Welcome to Week 4 where we are well into our routines and learning. In English Year 5 are looking at Fantasy novels and analysing characters, while Year 6 are exploring short stories.

One of the school’s main priorities again this year is teaching reading comprehension strategies across the whole school using the gradual release model (modelled, shared, guided and independent practice). Teaching reading comprehension strategies aims to improve reading by focusing on learners’ understanding of the text. It involves teaching a number of specific techniques that enable students to comprehend the meaning of what is written, such as inferring the meaning from context, summarising or identifying key points, using graphic or semantic organisers, developing questioning strategies, and monitoring their own comprehension and identifying difficulties themselves.

So far in maths the focus has been on making connections between factors and multiples, rounding and estimating to check the reasonableness of answers, explore mental computation strategies for division, solve problems using mental computation.

We are also using models to represent fractions, count on and count back using unit fractions, identify and compare unit fractions using a range of representations and solve problems using unit fractions.

This week we are beginning to build an understanding of data, develop the skill of defining numerical and categorical data, develop an understanding of why data is collected and choose appropriate methods to record and interpret data.

During our maths lesson we are also participating in ‘opened ended maths questions’ which we are all involved in and share answers with each other and on the board. Benefits of this type of questioning enables improved levels of cooperation and understanding as well as providing the opportunity for others to express themselves more openly and honestly. It also encourages others to provide information including their ideas, concerns & feelings.

In Art we have been looking at the ‘Animal within’ we have made our plans, drawn our ideas and will begin to make our sculpture out of clay this week. Everyone has been working hard in the garden which is looking fabulous, and with Keith’s expertise we have explored the health benefits of herbs. Year 6 along with Year 2 have already been cooking up a curry with the help of Zeb and Mr Tony.

We are looking forward to a very productive term and please come and visit if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards Deb Webb
General News

Do you know your child’s reading focus for this week?
Do you know what the focus looks and sounds like?
Knowing the answers to these questions supports valuable dialogue with your child when reading with them. So if you need the answers it will be worthwhile catching up with your child’s teacher.

This suggestion was discussed last Wednesday night at the Parent Information session which the attendees did value. Tonight is another opportunity for you to be more involved with your child’s schooling experience by attending the P&C meeting, 6pm in the Green Room. Hope to see you soon.

And don’t forget the Family BBQ this Friday, at 3.30pm at the Kafe. The BBQ is FREE!
Cheers,
Trent

Library/Mobile Library News

SCHOOL LIBRARY:- The students go to the school library every Thursday morning. Your child is allowed to borrow books which they are allowed to have for two weeks. If possible, could you please supply your child with a library bag to make it easier to carry.

There are some outstanding overdue books that need to be returned to the school library. Students have received these late notices. Could you please check the bookshelves at home, under the bed and anywhere else that books could be in your house and return so that other people can borrow them. Thank you.

MOBILE LIBRARY VAN:- Students can also go the Mobile Library Van on Thursday morning. If your child requires a Membership Form, please get one from the office. Your child will receive a Membership Card the next week and will be allowed to borrow. Please help your child to return these books or you will receive an overdue letter in the mail. If your child loses a book, you will receive a fee for the book. We only allow each child to borrow two books per week. They also won’t be allowed to borrow if they have any overdue items.
Change of Details/Absences

Thanks to those parents who have contacted us with their updated details. Please do so if you have any changes to:- phone numbers, home or mobile, address, email address or emergency contacts so that we can keep up to date in our system. Also, thanks to those parents who remember to contact us when their child is absent. We cannot have any unexplained absences on our roll so, just a quick phone call or email would be much appreciated. Thank you.

...menu...

Woodfired pizzas:-
Spicy eggplant & yoghurt
Pumpkin & pesto
Margherita
with a Garden Salad
AND:
..........Banana Gelato........

Garden News

Santa Claus dropped off a late present for our garden last week! How excited was I to find a brand new home crafted bespoke chicken tractor...a mobile shelter for a couple of chooks to use to weed and feed the garden beds.

