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Hello everyone,

The last couple of weeks have been quite busy at school with a variety of fabulous learning happening.

In English, our receptions have shown an awesome understanding of syllables and have applied their knowledge of rhythm and rhyme to nursery rhymes. Our year 2 & 3 students have started to create their own haiku poem and our year 4 & 5 students have a sound understanding of similes and are commencing writing their own poem with similes, personification and metaphors! I look forward to reading them soon.

Biological science is the field of science we are learning about this term. We have our reception and year 2 students learning about the basic needs of living things. They have been investigating the needs of mealworms by comparing the changes of mealworms kept in the classroom to those kept in the fridge. Our year 3 & 4 students have been learning about the lifecycle of plants and are investigating the situation of a tomato plant flowering but not producing fruit! Makaia is learning about structural features and adaptations of living things and conducted an experiment to find out if the surface area of leaves has an impact on the plants ability to retain water.

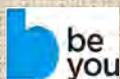
Students are continuing to learn about place value in maths. The older children are learning about the First Fleet in HASS, while receptions are learning about their families. Miss Sly is teaching them basketball in PE! I am loving listening to the children talk about their learning with each other and the staff, and making connections between prior and current learning. When you speak with your child after school perhaps ask. 'What did you learn today?' 'What are you still wondering about from your learning at school today?' 'Did you get into the Learning Pit at school today, if so how did you get out?' We celebrate being in the Learning Pit at Port Neill Primary, as this is when we are truly learning and displaying our school value of resilience.

Our well-being focus for students has been about helpful and un-helpful thinking. This is a great simple strategy for even adults to use. Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset so switch it to helpful thinking which makes you feel better, more hopeful and gives you more energy. An example is '*I am bad at spelling because I got some words wrong in my test (unhelpful thinking) switch it 'Other people find things hard sometimes too. If I practise a bit more, my spelling might improve).* We encourage you to use the language of helpful and unhelpful thinking at home. If you hear your child use unhelpful thinking, you could try to help them switch it to helpful thinking. Our staff are continuing to develop their knowledge and skills in gratitude by contributing to our school gratitude wall and some of us have started our own gratitude journals. What 3 things are you grateful for today? What beauty did you find in the world today?

Right at this moment I am grateful for Alison who has been doing a great job organising this year's Biggest Morning Tea. Please look out for details further in the newsletter and we look forward to finding out who will be the lucky winner of the gorgeous teapot.

Best wishes,

Lisa Masters



The bee gets pollen from the flower on his feet, he then gets more pollen from other flowers and takes it back to the bee hive.

Zarli

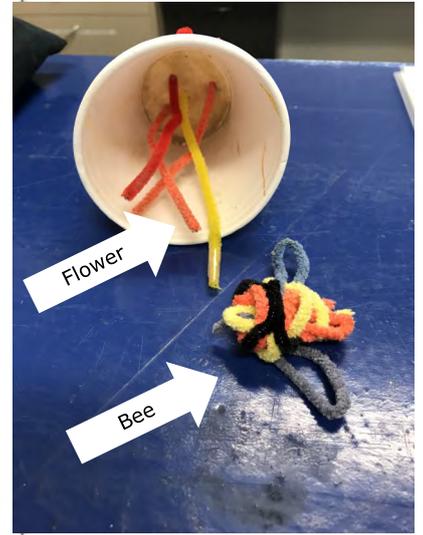
Bees get some pollen from the flowers with their legs.

Lachlan

SCIENCE

The students have been learning about pollination.

They made flowers from foam cups and bees from pipe cleaners



Estelle



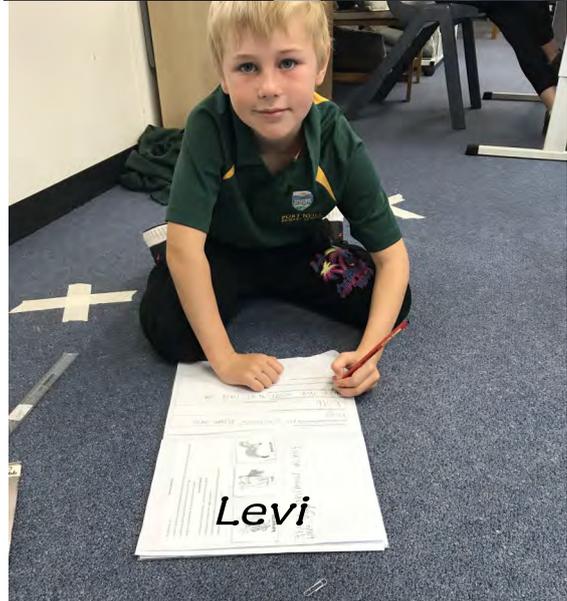
Zarli



Makaiah



Levi & Estelle



Levi



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Working Independently

Literacy Teamwork

ALISON'S PAGE:

Well the first couple of weeks went fast. We have adapted at school with social distancing in the classroom, when we line up and washing our hands more. It is good to get back to normality to a certain extent.

