

St Marys Public School

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Darug word for storyteller

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Term 2 Week 7

From the Principal

Dear St Marys Public School Community,

It's hard to believe we are already in Week 7 of Term 2! Time flies when you are having fun, and we have been having a great time of learning and fun at our wonderful school. I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits and with an abundance of enthusiasm as we move into the cooler months at St Marys.

Behaviour Expectations at St Marys Public School

Our school wide expectations can be summed up with the word "STAR". Our expectations for children are below.

Safe and Sensible
Taking Pride
Active Learner
Responsible

When I think about the first expectation I am thrilled to report that we have students who work hard at being safe and sensible. They use their thinking skills to consider what would be a safe and sensible decision when faced with a situation. We have students who think about the needs of others and who care about the wellbeing of both their peers and also the staff at our school. I would like to commend our children in the way they think about this expectation. Well done St Marys children for being safe and sensible.

Staff Appreciation:

Behind every successful student, there is an amazing team of educators. Our teachers, SLSO's, admin and support staff have been working tirelessly to provide an enriching learning environment for our students, and I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for their commitment and passion. Their unwavering dedication to the growth and well being of our students is truly commendable, and I know we all appreciate their efforts wholeheartedly.



5/6 Marya have been enjoying a drama unit involving puppets

K-6 School Assembly

Our next K-6 school assembly will be held on Friday June 16 at 9:15am in the school hall. We have a whole school assembly each fortnight and this a great time to share important news with the children and also to celebrate their achievements over the previous 2 weeks. Parents and families are always welcome to attend the assembly.

Labelling Uniforms

In the last newsletter I mentioned the importance of children wearing the full school uniform, including the school jumpers, hoodies, jackets and hats as the weather turns cooler. Sometimes our children take their jumpers / hats off and leave them lying around. Over the past week I have noticed a few of our children's clothing items left in the playground and upon inspection there have been a few occasions when I have not been able to find a child's name labelled on the clothing item. Clothes can be quite expensive, so please label your child's clothing with their name. It makes it so much easier to return that item.

King's Birthday Long Weekend

This upcoming weekend is a long weekend thanks to the tradition of celebrating the monarch's birthday on Monday June 12. I hope you have an enjoyable long weekend.

Keep warm and be safe.
Robert Linas
Principal



5/6Wirriga has been learning about National Sorry Day and created "Sorry Flowers". They have been exploring the importance of acknowledging past mistakes and how their voice can be used to promote reconciliation.

The beach

The beach is a friend, water crashing and smacking down on the shore.
Sand flinging back as I run straight into the ocean.
Calm, still, peaceful, forever I feel a part of the beach.



