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Term 4 Week 6

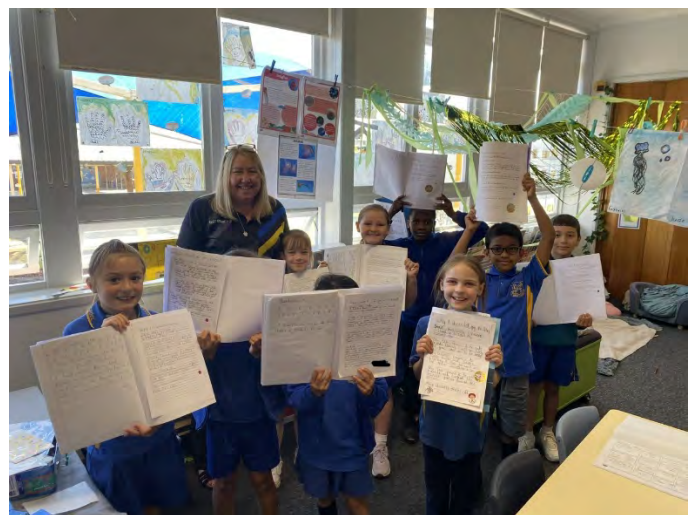
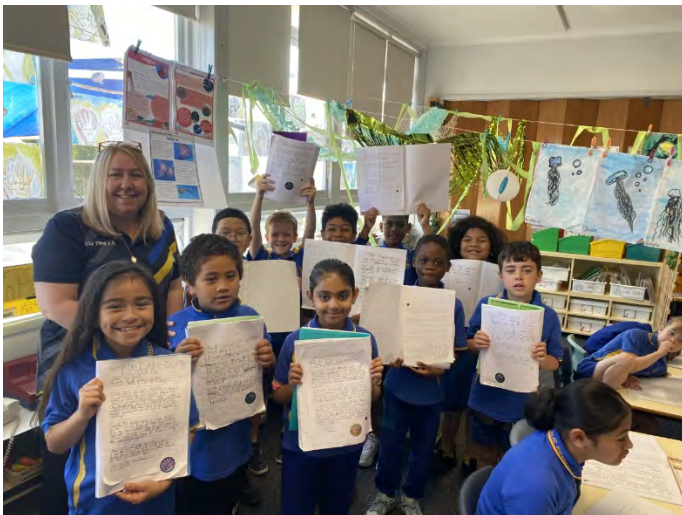
14th November 2022

From the Principal's Desk

Super learners at Oxley Park



Last week I had the privilege to be invited into 23L's classroom to listen to students read me their writing. The students have been learning about persuasive texts where they had to choose whether they wanted to convince me why or why not they should come to school. Some of the students wrote very convincing statements about needing to stay home and sleep in and play games all day – others wanted to dance and play in the rain. Some students wrote convincing arguments about the benefits of coming to school every day. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the students use oral language to persuade me and I was super impressed with their writing skills. Thank you, Miss Luker you made my day!



Swim School

This is the second week for swim school, and I wanted to say a huge thank you to Miss Hamlin and Mr Longhurst for taking the students each day to swim school. I have heard very positive things from the students and wider community while you have been at the pool. We are very lucky to be able to participate in swim school and I would love to hear feedback from some of our parents/carers about their thoughts on this program.

End of Year preparations

As we head into the final half of Term 4, we are busy preparing many activities and events. We are also interested in feedback about our school this year. A few afternoons over the coming weeks I will set up a gazebo and have a talking tent. Please feel free to pop in and say hi and share with us your thoughts on what is working well at Oxley Park and if you had a magic wand what would you change. We are entering into our external validation preparation for 2023 and would love to hear your views.

Working together in partnership for Quality Education

Kim Smith Principal

Attendance Matters

Week 10 Individual Winners!



Congratulations to the Term 3 Week 10
Individual Winners

ES1 Salote KP – Treat box

S1 John 12R – Lego box

S2 Chase 23L – Prize box

S3 Sepora 56M – Canteen voucher



Attendance Matters Week 10 Class Winners!



Congratulations to the Term 3 Week 10
Class Winners

KM - Highest Attendance & Most Improved

34A - Term 3 Highest % Overall for Term 3



Attendance Matters Week 1 Individual Winners!



Congratulations to the Term 4 Week 1
Individual Winners

ES1 Jemima KG – Lego

S1 Ellyse 12C – Showbag

S2 Aliza-Joy 34W – Prize box

S3 Samata 56M – Lego



Attendance Matters Week 1 Class Winners!



