

We have had another wonderful term of learning in 1TC.

We were lucky enough to join with 1AH to host the first Assembly for 2022 and welcome families back after such a long absence due to COVID restrictions. We shared lots of learning, an example being some prototypes of time machines we had engineered in Design and Technology. Our brief was to use recycled materials and natural power sources. We were very proud of our team efforts in designing and making these.

Our Science study of living things saw us enjoy a brilliant excursion to the Marine Discovery Centre at Henley Beach. We took part in a beach walk to search for signs of life in plants and tiny creatures living on the sand. Then we spent a great afternoon learning more about the first nations people's connection and respect for the land and viewed some of the hand-made hunting tools and equipment made out of wood and animal coverings. We experienced virtual underwater diving, played games to discover facts about marine life and listened and watched as the guides taught us about the different fish and seahorses they keep in their big tanks. Then Ryan's family brought some leaf insects to visit our classroom. We have noticed that they dance, shed their skins as they grow and are very fussy eaters!

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In Health we have been learning about the importance of eating nutrient rich foods. These help our bodies fight disease, help us to grow and build strength and keep our brains developing. We have also been noticing how packaged food is usually less nutrient rich and adds to land fill. We noticed that a lot of us already have lunchboxes packed with nutritious food for our bodies and minimal land fill. It is something we want to keep working on to keep ourselves and our Earth healthy.

In English, just like the Year 2s, we have been learning about "Information Report" writing. We have been reading non-fiction texts about animals. In particular we have identified the different features of animals and how the environment they live in meets their needs. We have been learning to organise our information under sub-headings and include annotated diagrams.

We celebrated the Church's birthday at Pentecost and talked about how the Holy Spirit helped Jesus's disciples to take the stories of Jesus and positive living out to their communities. We then celebrated a beautiful Liturgy with Father Paul reminding us that as learners we too are modern day disciples following Jesus in our daily actions to show others care and love.

To end the term, we have been exploring some digital technology looking at coding. We also played around with letters to spell words and dot cards to make collections of quantities to solve problems. We had fun, worked as teams and took risks to solve problems.

What a great term! Happy holidays everyone, from 1TC xx