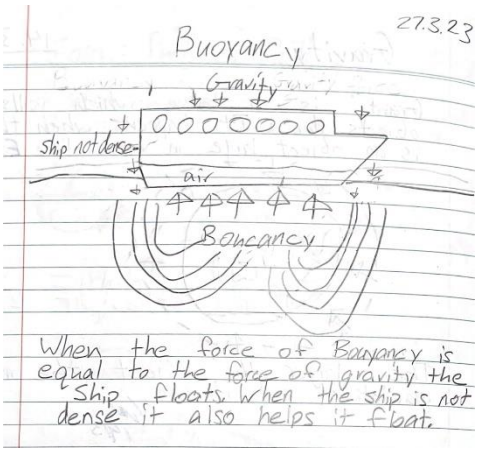
Turtles

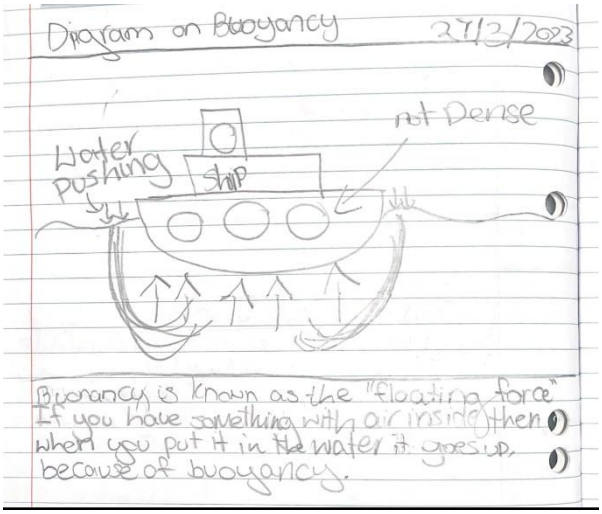


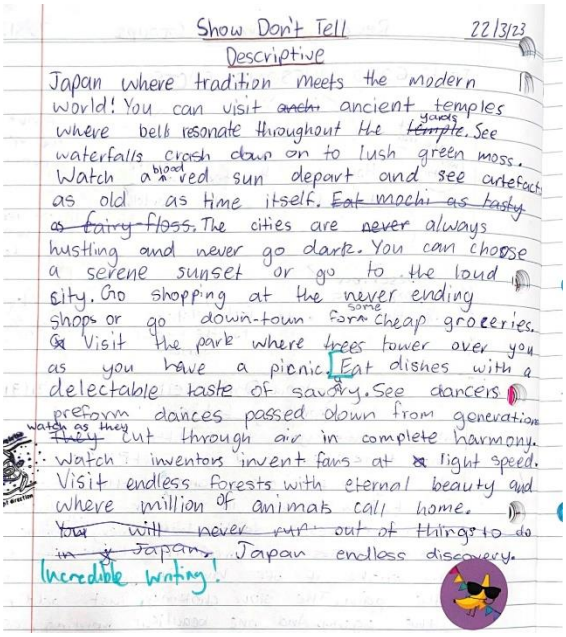
As part of their writing unit this fortnight, the Turtles wrote their own book. The students were so excited to become authors that they made complete copies of their book and gifted one to each class in the school. There might even be a copy coming for the school libray as well...