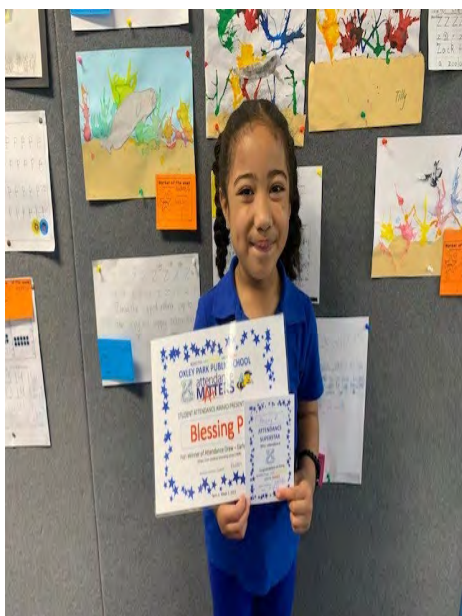
Congratulations to the Term 4 Week 1
Class Winners

12C - Highest Attendance
56R - Most Improved



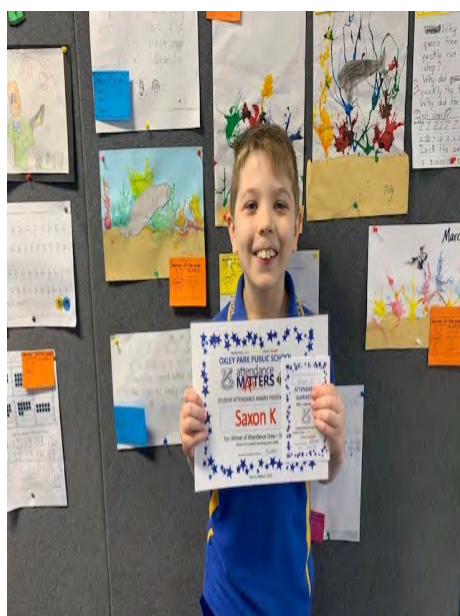
Attendance Matters

Week 2 Individual Winners!



Congratulations to the Term 4 Week 2
Individual Winners

ES1 Blessing KP – Treat box
S1 Lucia 12E – Prize box
S2 Saxon 34A – Canteen voucher
S3 Charli 56M – Treat box



Attendance Matters Week 2 Class Winners!



Congratulations to the Term 4 Week 2
Class Winners

56A - Highest Attendance
KP - Most Improved



Attendance Matters Week 3 Individual Winners!



Congratulations to the Term 4 Week 3
Individual Winners

ES1 Havaina KP – Lego
S1 Siar 12H – Treat box
S2 Ibrahim 34L – Canteen voucher
S3 Adrian 56M – Canteen voucher



Attendance Matters Week 3 Class Winners!



Congratulations to the Term 4 Week 3
Class Winners

34A - Highest Attendance
KG - Most Improved



Attendance Matters

Week 4 Individual Winners!



Congratulations to the Term 4 Week 4
Individual Winners

ES1 Rory KH - Lego pack
S1 Akina 12R - Prize box
S2 Indiana 34L - Canteen voucher
S3 Josie 56R - Canteen voucher



Attendance Matters Week 4 Class Winners!



Congratulations to the Term 4 Week 4
Class Winners

45G - Highest Attendance & Most improved
56SC - Runners Up Most Improved Class



Office News



Office Hours – 8.30am – 3.30pm

Dates to remember:

Wednesday 16th November
Thursday 17th November
Friday 25th November
Tuesday 29th November
Friday 2nd December

Eco Youth Summit – Stage 2 selected students
Eco Youth Summit – Stage 3 selected students
Stage 3, P&C and Environment Team – Open Day
Preschool Jarjum's Graduation
Preschool Bunji's Graduation



Welcome Melissa

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Melissa Pellicano to Oxley Park Public School.

Melissa is our new SAO in the front office.

Changes to the daily collection of your children

As the school office is at its busiest between 8.30 to 9.30am and 2.30 to 3.00pm, we would like to encourage parents/carers to make plans **prior** to school in regard to changes in pick-up arrangements. Whilst we recognise that at times there can be some unexpected changes in after school arrangements for students, can you please try and minimise calls by pre-organising where possible, with students. At times, the office is inundated with calls and messages needed to be given to students often with only a few minutes notice. The wellbeing and safety of students is our paramount concern and we do not want to risk messages not being received or unavoidable confusion

Parent Online Payments

When you make an online payment we require the PERMISSION NOTE to be sent to the school office on the day you make the payment. If we do not have a permission note for your child, the money cannot be receipted therefore your child may miss out.



