

Best Wishes Miss Schmidt

We are very fortunate to have an awesome EA, Ms Kate Schmidt, on our staff. Kate is currently training to become a teacher whilst working at our school. We wish her all the best for her teaching prac in Meckering which starts next week. We welcome Mr Jake Anderson to our relief staff while Ms Schmidt is away; he will be with us for the two weeks in the Year 1/2 class.

Free Flu Immunisations

FREE Flu Vaccinations are available for school aged children through Child Health. If you wish to take advantage of this, contact Northam Child Health (9690 1320) or your local GP to arrange a booking.

DUX Award



Our local historian, Mrs Di Hatwell, called in last week to share a 'blast from the past'. Family members have sent the DUX medallion (pictured) to the Dowerin Museum. The awardee, Raymond Norris, was awarded the medal in 1919 and was the eldest son of WT Norris who was an insurance agent in town and also the first ? Road Board Chair. The family lived in the house the corner of Stewart St and Memorial Avenue. Later Raymond and his brother farmed together away from the family farm. The youngest brother was on the original farm which was located on Norris Rd.

OLNA for YEAR 9 STUDENTS

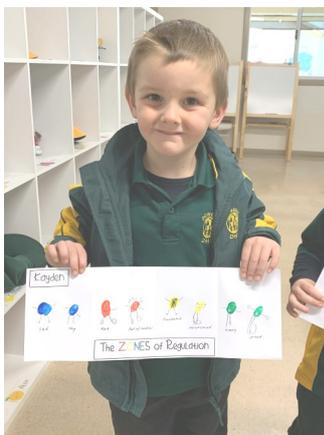
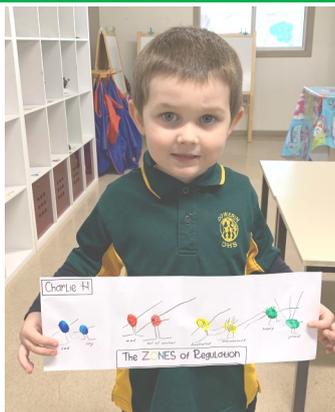
Next week the Year 9 students will sit the OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment). This is usually only a test for Year 10, 11 and 12 students but has been made available to Year 9 students this year because there was no NAPLAN. The OLNA confirms students are literate and numerate enough to be awarded their WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education). Students who receive Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN are not required to sit the test. Students have 2 opportunities in each of Year 10, 11 and 12 to demonstrate their skills. Students must pass ONLA to receive a WACE. Year 10 students, who have not already passed OLNA will undertake the tests at the stat of September.

FEELINGS and EMOTIONS ARE IMPORTANT

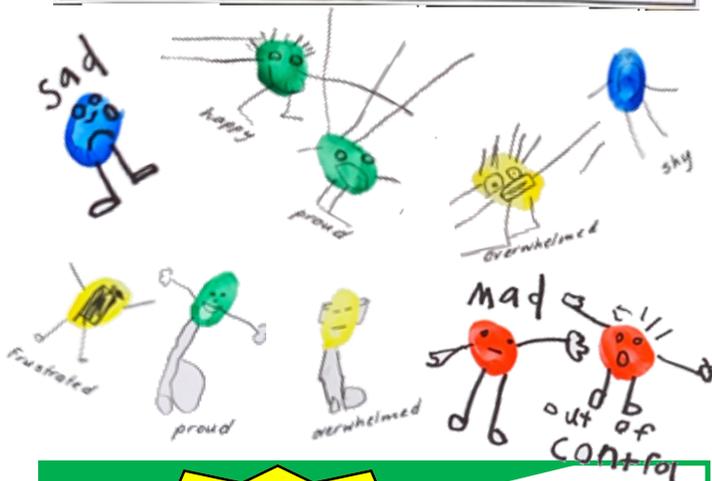
An important part of making your children safe is to ensure they have the vocabulary they need to describe how they are feeling at any particular time. As a parent or carer, you can help by using and reinforcing a variety of vocab to describe feelings at home. For example, behaviours that are displayed when you are angry could be similar to those shown when frustrated or disappointed. Children might describe

themselves as being happy when excited might be more appropriate.

Improved language also helps children with self-reflection and regulating their behaviour. Teaching students this vocabulary also supports the Zones of Regulation in place at the school. The Early Childhood children created some terrific fingerprint pictures in one of their 'feelings' lessons.



The ZONES of Regulation



WHAT'S ON?

