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Personalised Learning in a Caring Rural Environment



29th March 2019

Term 1 Week 9



The Big Vegie Crunch: The Big Vegie Crunch is being held at 10am on Thursday 4th April. To help your child participate, please make sure they have fresh vegetables or some fresh fruit to crunch on. The Big Vegie Crunch is part of Vegetable Week 2019 which runs from Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April.

Cross Country, Friday 5th April: The K-2 students will have school as usual, however, if your child is turning 8 this year, the expectation is that they all attend the cross country being held at Nana Glen. It is a fun filled day.

Learning Sprints : Our teachers and students have been implementing Learning Sprints in their classroom and have been noticing astounding improvements in the students' learning. The target area for the

sprints was Sentence Structure. Here are some work samples of our students and their feedback.

We are also hosting Kristie O'Niel from Sydney to observe the teachers implementing Learning Sprints in their classroom on Tuesday, 2nd April.

Learning sprints by Gracie

(Sentence Structure)

- *Where was I before introducing learning sprints – I would rate myself as 3/10. Now after doing learning sprints every morning I can rate myself as 8/10.*
- *What have you learnt about sentence structure – It has to have a subject, predicate (verb) and an object.*
- *How do you think you have improved – Before we introduced the learning sprints I did not know much on how to structure a sentence properly but now I have a good understanding. We spend about 20 minutes on it every day and now I am good at expanding my sentences using subject, predicate and object in them.*



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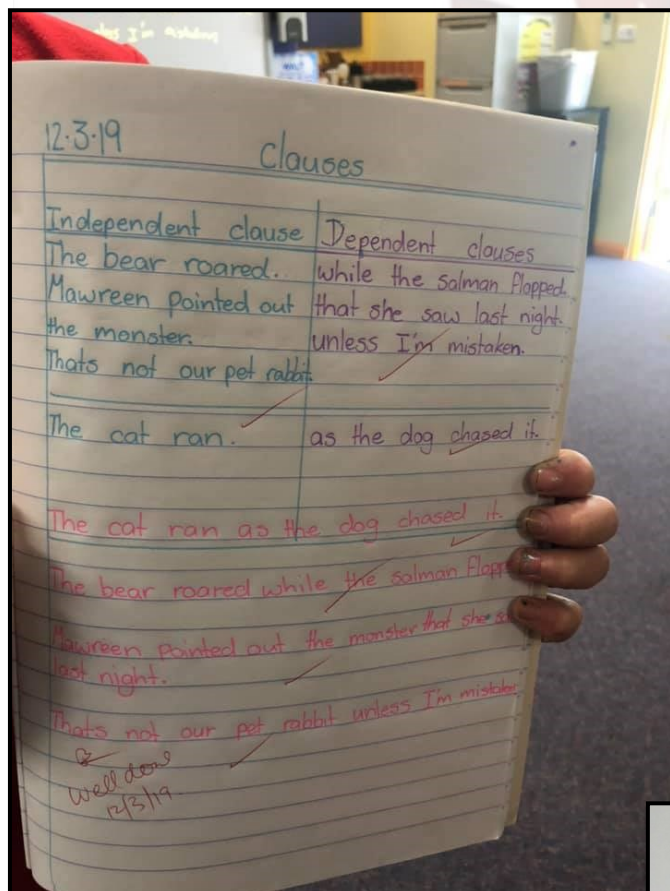
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- *What has it taught you – It has taught me a lot and I have learnt about independent and dependent clauses, subject, predicate, object, subordinate conjunctions and how to extend a simple sentence into a compound and complex sentence.*



*Learning sprints by Will
(Sentence structure)*

Before introducing learning sprints I was unable to write a nice big complex sentence but now I can construct compound, complex and simple

statements and questions, as I have now learnt about an independent clause. An independent clause is a complete sentence that makes sense on its own. A dependent clause is a short sentence that makes no sense and relies on an independent clause to help it make sense.

I think I have improved because it is a lot easier to identify the two clauses and it has helped me ever since I have learnt about it in my long complex sentences in my narratives.

Thankyou, this is what I have learnt in learning sprints. Hope you're impressed.

Great Debate: Ulong school students were the proud winners of the Great Debate. They won all three rounds. Also a huge thank you to all the other students who did a fantastic job on timekeeping and chairpersons for helping to run the debates successfully. How can we forget our K-2 students' hospitality as



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they made some delicious fairy bread, beautifully iced and decorated biscuits and cheese crackers for all our debaters. It was part of their learning to learn how to write procedures. I am very proud of all my students. Keep up the good work!

Merit Assembly / Easter Celebrations:

Friday, 12th April at 10:15am, we will be celebrating our students' achievements and hard work by presenting them with certificates and prizes. After the assembly we will be welcoming the Easter Bunny and doing the Easter raffle draw and Hat Parade. Please save the date and time. There will be a note coming home to inform you about the agenda for the day. However, we look forward to spending the morning session with our parents to finish off a successful term.

Have a great week.

Surinder Kaler

Principal

Thank you: A big thank you to Dolphin Marine Conservation Park and Big Banana Fun Park for their generous donations towards our Easter Raffle prizes.

Karina Stephenson

P&C Secretary

Harmony Day



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