Thank you for your support.

Mrs Karen Curcuruto
Business Manager

P-2 ATHLETICS

CARNIVAL

Oxley Park Public School was excited to host the P-2 Athletics Carnival recently. It was so nice to be able to invite our families and friends to join us in a great day of fun.





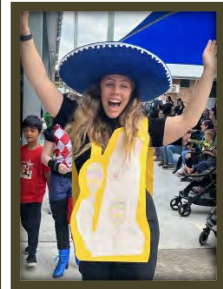
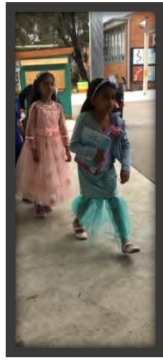


The children had a great time competing in their running races in the morning and a range of tabloid activities in the afternoon.

Book Parade 2022

A huge thank you to students, teachers, and parents as without you, Book Parade would not have been so much fun. It has been over 2 years since we, as a school community could get together and celebrate with a Book Parade. I am sure that the children loved looking out into the audience to see their parents, just as much as I did.





Public Speaking

On Thursday 27th October 2022, Indu, Javeria, Aaradhya and Keyshia represented Oxley Park Public School at the Mt Druitt Minchinbury Public Speaking competition at Lethbridge Park Public School.

All students spoke well and presented interesting facts about their chosen topics.

I would like to congratulate these students for the efforts, they should be proud of themselves.



Colyton Village Project

Through our association with the Colyton Village Project (CVP), we have been lucky enough to have some occupational therapy students from Western Sydney University complete a project at our school. The project involved observing our school environment and students then using this information to compile a range of resources and activities that teachers can use to help students successfully engage in learning. We look forward to receiving this compilation of resources and using it as another tool to help support our students.



Eco Schools Australia

Mrs Alba was invited to present at the 'Eco schools Australia – a platform for whole school student environmental leadership' professional development recently held at Summer Hill Public School. She presented about our school's journey to gaining a 'Green flag', being the first school in NSW to be awarded this honour. Mrs Alba was able to provide advice and guidance to many schools who are just beginning their sustainability journey. Her advice to schools starting out was 'start small and do that well'.

Sensory Garden in Area 3

While it may not look like much right now our sensory garden is starting to take shape! We have had some 3D shapes installed, a bee, a ladybug and a dragonfly. The next addition will be a car track, garden beds, stepping stones and many plants!

Thank you to Mr McNally for overseeing the project and spending time on the weekends getting things installed. The students (and teachers) are really looking forward to when this area will be open. Keep an eye out!



Environment News

Environment Art Project – Stage 1

Miss Bottomley and 12R are creating an artwork using plastic bottle caps and bread tags. If you have been collecting at home, please send them to school so they can be used in the artwork.



Stage 3 – 56R Planting Trees

Congratulations to Mr Roberts and 56R who were successful in applying for a grant from Teachers Federation. The grant will fund the purchase of Australian woody trees and shrubs and they will be planted along the front of the school to create a screen for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Yarning Circle and Dance Pit.



Kindergarten and Preschool Gardens.

Kindergarten and Preschool have been busy in Term 3 and 4 planting vegetables in their new gardens. The students have already begun cooking classes every Monday in our outdoor café.



Fruit and Veg Month

Thank you to all the families who participated in Fruit and Veg month. The students had a great time. Thank you to our Canteen Supervisor, Mrs Dautzenberg for supporting our campaign and providing lots of frozen fruit options for the students to choose from. And thank you to Mrs Hall and KV for running the event.



ECO Cubby House

The Environment team also have one of new cubby houses in Area 1.

Look out for our new painted design coming soon that matches our school's Eco Code "reduce, reuse and recycle".



Garden Club

Thank you to all the students who turn up every day to help the Garden Club, we appreciate your efforts.



MADANG GUDYUNG NEWS

Our Madang Gudyung leaders were recently presented with their leadership badges. Congratulations to the 2022 leaders.