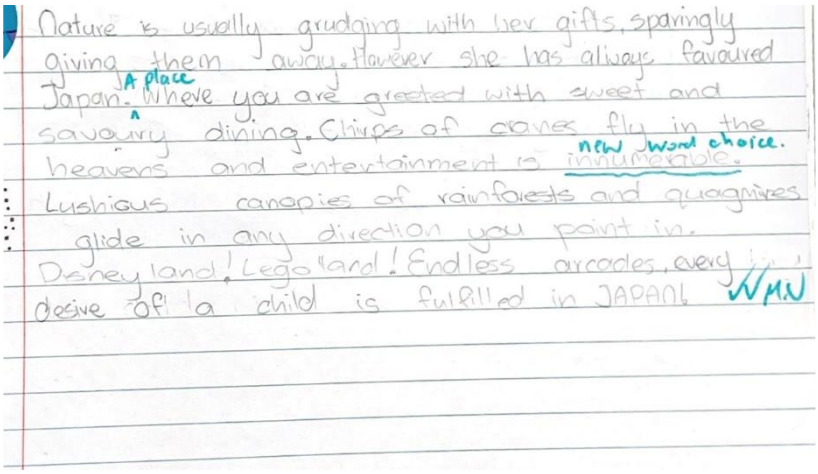


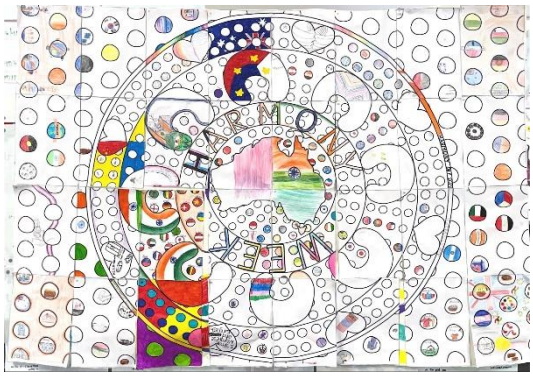


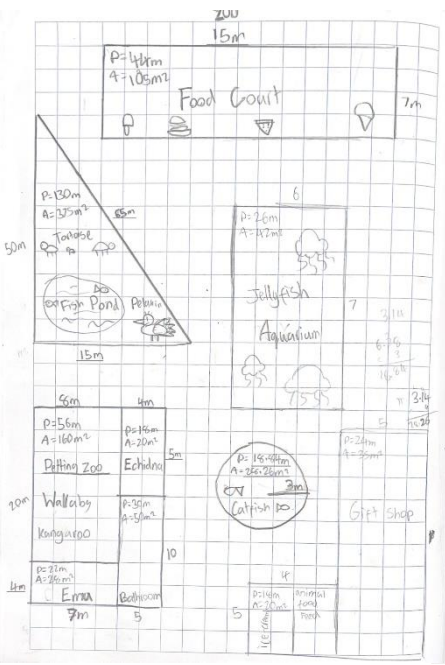


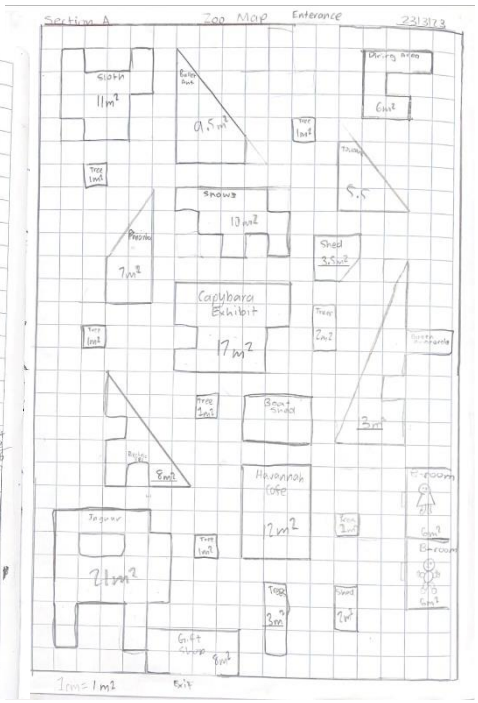












A lot has been happening in Lyrebirds this week! In Science we have been learning all about forces, buoyancy really blew our minds! In English we have been learning how to use descriptive language to show, and not tell. In Maths we have been using our knowledge of area and perimeter to design Zoo layouts. In Art we have been working on a collaborative Harmony Day mural for our classroom.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

VICTORIA AVENUE PUBLIC SCHOOL - YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

Buy a small bag of Easter eggs for only $2

GOLD COIN DONATION FOR MUFTI

LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO YEAR 6 END OF YEAR GIFT TO SCHOOL

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REGISTERED PROVIDER
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Vibrant Art Classes For Kids

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High potential and gifted education

Applications for Year 7 2024

Students in our high potential and gifted education program experience:

- Evidence-based talent development programs
- Accelerated learning
- Advanced learning pathways
- Enrichment and extracurricular opportunities
- Personal goal setting and mentoring

Visit our school website to apply

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