

26th March 2021

Timbarra P-9 College Newsletter

Important Dates

March

Mon 29 - Tues 30 - Outdoor Ed Camp

Wed 31 - Secondary Athletics

- Easter Raffle

April

Thurs 1 - Last Day Term 1, 2.30pm Finish

Mon 19 - First Day Term 2

Timbarra Fundraising Group Second Hand Uniform Stall

Our second hand uniform shop is open fortnightly at 2.30pm-3.10pm in the Learning Common.

Tuesday 30th March

Message from the Principal

There was great excitement on Monday morning as our Year 5 students boarded the bus for their 3 day camp to Arrabri Lodge in Warburton. Many of the children said they had very little sleep on Sunday night because they were so excited. It was great to see so many parents/carers waving the children off and providing those last minute hugs and words of reassurance, for many it was their first school camp. After a disrupted year in 2020 and spending many weeks learning from home the idea of going on camp could have been daunting but they all had a great time and demonstrated great resilience. They were very tired on Wednesday afternoon when they arrived back at school but were very excited to tell me how they had mastered the high ropes course, giant swing, archery and mini golf. It was fantastic to see them so proud of their achievements and tackling activities that were new to them with a real sense of achievement. Other highlights included the gold panning, night walk, toasting marshmallows over the fire and talent show! Our Year 9 Outdoor Camps was also held this week with a second camp next week. Fortunately the weather was not too wet at Paradise Valley for the camping experience and the children and teachers were able to enjoy mountain bike riding and cooking their own meals over the camp stove.

Thank you for your support of our camping program and to the children for their enthusiasm and willingness to give activities a go. Thank you very much to our wonderful staff for giving up time with their families and making this an enjoyable experience for our students

Our College Student Leadership Team for both Primary and Secondary will be formally welcomed and presented with their badges at a special whole school assembly this afternoon in our school stadium. Once again the standard of candidates nominating for positions of responsibility at Timbarra P-9 College for 2021 was outstanding. We are so proud of all the students who nominated and presented speeches you are winners for having a go! Visitors are welcome to the assembly but we do ask you to adhere to DHHS and Department of education and Training regulations (sign in and social distancing when inside the stadium).

Our collage was awash with orange last Friday in recognition of "Harmony Day", which celebrates participation, inclusiveness, respect, cultural diversity and a sense of belonging for everyone. A day where we celebrate Australia's diversity and cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It was great visiting learning neighbourhoods seeing students engaged in activities and talking about the philosophy of Harmony Day. Thank you to 3H and year 9 Textiles Elective for sharing their class activities in this week's newsletter

We are all very excited to be participating in our inaugural "Colour Run" next Thursday April 1st. This has been rescheduled from last year and has been organised by our wonderful Timbarra Fundraising Group. There is no sponsorship required this year as this was completed last year. All students P-9 are welcome to wear a white t shirt (free dress day) for the colour run. Classes will be timetabled to meet on the oval and participate in the colour run. Mr Ciccarelli will send a detailed update later today.

Our Year 7 2022 Year 7 information Night will be held on Tuesday April 26th, 2021 from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. The Annual General Meeting of School Council will be held on Wednesday April 27th. At 6.00pm in the Staff room. All members of the school community are welcome to attend. The report will be uploaded to our website once ratified by School Council and the Department of education and Training.

Thank you to those families who have kindly donated Easter treats for our annual Easter Raffle. The major prize is a huge Cadbury chocolate hamper (on display in the office area). Timbarra Fundraising Group would appreciate all tickets being returned by Monday March 29th. The Easter raffle will be drawn Wednesday 31st March.

This term has flown by very quickly and this is the last full newsletter for the term and it is a time of reflection and I am very pleased to say we have had good start to the year. The short lockdown in February was a disruption but feedback from the students in both the Primary and Secondary campus' indicates that they have settled in well and are really enjoying the challenges of their New Year levels. Our student Leadership Teams are in full swing undertaking their responsibilities across the College. The Sport, Music (Young Warriors) and STEAM Academies are up and running from Years 5-9. All students are to be congratulated on a terrific Term 1. Thank you to parents/guardians for your support during the term.

A reminder that term 1 concludes on Thursday April 1st, 2021. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm Term 2 resumes on Monday April 19th, 2021.

Wishing you all a safe and happy term break.

Jan Adamson

OSHC Updates

OSHC Phone Number: 9 705 7400

OSHC Hours: Before: 7am – 9am After: 3pm – 6:30pm
Vacation Care Hours: 7am – 6pm Curriculum Day: 7am – 6pm

*If our phone is unattended, please leave your booking or cancellation on the answering machine.

