

SNOWY VALLEYS SCHOOL

October 20, 2020 – Week 2 — Term 4

Planning and Learning Today for Living and Working Tomorrow



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for Term 4. Students settled back into routine well after their two week break. It's always nice to hear about their holiday adventures and fun.

After the last three terms being very quiet, with limited out-of-school activities and visitors into the school, we have had a very busy start to the term.

Our first day back last week (Monday) saw NSW Blues State of Origin coach, Brad Fittler, and his crew of motorbike riders visit the school. What better way to start the term? Students and staff were excited to catch up with the guys and talk about their amazing effort in helping us with our new school bus last year. It is really lovely to see the relationship these guys have developed with the students over the years.

With the weather warming up quite quickly please remember to send a drink bottle to school with your child. Notes were sent home last week to be signed by parents regarding the use of sunscreen at school. Could parents please sign the note and return to school this week. It is coming up to that time of year when students will need to apply sunscreen for sport and any time they are working outside or in the garden. Families do have the option of supplying their own sunscreen.

Regards

Moira

Principal

BOOK WEEK FUN

Each year since 1945 the Children's Book Council of Australia has brought children and books together across Australia through Book Week. During this week schools spend one week celebrating books and children's authors and illustrators. The theme for this year's Book Week is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

This morning saw a range of colourful characters arriving at Snowy Valleys School. We had Pocahontas, Barbie, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, a gargoyle, Jack Skellington, the Very Hungry Bear, superheroes and many more.

Book Week is always a highlight for students and staff at Snowy Valleys School.



PBL REWARD RECIPIENTS

ACHIEVEMENT

Alex McPherson



RESPECT

Max Peel



SAFETY

Angus Darby



CLASS 2 LITERACY

In Class 2 this year students have been working on mini information reports each week. The students watch an Amazing Animals episode produced by National Geographic Kids, and they then fill in a proforma using their knowledge from the episode they have just watched, as well as their own knowledge and new facts from further investigation and class discussions. Some of the species covered have been the blue whale, black rhino, the secretary bird and the grey wolf, just to name a few. Also as part of literacy Class 2 have been reading the Wolf Girl series of books by Anh Do. These books are exciting and have provoked many classroom discussions on a wide range of topics. We have almost finished the third book in the series and are eagerly awaiting the fourth.