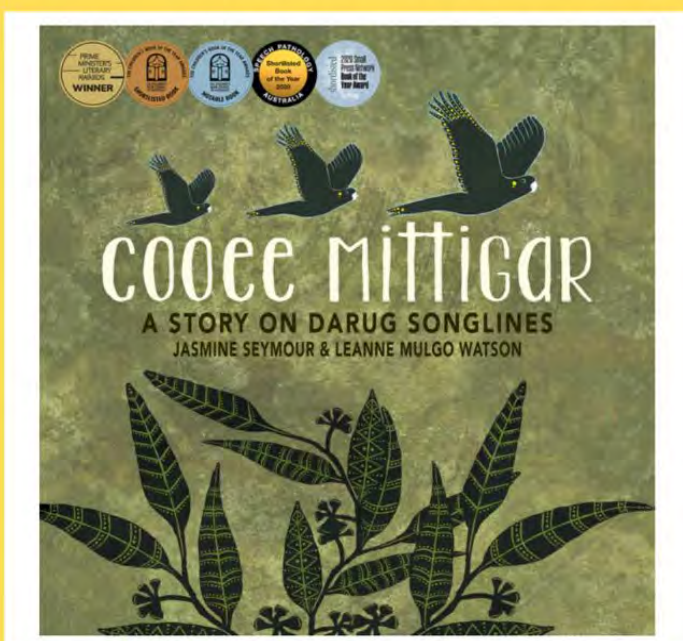
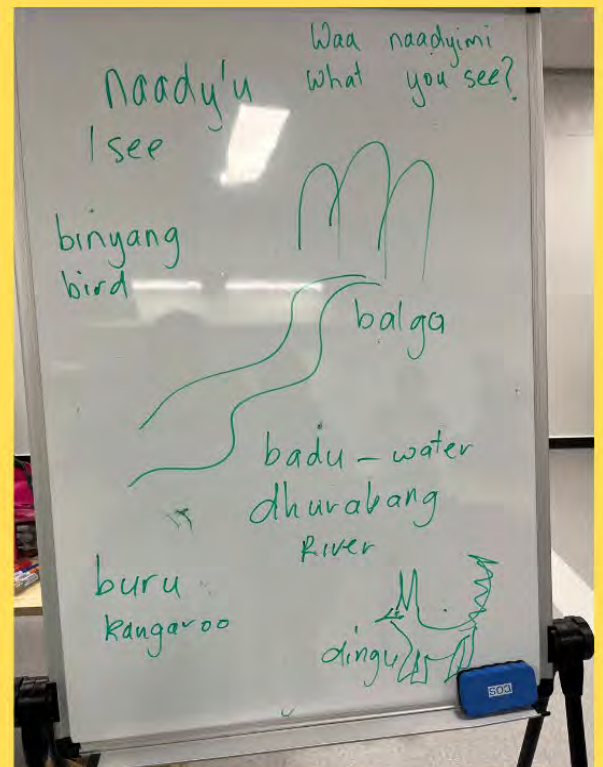


MEETING UPDATE

The Madang Gudyung's recently met to hear an update about Kimberwalli activities and discuss ideas for 2023. Our AGM will be held over the next 2 weeks where the 2023 leadership team will be elected.

DHARUG LANGUAGE LESSONS

The leaders have been attending an exciting Dharug Language Program at Kimberwalli each Tuesday. This program will run for 10 weeks. Jasmine Seymour the Dharug author who wrote the award winning book 'Cooee Mittigar' is teaching our students the Dharug language. The students will then bring this knowledge back to the Jnr AECG members to teach them Dharug words as well.



Festival of Instrumental Music

Oxley Park Public School were privileged to be involved in the Festival of Instrumental Music (FOIM) at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 1st September 2022.

Our Recorder Group performed as part of the 500 strong recorder members, along with the 200 students involved in the string ensemble.

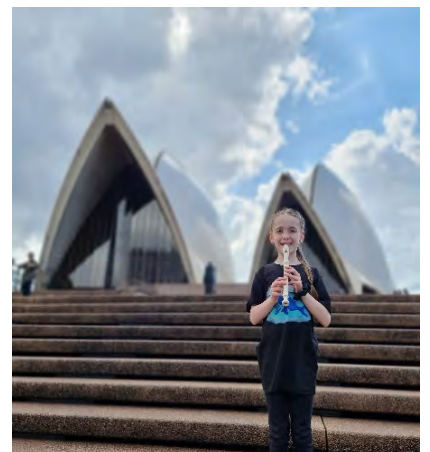
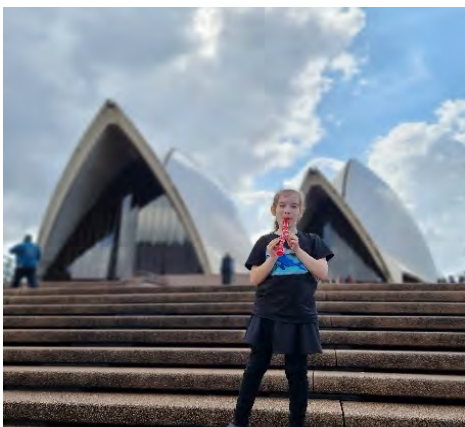
It was an amazing performance with so many talented students and our students (and teachers) were so excited to perform in the Opera House!