We will only call you back if we are unable to take your child due to ratios, otherwise if you do not hear from us, everything is fine.

INVOICES:

The next OSHC Invoices will be sent via Email to you on; Tuesday, 30th March 2021

'ALL OUTSTANDING FEES FROM 2020' need to be finalised this Term.

Please make sure you are checking your Emails. Also, if you have not received an invoice, please first check your 'Junk Mail' box. If it is not there, please contact us to make sure we have the correct Email address for you.

You can check all your details on your 'Parent Portal' at any time.

To check your Invoices, update any personal details and make sure we have the correct information at all times, this is the site you will need;

Parent Portal site: <https://www.smartcentral.net/v2/home>

Username: is your Email

Password: is your Mobile Number

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK FOR APRIL VACATION CARE BOOKINGS

Bookings for the April Vacation Care Program will start on; Monday, 15th March 2021 and finish on; Friday, 26th March 2021

No Bookings or Cancellations will be taken after the finish date, so please make sure you get in quick and book.

All Incursions are required to be paid up front to be able to book you in and secure your booking.

So, please come down to the OSHC Program to pick up a booking form.

**OVERDUE FEES: ALL OVERDUE FEES WILL NEED TO BE PAID BEFORE YOUR
VACATION CARE BOOKING CAN BE TAKEN.**

Any questions, please see Lisa or Elisabeth.

POLICIES UP FOR REVIEW IN APRIL:

Additional Needs Policy, Administration of Medication Policy, Supervision Policy, Anti-bias and Inclusion Policy, Family Communication Policy, Curriculum {Pedagogy} and Educators Training Policy.

NOTE: All Policies are available at the OSHC Service for parents to view and add input.

Lisa, Elisabeth, Kylie, Hailey & Natalie - (OSHC Staff)

Parent Helper's Course 2021

Each year Timbarra P9 College offers a short Parent Helper's Course. Due to current Covid restrictions, the Parent Helper's Course has been postponed.

If you are interested in helping out in the classroom and have not yet completed our course, please keep an eye out for the Compass notification and newsletter article giving information on dates and times. We hope to offer this course in Term 2.

We thank you for your interest,

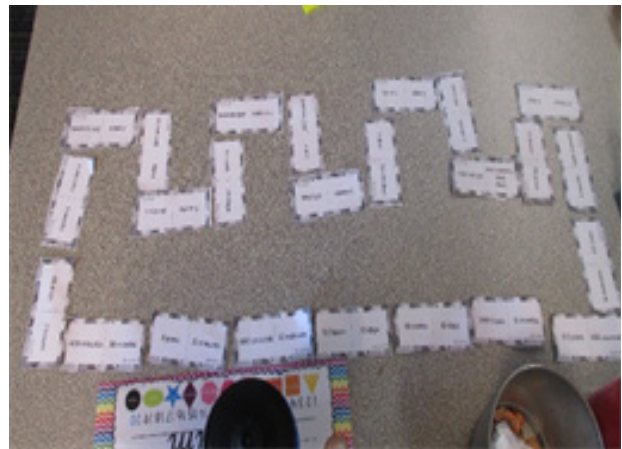
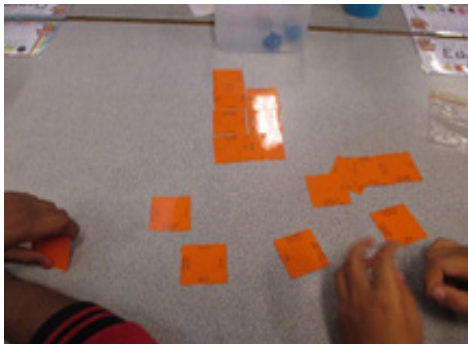
Janene Richardson Numeracy Learning Specialist

Debbie Westhead Literacy Learning Specialist



A week in the classroom of 3H

We are learning to tell the time by matching dominoes that show the analogue and digital time.

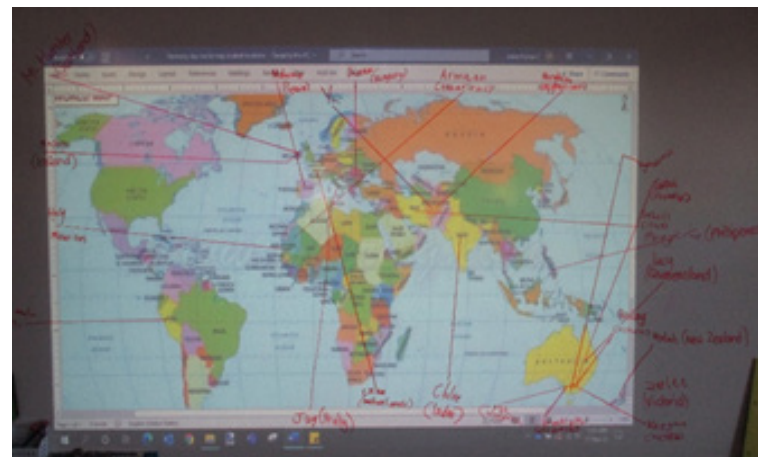


We celebrated Harmony Day but identifying the different countries that we have come from. We discussed what makes Australia a fantastic country to live in and how we can contribute to the community.