Thanks to Santa (aka fire chief Mc Keown) and Lachlan for their fabulous engineering work. We launched the tractor on Friday, and it was great to have Lachie on hand to tell us about the features. Two chooks were very happy to have new ground to scratch in, too. (see photos on p8)

I love it when the kids teach other kids in the garden...as well as Lachie leading the class in discussing the tractor, my sprouts expert Phoenix taught Mrs Smith’s Prep-1’s all about growing sprouts. After a group of the older kids had prepared the bed, by weeding it and raking in alpaca manure, Phoenix showed the little ones how to sow seeds close together and write labels and water in the seeds. Growing sprouts and micros is a really efficient use of space and it’s now the job of the young ones (our SUPER SPROUTS) to sow and harvest these little packages of taste and nutrition ready for every Friday lunch.

Also it was the 5-6 girls’ turn to learn about preparing a cold and flu remedy with goodies from the garden. As well as the health benefits of particular plants/products (eg lemon myrtle leaves and nasturtium flowers for coughs, sage for a sore throat, honey to fight germs etc) we learned a lot of new words in preparing the ingredients:

Chiffonade – finely slicing leaves
Steep – soaking leaves in hot water
Bruise – pounding lemongrass stalks to release their flavor and goodness
Crush –making a pulp from garlic gloves.

The health drink was received differently among the girls – some finding the garlic ‘notes’ too overpowering, while Makayla thought it was “too good to be true” and asked for the recipe so she could make it at home.

Thanks again to Rob and Lachlan. Check out Keith’s Krazy Kackling Kin Kin Khookie’s Kage, next time you’re on the way up to the Kafe. We’re moving from India to Italy this week – using the abundant basil and pumpkin for pizza toppings, as well as garden salad with lettuce, tomato and sprouts. Bellissimo!

Cheers,
Keith. 5485 4507 – don’t be shy, call me if you can lend a hand in the garden or kitchen. Any help is much appreciated.
Sometimes I.......  

...like to watch cricket, actually all the time. I really like cricket. I don't know why. Milla doesn’t like cricket. So does Oli, he hates cricket. I find watching cricket fun. It is always exciting, every bowl, every shot and every wicket. All of it is cool, especially when David Warner gets a century. I reckon he has the coolest celebration. I almost forgot Peter Hanscombe. He has the best record. He got a half century on debut. All his innings, he got a fifty, hundred, fifty, hundred, fifty. Last night I watched the ABM Allan Border Medal awards. Mitchell Starc got test player of the year and Dave Warner got One Day International player of the year. Shane Watson got T20 player of the year. Hilton Cartwright got young player of the year, BUT Dave Warner got the ABM. Fynn

...like to read fighting fantasy or read some random book like fighting fantasy. I also sometimes like to go in the pool, run, jump up and down and also face plant. I also like chess and lots of board games like DND Tokonokoing of New York and other board games are fun. Back to the subject...it’s 9:20 when I’m writing this so sometimes I like to read, okay? I think I’m done. Aiden

...like to go up to the Kin Kin lookout because I love looking down on all the houses. Sometimes I like to do the cows with my Mum and Grandpa because it is fun. Sometimes I like to go horse riding with my friends because I love horse riding. Lilly

...like to play sports like soccer, tennis and netball. I like to play music and sing. I like to eat my favourite ice cream sometimes. I like trying something new. I like to ride on my skateboard. Sascha

...like to read a book. The main books I like to read are chapter books. I like to read them because you feel as if you are in the book. I also sometimes feel like eating. My favourite food homemade food. I like homemade food because you get to help make it as well as eat it. I also sometimes like to say my times tables if I’m bored. I like to because it helps me to learn them. My favourite times is probably the 7 times table, but most of all I like to be with my great family. Makayla

...like to either watch TV or computer and I like to play the WII. I also like to jump on the trampoline, play lego, play with my imagination and pat my dog, Jack. I like eating, playing with my friends and much, much more. Phoenix

...imagine that I’m a superhero. I save Li Cunxin from the other cats, the evil Le Poosie with his sidekicks, La Poosie and Merlin. Sometimes I like to try something new but half the time, I don’t. Sometimes I feel like the best person in the world but that’s probably my imagination again. Pippa
...dream about my big trip to France with Ruby S. She’s looking forward to climbing the Eiffel Tower but I’m looking forward to three things: 1—smelling the pastries; 2—watching the people scatter like wild mice and 3—climbing the Eiffel Tower.  