Students were so excited to have Mrs Smith come to watch on the night and know that she was beaming with pride to see her students being a part of this amazing experience.

Students involved with FOIM and as part of the school recorder group also performed at Book Parade in Week 2 of Term 4. They performed beautifully for a huge audience of students, parents and staff as part of the Book Week celebrations.

We are looking forward to participating next year as part of FOIM, so if you want to be a part of this amazing experience and are currently in Year 2 and above, (3-6 in 2023) come and join our Recorder Group each Thursday at recess!

Miss Bottomley and Ms Juleff.



The Preschool Buzz

Jarjums and Bunjis

We can't believe it is the last term for our children to be at Preschool. It has been a busy few weeks with our excursion to Sydney Zoo and then Book Week.

The children LOVED going to the zoo as a group and it was lovely to spend the day with them all as well as the families that came along. There was a real sense of community as we explored the zoo together, watching the animals and talking about their behaviour. We followed up on this learning over the next couple of weeks, focusing on the animals the children particularly liked through stories, art and small world play.

In Week 2, the children were part of our whole school Book Parade. The children enjoyed dressing up and walking around Area 1 with families watching. We also had many visitors to the Preschool during the week to read stories to the children. We'd like to thank Mrs Jurisic (SLSO), Mrs Konarew (EALD Team), Mrs Ritchie (AP), Mrs Alba (LST) and Mrs French (AEO) for coming to see us to share their favourite stories and love of literacy. It was also very special to spend time with Uncle Wes in the library listening to him sharing stories about Australian animals.

At the moment we are learning about space. The children have been exposed to new words and concepts such as gravity and atmosphere. We have done a science experiment to explore gravity and watched YouTube videos of real astronauts on the International Space Station to see how the absence of gravity makes people and objects float. We have also created balloon rockets which have taught the children about speed, force, action and reaction.

Together we are excitedly getting ready for Kindergarten! We are visiting classrooms and talking a lot about what big school will be like. We are looking forward to celebrating our preschool journey in coming weeks.



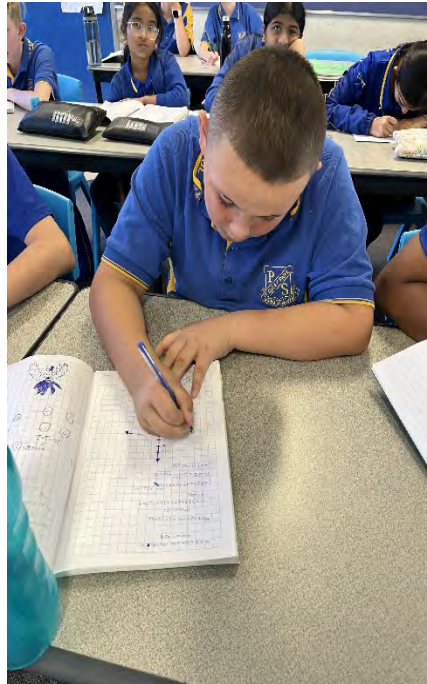
We value and welcome family input into our Preschool. If you have any ideas about our educational play-based program, please feel free to speak to Mrs Bennett or Ms Osbourne so we can try to incorporate your suggestions.