This term our IBL topic is Feeling Hot, Hot, Hot. We are exploring the connection between hot and cold and the three different states of matter (Solid, liquid and gas).



We have been practicing how to use our tone and intonation when reading aloud. We participated in readers theatre activities where we showed each other our acting skills too.



TEXTILES



Handsewing

Students are developing their hand sewing skills by completing samplers featuring a variety of embroidery stitches. They are using these skills to design and sew an animal from felt.

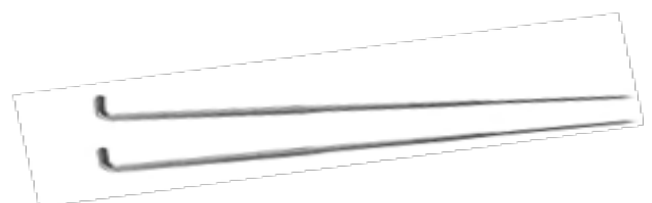


Textiles is a Year 9 Elective. Students gain knowledge of the properties, performance and uses of textiles. They explore fabrics, yarns, fibres and colouration.



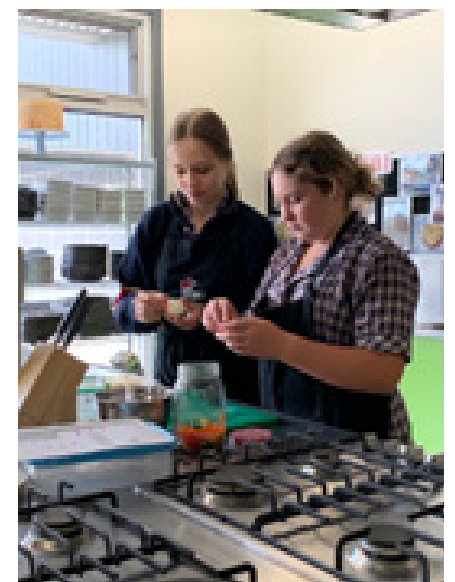
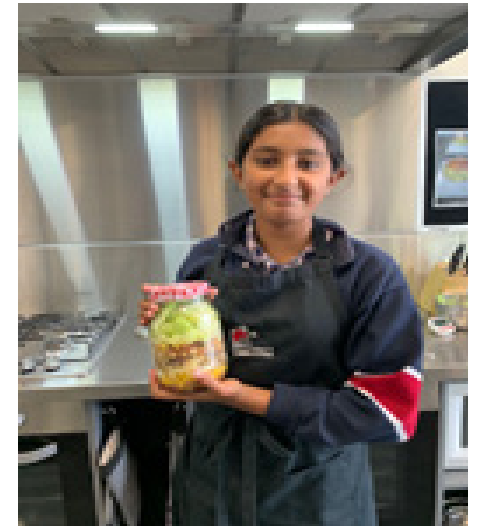
Felting

This process turns wool into dense cloth. Students are using this technique to create Jungle themed felting productions.





Year 7 and 8 have been working on the knife skill and cutting techniques along with gaining knowledge in methods of cookery and nutrition through making fruit kebabs, spinach and cheese filo triangles, Mi Goren noodles, designing and making their own salad in a jar.



Year 9 food technology students have just completed a barista course. A trainer from William Angliss institute came to Timbarra and delivered this course. The students had an amazing day and all the teachers enjoyed trying all the coffees they learnt to make.

