

# Mundulla Primary School



GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

our school values:

excellence  
respect  
responsibility  
integrity  
co-operation  
creativity

Newsletter 8

21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Last week students undertook their Cold Write for the start of the term. Teachers will now assess the writing and we will moderate some of the writing samples that we have with each other. This helps us to make sure that we are accurate in our assessment of the writing. We will then be meeting with teachers from Padthaway and Frances to moderate the work further so that we continue to make sure that the work we assess is at the same level as other schools would assess.

The next step is to compare the results with each student's initial writing at the start of the year and then work with students to see where they can make improvements in their writing moving forward.

This character is Connie Connective and most classes have worked on connectives this year. A connective is a word that links clauses or sentences together. At the start this includes words such as but, or, and, so. Moving on through the school levels students would be looking at a range of connectives such as while, when, because, although. When I went into classes last week, student were learning about time connectives that they were then able to use for their persuasive writing task. Some of these words include firstly, secondly, but also extended in upper classes to words and phrases such as furthermore, in addition, in conclusion and finally.

In some activities with the Big Writes, students highlight the number of connectives or their punctuation in different colours to see how well they are using these skills. Having this visual representation helps them to improve their work as they become more conscious of their use in their writing. We are getting back into the swing of things with the Home Talk sheet again sent home this week prior to students Big Write.

As their persuasive writing task was to convince their Principal to change a rule in the school, I look forward to reading them soon!



## CALENDAR

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At the end of the term 1 we were given extra pupil free days to prepare for school closures in term 2. Staff worked hard to outline a term's worth of work and begin to use Webex and Google Classrooms, as well as prepare the packs that were sent home for people who didn't return. The work completed and the days used, were not wasted. In fact staff are thinking that planning and organising together like that was a great use of their time and that we may do something similar in the future (just not with all the days!) Some classes are continuing to use Google Classroom with students and Mr Wise was excited when students were able to upload their work for assessment!

We will also be having more pupil free days during the year as we continue to work on the site priorities of Numeracy and Literacy. The Portfolio Day that was to be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May is postponed until later in the year when it is hoped that we will be able to meet in large groups and there is a planned day for the 10<sup>th</sup> August, that we hope can go ahead. We also plan to have our review day in term 4 to assess where we are with our priorities for the year and plan for 2021.



This week students held an assembly via Webex. Students at home and in their classes were able to join in online and see work presented by the Upper Primary students who were in charge of assembly this time. They shared their mouldy bread experiment, which we are all glad is now finished so they can be thrown away! One of the issues we talked about was rubbish in the school. The next day the yard duty team picked up over 300 papers! I think when they shared this with all the classes they understood why we are getting concerned about the lack of concern for our environment.

Darby and Bella did a great job of hosting the first online assembly for us. Awards were given to students in their classes as well as reports from SAT, a house team captain and Mrs Packer.



This term we welcome Lily Gill to the R/1class for 5 weeks. Lilly will tell you a bit about herself below.

Mundulla has welcomed a number of teacher placement students over the years and all have valued their time here.

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Hello Mundulla!

My name is Lily Gill and I have been fortunate enough to be placed at Mundulla Primary School for a 5-week placement. I am currently in my third year of studying primary teaching at the UniSA campus in Mount Gambier, and am loving every step of the journey.

I live in Naracoorte, as I have my whole life, and travel to the campus 2 days a week to complete my study. The other days of the week, you'll find me working in a small retail store in Naracoorte called Ormerod Pics and Pieces. On weekends, I spend my time playing netball for Naracoorte throughout winter, women's football for Kybybolite in summer, and catching up with family and friends whenever possible.

I cannot wait to build my knowledge of teaching in your school, in particular skills on planning and classroom management. Most importantly, I look forward to building relationships with the students and staff at Mundulla Primary.

Thank you for welcoming me into your school and I look forward to my next 5 weeks!



# PAPER PLANE CONTEST!

What are you most likely to do when given a random bit of A4 paper (or just rectangular paper for that matter)? For many the answer may be simple.... PAPER PLANE.

Next Friday (May 29<sup>th</sup>) will be a contest of paper planes.

**The rules are simple.**

You will have a single sheet of A4 paper to create it.

It needs to be made during lunchtime.

Launch commences at approximately 1.30pm.

**Judging criteria** is distance from launching zone to first landing point.

There will be some instructions floating around for different models. Perhaps you might want to get in some practise. So bring along your engineering mind and your folding fingers and let's see some planes take flight! I look forward to seeing your creations.

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