Sahara

...love to play with my little sister and my little brother at school. I would also like to have some ice-cream on a hot day. Sometimes, I want to play in the pool at night time but I cannot because my Mum says that I can’t. Sometimes I really want to have a day off at school. Sometimes I really want to watch my own shows on TV. Sometimes I like to play on my phone, and dress up, with Caiden.  

Mia

...I feel like eating ice-cream. My favourite ice-cream flavour is honeycomb. I like to sit and relax and think about things that make me happy. Sometimes I like to go swimming and go under the sprinkler. I like to sit in aircon in summer and eat my favourite food, spaghetti bolognaise. Sometimes I like to do hairstyles in my horse’s mane. Sometimes I like to hang out with my friends. Sometimes I like to ride horses and sometimes I like to watch movies.  

O’Hara

...like to eat jaffa ice-cream and go to places I have never been. Sometimes I like to try different foods. Sometimes I like to do stuff like ride motorbikes, go on Ebay, do back flips, see friends and do Survival and go swimming. I like trying things.  

Max D

...like to play with my friends and I like to play with my PS4 and Xbox 1 and watch TV. I like eating.  

Josh

...like to play cricket but I would rather play rugby. I sometimes like to jump in the pool. Sometimes I like to eat pizza and types of ice-cream like Maxi Boom. I sometimes like to eat lamingtons, apples and some types of mangoes. Sometimes I like to be in summer more than winter, but sometimes I like winter more than summer.  

Nik

...like to go swimming in the pool because its nice and cold and I like to eat warm things like pies, sausage rolls, hot chocolate and a lot more. I also like to lay in bed and do homework or reading because that’s fun sometimes. I like to sleep in like this morning and sometimes I like to go shopping with my mum at all different place. Sometimes I like to have my BFF’s over and other times I just want to be alone the whole day and sometimes I like to do nothing. That’s the fun thing about life.  

Lawson

...like to sit on my thinking couch and just sit there staring at the sunset, thinking... and then sometimes I go to my imagination tree, imagining...and then sometimes I go to my daydream wall..... and daydream.  

Max W

...by the Year 4/5/6’s...
Students of the Week

Congratulations to...

- Oli for being an Informed Citizen who is working well during reading lessons;
- Josie for being a Democratic Citizen who is being democratic by listening well in class;
- Charlie for being a Healthy Citizen who has adapted well to her new school and learning environments. Well done!
- Phoenix for being an Informed Citizen who has started off the year by caring for his learning and working with others to solve problems;
- Sascha for being a Democratic Citizen who has been showing great leadership skills by role modelling positive behaviour and collaborative learning;
- Art for being a Healthy Citizen who has adapted well to his new school and learning environments. Well done!
- Felicity also received her Certificate for her first 100 words! Congratulations.
P & C Meeting—Tonight 6pm

Hi guys, thanks for your messages, I have updated the schedule, if you would like to add anything please let me know.

We hope to see you at this Wednesdays P & C meeting where you can hear all about what’s happening in the classroom and you can ask questions about your child’s education.

If we all work together we can make the school even better than it is!

Anita Poteri (President)

Agenda for the meeting of the

Venue: The Green Room at Kin Kin State School

Chairman: Anita Poteri Auckland (President)

Date: Wednesday 15th Feb 2017 6pm

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Year 5/6 photos
Pink Stumps Day this Sunday

Sunday, 19th February
2pm at the Kin Kin oval

PINK STUMPS DAY
FOOD FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT
There will be some cricket legends there!

Kin Kin Bushcare will meet on Thursday 23 February, from 8-10 am.
Meet at the end of Leggetts Loop, and help us eradicate camphor laurel and lantana along Keys Creek.

Stay for morning tea at 10am.

The funds raised will help place McGrath Breast Care Nurses in communities across Australia as well as increase breast awareness in young women.

Kin Kin Bushcare

Bring gloves and water, and dress for protection from sun, snakes and ticks!

Any questions, contact us by email at kinkinbushcare@gmail.com