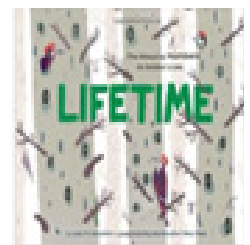
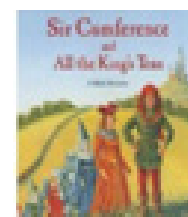
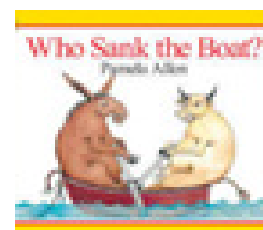
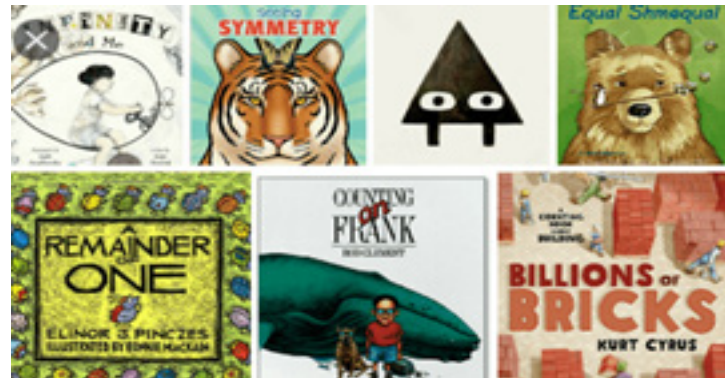
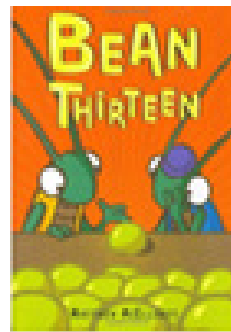
This week they will be learning about different cultural cuisines and making beef rendang and rice.



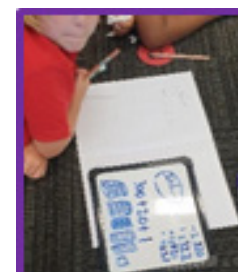
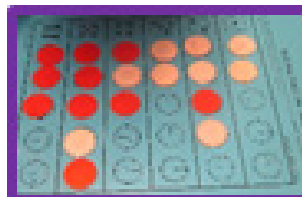
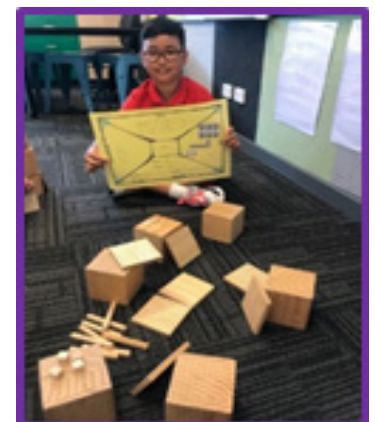
Math in literature

Picture books are a wonderful way to introduce your children to mathematical concepts in a meaningful way. Here are a few examples of books to share with your child and talk about Math together.

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- The Shopping Basket by John Birmingham
- The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
- Henry's 100 Days of Kindergarten by Nancy Carlson
- The Secret Birthday Message by Eric Carle
- Counting on Frank by Rod Clement
- Uno's Garden by Graeme Base
- Jim and the Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs
- The Bad-Tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle
- Who Sank The Boat? by Pamela Allen
- Math Curse by Jon Scieszka
- Humble Pi: A Comedy of Maths Errors by Matt Parker
- A Mathematical Marathon by Dayle Ann Dodds,
- Sir Cumference Series by Cindy Neuschwander and Wayne Geehan
- Bean Thirteen by M. McElligott
- A Remainder of One by E. Pinczes



Have a look at some engaging activities happening in the primary school.



Never say,
"I can't"
Always say,
"I'll try"

Janene Richardson
Learning Leader (Maths)

Family Challenge: The Brown Family

Sally Brown has an equal number of brothers and sisters.
Mark Brown, her older brother, has twice as many sisters as brothers.
How many children are there in the Brown family?





***Smile Squad is on the way to our school!
FREE FOR PRIMARY & SECONDARY STUDENTS***

All children deserve a healthy smile and the Smile Squad are coming to Timbarra P-9 College to help make sure this happens.

Smile Squad is a \$321.9 million Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian public primary and secondary school students.

The friendly Smile Squad dental team will visit Timbarra P-9 College soon to conduct a free annual dental health examination for every student and provide free follow up treatment as needed.

What do parents need to do?

We just need you to provide consent.

Please read and sign the consent forms that have come home with your child and return them to the classroom teacher.

PLEASE RETURN BY MONDAY 28th of MARCH.

The Smile Squad team will then check your child's teeth and mouth and show them how to keep their teeth healthy and strong. They will also provide any preventive services you have consented for. If your child needs more treatment, the Smile Squad will contact you.

Who is Smile Squad?

The bright orange Smile Squad vans are staffed by experienced oral health therapists, dental therapists, dental assistants and dentists. They all have lots of experience treating children and a passion for improving their oral health – for life.

Learn more about the Smile Squad by visiting www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au or contact the team at smilesquad@dhsv.org.au.