Mother's Day: Hope all you Mum's had a relaxed Mother's Day and felt very loved from the "goodies" their children took home with them last Friday? All the Mother's Day presents I had were snapped up and the children enjoyed choosing a small gift for their Mums, which we gift wrapped especially for them.

Science —I have been helping the children in their science lessons each Thursday for the last few weeks. It has been very cool explaining and learning about the mealworm or how plants pollinate. We made a flower and a bee to demonstrate how this works. Lachy made a very cool bee!

Breakfast Club: is more popular during these colder mornings. The spaghetti on toast last week and "toad in the hole" this weeks were a big hit with the children. We will have scrambled eggs and porridge the next two weeks. Makaiah has avocado on toast the weeks we have eggs!



Biggest Morning Tea: Coming soon—a virtual morning tea for ALL the Community and a chance to win a beautiful matching tea pot and cup and saucer for one! More information to follow..

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:



Til the next fortnight...



BIGGEST MORNING TEA

(to raise money for Cancer Council)

To ensure everyone stays safe, we are doing things a bit different this year....



- 1. Donate \$5 for our Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser at Port Neill Post & Trade—anytime up to 12 Noon on Friday 5th June.**



(Don't forget to put your name into the draw to win a beautiful matching tea pot, cup and saucer for one (drawn Friday 5th June P.M.))

- 2. Take a "selfie" or get someone to take a photo of you or your family having a cuppa and send to Alison to go into the school newsletter**

busymum003@gmail.com



Let us see how many people we can get involved in our virtual communi-tea AND raise money for a great cause!



**Cancer
Council
SA**

**Thank you
for your help**



LIBRARY NEWS



Library day is now
on
WEDNESDAYS

**PREMIER'S
READING
Challenge**

Congratulations to the students who have already finished the Premier's Reading Challenge.

There is still plenty of time to complete the challenge. When you have read your book/s get an adult to fill in the PRC form and sign it. Bring it into the library and show me your form anytime!!

Remember, every book that you read gives a ladybird another dot!

You need to read at least 8 PRC books plus 4 books of your choice.

I can't wait to see how many PRC books you have read so far this term! .

Have fun reading!!

Julie



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Wednesday 27 May 2020

www.alia.org.au/nss

#NSS2020 #1MillionKidsReading



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Lucinda Gifford

NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020
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CHANGING COMMUNITIES.
CHANGING LIVES. WEEK

PORT NEILL CWA
MINI DEB BALL

Unfortunately Due to
COVID-19 this year's CWA mini
deb ball has been postponed.
We hope to hold it early next
year.

Thank you
Dorothy Mellors



AWARDS



Laylah Lachlan Caitlin



Childcare and school exclusion periods



Chickenpox

Until all blisters have dried (usually 5 days)



Hand foot and mouth disease

Until all blisters are dry



Head lice

Until appropriate treatment has commenced



Influenza

Until well (usually 7-10 days for children)



Common cold

A person with a cold should stay home until he or she feels well



Conjunctivitis

Until discharge from eyes has stopped (unless a doctor has diagnosed non-infectious conjunctivitis)



Diarrhoea

Until no diarrhoea for 24 hours



Measles

Until 4 days after the onset of the rash



Scabies

Until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced



School sores (impetigo)

Until appropriate treatment has commenced



Viral gastroenteritis

Until no diarrhoea for 24 hours



Whooping cough

Until 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment, or for 21 days from the start of any cough



Worms

If diarrhoea present, exclude until no diarrhoea for 24 hours



A C H O O!

Germs can spread.

Stop the Germs!



Sneeze into your arm.



Use a tissue.

Throw out the tissue!



Wash your hands.
Use soap.

GRATITUDE PROMPTS



1. A **strength**  of mine for which I am grateful is...
2. Something **money can't buy**  that I'm grateful for is...
 
3. Something that **comforts me**  that I'm grateful for is...
4. Something that's **funny** for which I'm grateful for is... 
5. Something **in nature**  that I'm grateful for is...

6. **A memory** I'm grateful for is....
7. Something that **changes**  that I'm grateful for is....
8. A **challenge**  I'm grateful for is....

9. Something **interesting** that I'm grateful for is...
10. Something **beautiful** I'm grateful for is... 