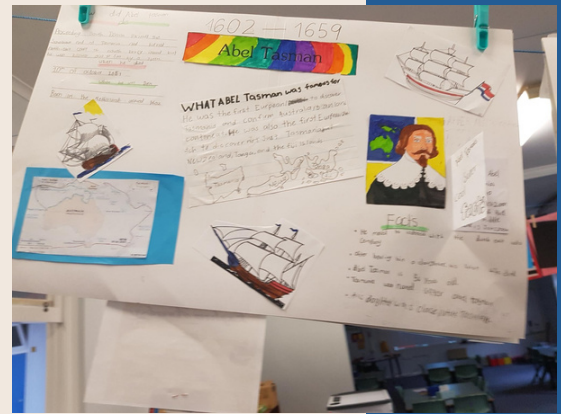
by Codie

Graceful Garden

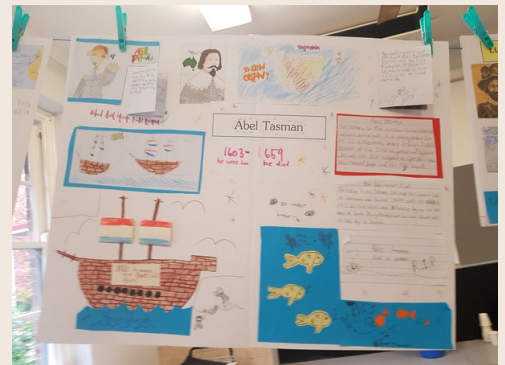
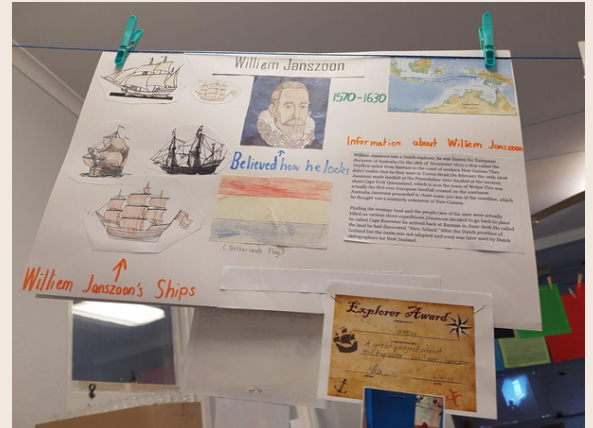
The wet soil touching the plants and dried leaves crunching as I step on them.
The garden is singing, flowers are listening and forever joyful.
Beautiful colourful flowers sway around as the wind pushes them.
Calm, peaceful and relaxed. Oh, how I love that feeling.



By Krystal. L



4/5Bunmarra have been learning about early explorers



The Ocean (By Cayan V)

The ocean is a wonderful place.
When I'm near, I am filled with grace.

The ocean water flows and grows like a rose.
Waves will crash and mash

Debris and objects wash onto the shore, there will be more.
The wind smells like salt, that is kind of default.

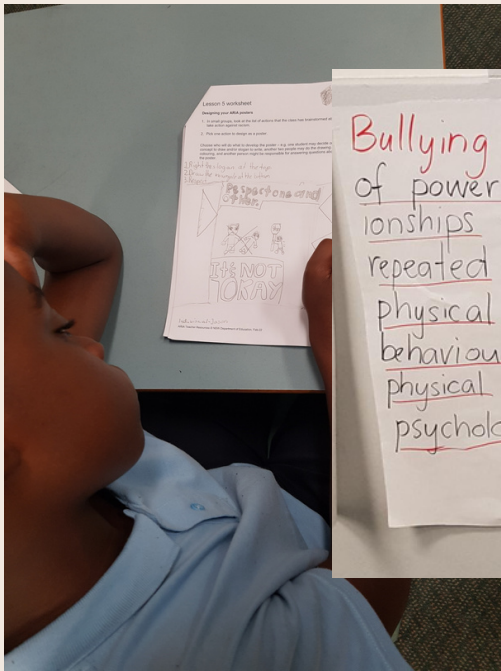
Ocean waves storm when angry, peaceful when calm.
Flowing water clears my mind, the water seems so kind.

The ocean has so many feelings.
The water sweeps over my feet, water will surround me wherever I go.



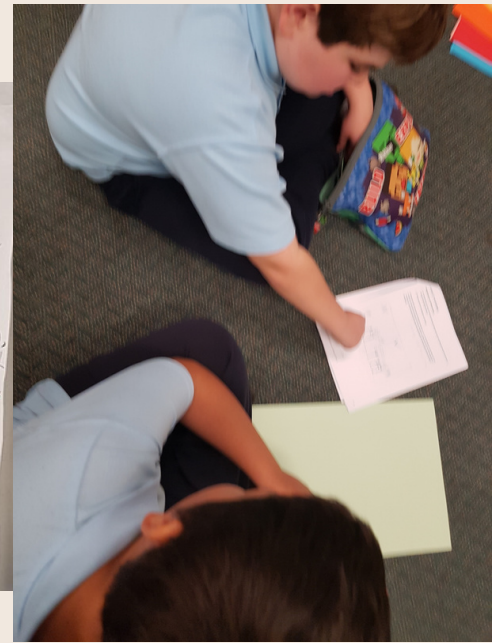
To celebrate World Environment Day, on Monday 5 June, 5/6Malya students created poems about special places.