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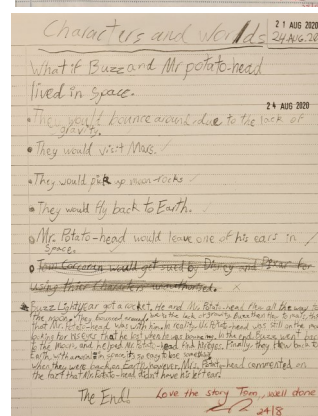
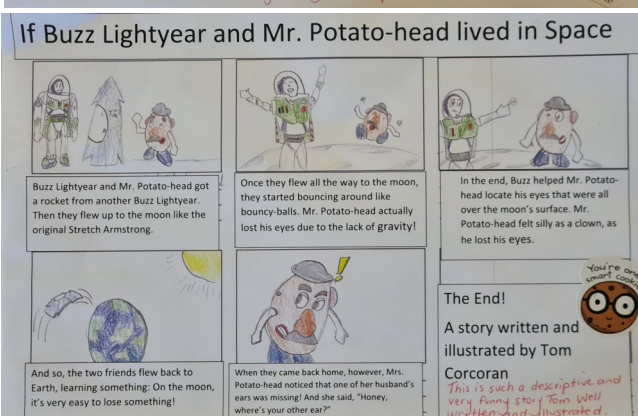
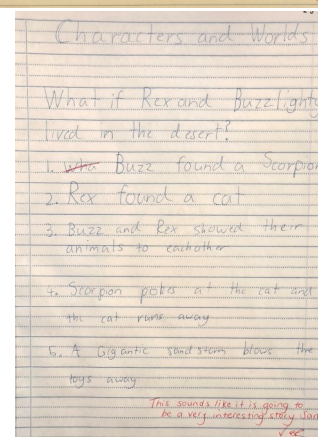
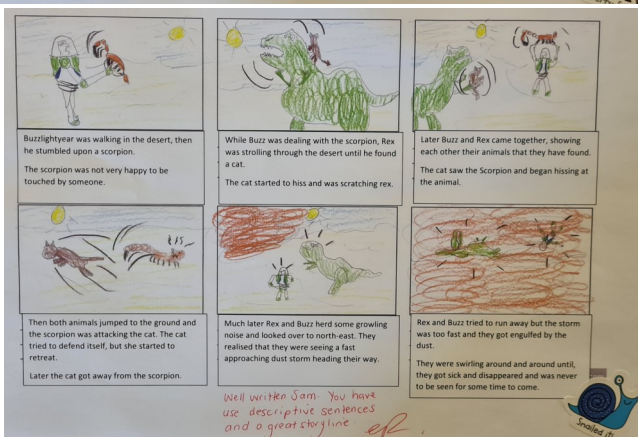
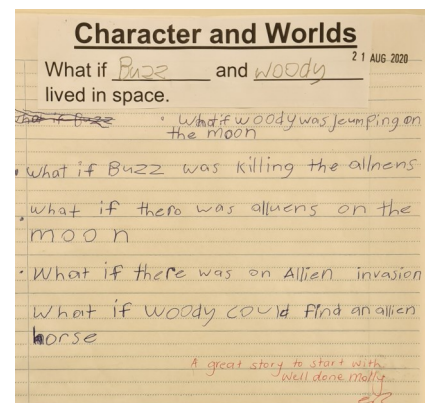
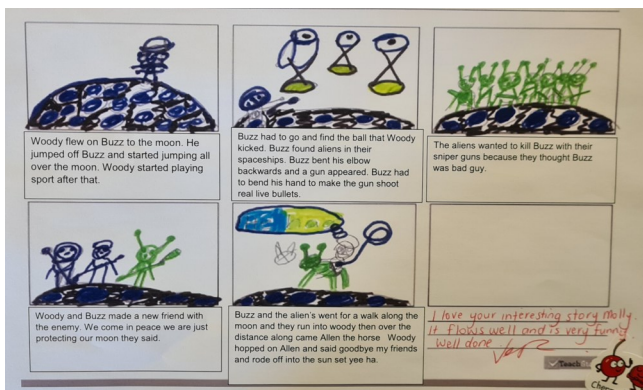
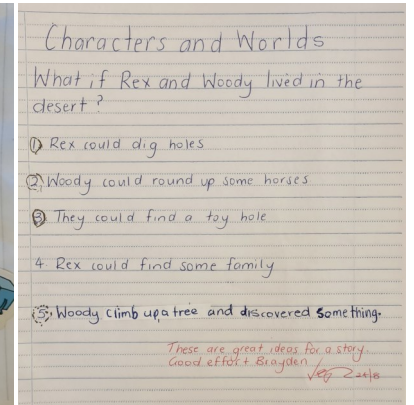
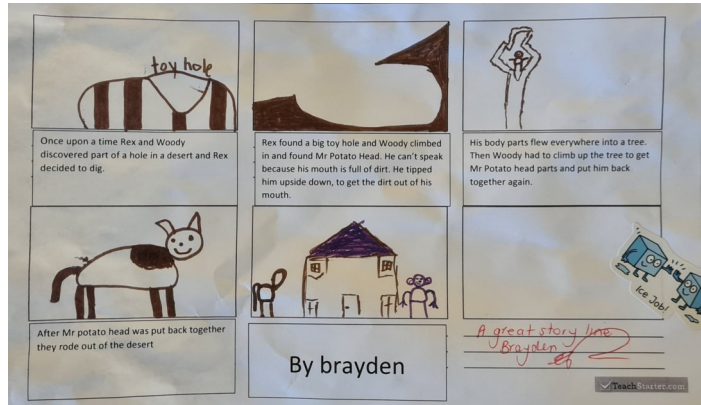
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Something else interesting.	They can live up to 45 years old in captivity

CLASS 3 LITERACY

In Class 3, we have been learning the technique of being persuasive writers. Learning how to be persuasive is an important skill to

have in life as we often want others to do/buy us something or take us to places we like. Coming up with good reasons for this is helpful and we are learning how to improve this skill. As we have only just started this text type, we do not have a lot to show. Therefore, we are showcasing our text type from Term 3, which was narrative writing with a focus on developing a sequential story. We started with a picture of our theme (desert or space), chose two characters from Toy Story, wrote down five ideas and then drew a picture using a cartoon style format. The final step was to write our story using our ideas and pictures. We really enjoyed this process, as it was more interesting than just writing a narrative and drawing a picture after. The pictures inspired our writing. We are very proud of the final product after many drafts.



END OF YEAR PRESENTATION

Snowy Valleys School end of year presentation day will be held on Tuesday, December 8. At this stage, COVID-19 restrictions will mean that no parents or visitors will be allowed to attend. We will let parents and carers know if there are any changes to the restrictions.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION DINNER

The Year 12 Graduation Dinner will be held this year on Saturday, December 5, at the Tumut Golf Club. We are still working with the Golf Club to navigate the COVID-19 restrictions and rules. The Graduation Dinner is attended by Year 12 students and their families, staff and students (only) from Years 10, 11 and 12, if they wish to attend. Invitations will be sent home to families shortly.

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BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