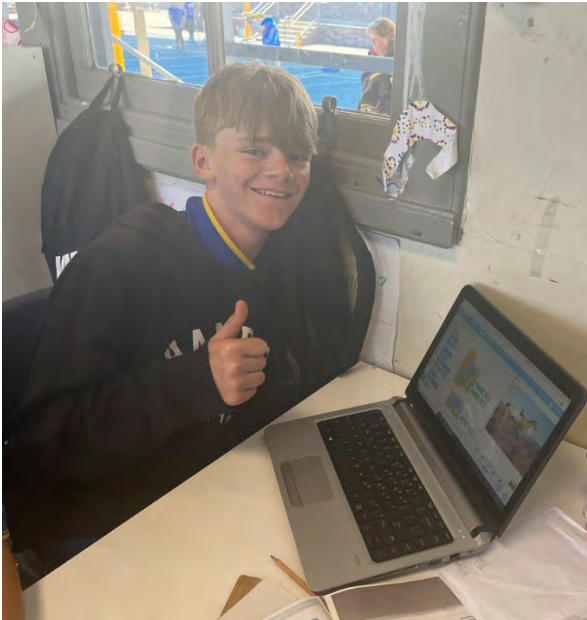
Stage 3

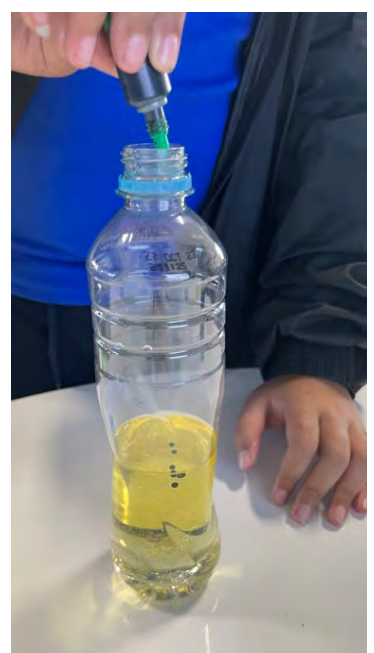
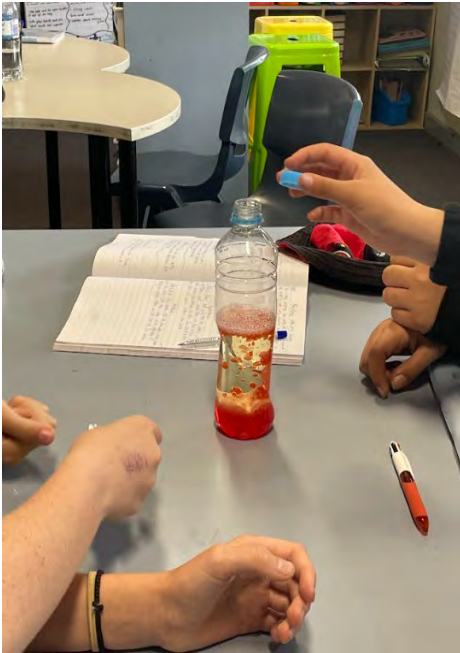
This term, Stage 3 have hit the ground running! All students had the privilege to listen to dream time stories from Uncle Wes. He shared dreaming stories about the beautiful flora and fauna that we have here on our land and had the students listening to every word!



This term we have also started elective classes, where all Stage 3 students were able to choose 3 different classes to participate in, classes range from Cooking to PE to Visual Arts and much more.







34G

Area 1 is looking great! We've loved playing in the new Oxley Park Village at recess and lunch.



The book parade was a lot of fun!

Khamayne, Alayna, Kimaiya, Aaradhya, Keyshia, Maddy, Bethany and Jalisha performed songs on the recorder in front of the whole school. They were fantastic!



Uncle Wes told us stories about the land, animals, and his own life. It was so great we didn't want it to end!



Kindergarten's visit to Sydney Zoo.



KM loved watching the cheeky monkeys and chimps, taking a sneaky photo with the sleepy koalas and patting different creatures during the workshop.



KH enjoyed learning about and patting a snake and lizard during our workshop. We saw giraffes eating hay, monkeys playing, kangaroos sleeping, orangutans eating popcorn and sharks swimming.



KG had an amazing time visiting the zoo. We saw monkeys, tigers, giraffes, meerkats, lions and overcame our fears of patting bumpy, slimy, slithering creatures in our 'living world' workshop.



KV had the most wonderful day at the zoo. We really loved feeding and patting kangaroos, seeing all the different coloured fish and watching all the big animals up close!



KP enjoyed every minute of the excursion - from stepping on the bus, seeing the zoo and riding the bus back home! We especially loved patting the kangaroo that came past, seeing the lions and we thought the dark tunnel with the reptiles was fun. The zookeeper told us so many interesting facts about the animals and we even got to touch a snake!



Thank you to all the teachers who organised and attended the excursion.

It was a fun day and a wonderful experience for all.