ANTI-RACISM IN ACTION (ARIA) PROGRAM

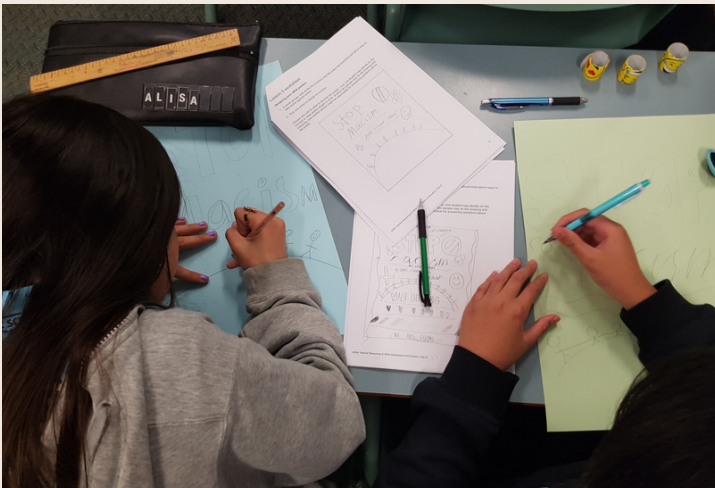


Bullying - abuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm

Racial bullying - bullying where a person or people are targeted because of the colour of their skin, their language or accent, their ethnic grouping or by their religious or cultural practices



Years 5 and 6 have been participating in the ARIA program throughout this term. Mrs El-Chami has been working with senior students to facilitate the program, which has been wonderful! Stage 3 students have been discussing strategies to speak out against racism and explore ways to become anti-racist upstanders in school, community and online settings.



Upstander - an individual and/or group standing up to show their appreciation and support for human rights. It involves taking safe actions to support themselves and/or others.

Racial bully - a person who is being a bully about race.

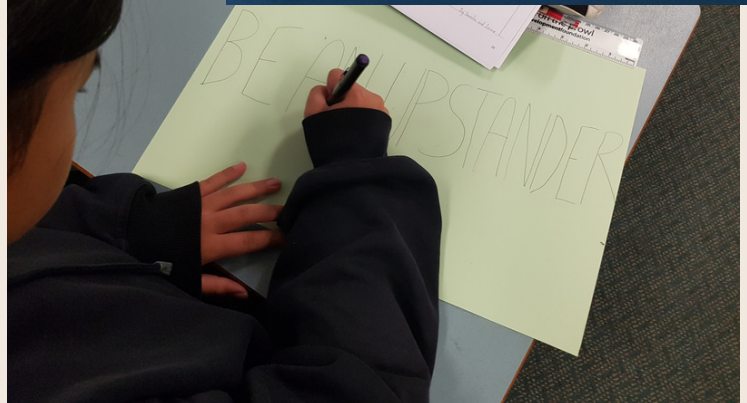
Target - person being targeted by bullying

Assistant - person assisting the racial bully.

Upstander - person standing up for the target.

Insider - in the situation

Outsider - sees racism but doesn't act on it



Merit Certificates Term 2 Week 4

K-Barrugin- Dallin, Amelia-Rose
K-Wumbat - Hunter, Talha
1/2Garad- Leon, Mikayla
1Djubi- Tylan, Elijah
2Bugari- Subhan, Naomi
3/4Dingu- Braxton, Michael
3/4Gugulug- Luke, Prabhnoor
4/5Bunmurra- Bryson, Richard
5/6Malya- Jake, Alisha
5/6Wirriga- Jemma, AJ

PBL Term 2 Week 4

K-Barrugin- Zayn, Ruby
K-Wumbat- Gianna, Nusaiba
1/2Garad- Ocean, Tutetai
1Djubi- Oliver, Alvik
2Bugari- Jaxon, Darini
3/4Dingu- Nikayla, Dels
3/4Gugulug- Genesis, Manraj
4/5Bunmurra- Ares, Aissatou
5/6Malya- Liana, Florence
5/6Wirriga- Branson, Luis

Calendar

Every Friday: 9am – 10:30am Helping Hands

Monday 12 June: Public Holiday

Tuesday 13 June: Years 4-6 Dance troupe auditions Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival

Thursday 15 June: Year 6 fundraising event – fairy bread

Friday 16 June: Assembly 9.15am

Wednesday 28 June: End of term assembly

Reminders-

- Headphones sent in to classroom teachers