- Aug 11 OLNA Writing (year 9)
- Aug 12 OLNA Reading (Year 9)
- Aug 13 OLNA Numeracy (Year 9)
- Aug 21 Meckering Cross Country
- Aug 25 Virtual Indonesian Day (Year 3-5)

VISIT FROM HOCKEY WA



A compilation writing piece from Laila, Tahlia and Kailee - Year 5/6 (the different fonts represent different students' contributions).

WACK! "Don't bang the sticks together, all you should hear is the grass". On Wednesday at 2pm the 3/4's and 5/6's went out onto the school oval to learn all the basics of hockey and have fun. We met 'Rocket' from Hockey WA on the school oval. He taught us the important things about hockey, for example how to grip the hockey sticks right and how to tackle. Once we got our hockey sticks we played a game that doesn't involve our sticks but involves the right position to play hockey. That game was awesome, For Rob the Nest, we had to get into groups and come up with a strategy on how we were going to get the most balls in our own nest. The next game we had to play was around the world. This time we had to steal balls from the other teams that wasn't our neighbours. We had to do that, while going in between cones, one by one, to bring them back to our group. The final game we played was Dog and Bone we had to split up into groups, you were either a blueberry or a banana. We took in turns to go against the other team trying to roll the ball in to the goal. The game finished up by going in pairs and trying to get the ball using our teamwork skills instead of going against one person you had to go against TWO people with an extra member with you too. We were all having fun when the whistle blew and we had to go put our hockey sticks away. then we all sat on the grass while we all got wrist bands, which was quite kind I thought.

Overall, all I had a great time and I learnt lots of new things. I can't wait until Rocket can come again and teach us even more fun things.



Year 3/4 Writing Excerpts...

From a timed writing activity after the hockey incursion.

On Wednesday we played hockey. We met a man to teach us. His name was Rocket, he's cool!

It was fun!

I felt very happy!

We played Rob the Nest then we played Dog and Bone then we played a tackling game.

Me, Erica and Ghia helped demonstrate the first game. You had to squat down like you are sitting on a toilet and tap the other person's knee-cap. If you do, they're out.

Everyone was so excited but I was sensible and calm..... Rob the Nest gets harder each time!

Learning & loving the library with K/PP

The K/PP children go to the library on Wednesday. During our library sessions we have been learning the library rules, how to look after books and how Mrs Johnson keeps track of all the books in the library! We have had a focus on 'Pig the Pug' books by Aaron Blabey and books written by Nick Bland. We also know what the author and illustrator of books do!! We spending time in the library reading books.

Here are some photos of us at the library:



Christopher was our library star of the week for Week 1.

Charlie used his shelf marker perfectly!! (he's so proud of himself!!)



Jack was thrilled to find a story about dinosaurs!



Neve listened to Mrs Johnson and put her library book into her bag carefully.



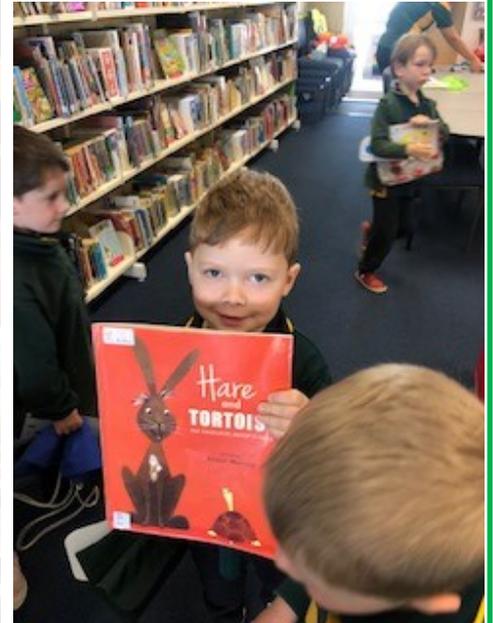
Arlo follows the library rules. What a star you are Arlo!



Mrs Johnson showed us an audio book with a video. We love listening to stories and seeing them on the IWB.



I'm sure Bruce is worried about this book! The title is 'Do Not Open this Book!!' How strange!



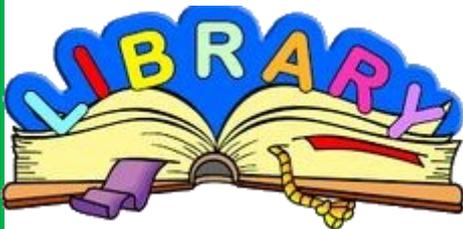
Couper likes to read books at home with his Dad.



Ava knows all the library rules! Well done Ava.



Noah is making sure he has his shelf marker ready to use. Good on you Noah!



Mrs Johnson processes all the books before we take them home.

