



Gumnut neighbourhood

Room 7 + Room 8

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Foundation

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

BEING YOUR
BEST

TEAMWORK

Room 7 & 8

This term in **literacy** we have been learning to improve our writing by developing **WOW** sentences. These are sentences that include descriptive words and extra information by using joining words such as 'because' or 'and'. Each week we read independently and in a small group with the teacher. We practice letters, sounds and words using an iPad and Reading Eggs too. In our PA groups we have been learning about plurals and that sometimes they end in 's' (car/cars) or 'es' (wish/wishes).

In **numeracy** we have been adding two groups to find the total of items using strategies such as Counting On, Doubling, using Near Doubles and Friends of 10. Maths Measurement has focused on mass and investigating whether the size of an object determines the mass of that object. Can a bigger object be lighter than a smaller object? Can a smaller object be heavier than a lighter object?

In **RRRR** learning has been about Gender and Identity. We have learnt that boys and girls can do or like the same activities regardless of their gender for example boys can dance, girls can dance; boys can play footy, girls can play footy. Students have also learnt how people feel when their friends play with them in a way that is violent, mean or too rough.

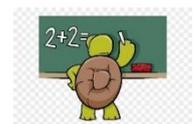
LITERACY GOAL

To write a **WOW** sentence to make my writing interesting.



NUMERACY GOAL

To add two sets together to find the total. I will use strategies such as doubling and near doubling.



LEARNING GOAL

To be a **STAR** listener - **Sit** up straight, **Track** the speaker, **Ask** and **Answer** questions, **Respect** those around you.



Author Incursion - Alex Miles



We had a visit from Alex Miles. She is an author and



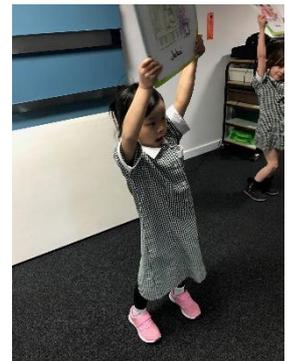
has written lots of books such as *Zac Power* and *Girl Geeks*. She taught us how to use our **IMAGINATION MUSCLE** to help us plan stories. She showed us how to use a Story Bug to help us get ideas to write about. Everyone got to ask questions and share ideas. It was a great incursion.



Congratulations
Zara in Room 7 completed in a Cheer Leading competition and was awarded two medals. Congratulations Zara!



Royal Kings and Queens in Room 8.



SWIMMING

Advance notice:

All Foundation students will be participating in swimming lessons at the end of Term 4. We will be swimming at the Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre in Kangaroo Flat.

The lessons will be in the mornings of Friday 13th, Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th of December.

Please pack bathers, towel, goggles and thongs each day.



TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM
Students use ipads weekly to assist with their language development and letter/sound knowledge.



Melissa Cusack and Kim Anketell

Please don't hesitate to speak to or contact via phone or email your child's teacher if you have any queries, questions or concerns.

