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The end of the term has arrived, and it has been an incredibly busy term.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Last week we held our annual harvest festival and what a great evening was had by all. Superb food, great performances, and a harvest market second to none. Despite the weather we were able to present our performance of Tiddalik the frog on our grassy stage under the tall trees. The children did an amazing job acting and singing this dreamtime story. Thank you to our director Sophie who expertly led the children to put on such a great performance.

Our dinner was beautiful, and we thank Julia for her culinary skills as always. Many days of preparation goes into feeding 80+ people and Julia has worked tirelessly to ensure that we enjoyed a delicious dinner. Our Harvest stall was abundant with homemade treasures and produce. There was a large variety of items for sale and the forest room looked spectacular with huge pumpkins, our second handbook stall and our nature blueprints that we auctioned. Thank you to all our families for providing items for our stall. Finally, a huge thankyou to Sherrin and the Harvest Festival committee for ensuring that our school looked incredible for our festivities. There is a great deal of work required to host a Harvest Festival and I thank everyone for their contribution.



An amount of \$1176.25 was raised through the stall, raffle, and auction. Some expenses need to be taken out; however, this is an impressive amount. Thank you to our generous families.

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We also received a donation of \$500 from one of our service providers.

Discussions will be held with the students and school council as to how we spend this money. We will keep you all informed when a decision has been made.



### Junior School News

The junior children have been learning about different types of writing. This week they learnt how to write a recount by including when, where and what. We practise our recount writing knowledge by writing about the Harvest Festival. Together we worked out how to start our writing. The second sentence we worked out independently.

See the back page for examples of the students work.

### MARC program news

This term in MARC students have all been enjoying borrowing books from the van each week. Juniors have been focusing on retelling the main events of stories and nursery rhymes and enjoyed making their own alpacas inspired by the book Macca the Alpaca. Seniors have been learning about the elements of Graphic Novels and have designed some creative characters, they will be using what they have learned to write their own comic books in term 2.

**Kathryn Vine**

### LOTE: Japanese news

As always, everyone loves learning Japanese. We were lucky to have Rina, an exchange student from Japan come and assist the Japanese classes this term. We learnt about Japanese food, practised Hiragana characters, and learned about the year of the rabbit. This rabbit origami was a perfect activity symbolising 'the year of the rabbit' and 'Easter'. A very challenging origami but students worked well collaboratively helping one another to complete some very cute origami bunnies.

**Katsi Sensai**



### PE News

During the last couple of weeks of term, whilst dodging the odd deluge of rain, our Sporting in Schools funds have supported a unit of Netball with Trudy from Netball Victoria. From throwing and catching to shooting and defending, the lessons culminated in a full court game. Students learnt about court positions and various other rules and showed improvement in ball movement and making space, dodging, and weaving from opponents. The children applied themselves with gusto and although they demonstrated a range of skills, they were all engaged and had a great time. We were also able to support the program with the purchase of new netballs; the grant also gave us an opportunity to purchase some more softball equipment too. From week 1 in term two, the Yr 5/6 students will be travelling to Yarra Junction on Friday afternoons for table tennis and the Healesville District Aths Carnival will be held in week 3, May 9th so there is lots to look forward to. I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break.

**Amanda**

### Term 1 is complete!

The last day of Term 1 is this Thursday with school dismissal at 2.30pm.

We will be enjoying an easter egg hunt, an easter bonnet parade and a special lunch of toasties, juice boxes and left over harvest festival food.

First day of Term 2 is Monday 24th April. Please note that Tuesday 25th April is the ANZAC day public holiday, and the school is not open.

I will be taking leave for the first 2 weeks of Term 2. Amanda Hull is the acting principal with support from Sophie, Robyn, and Annie. Alex Mercuri will be taking sport on Wednesdays and Fridays and Sophie will be extending her hours for the 2 weeks. It is very reassuring to have such impressive staff willing to take on leadership roles and I know that I am leaving the school in good hands. I will return on Monday May 8th.

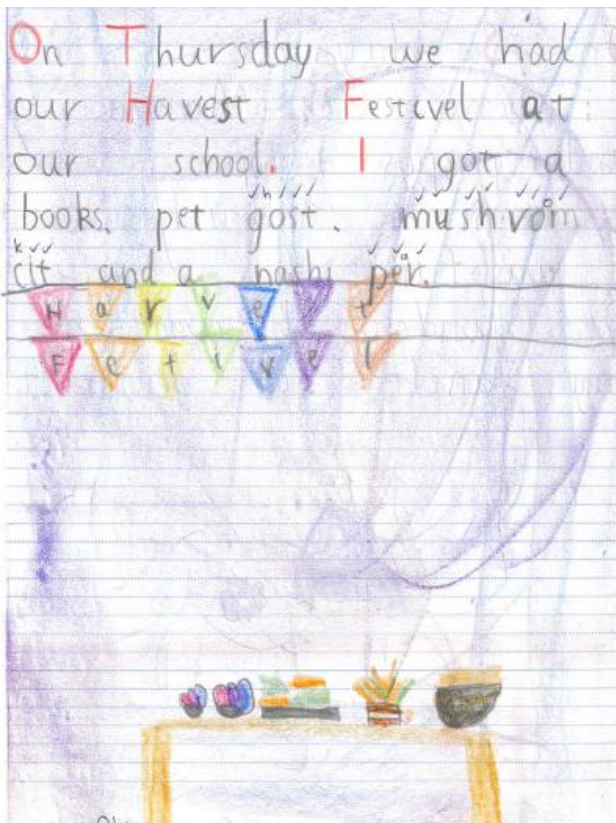
I wish you all a safe and happy Easter. Please enjoy the Term 1 break and I look forward to seeing you upon my return.

**Sally Herbert**

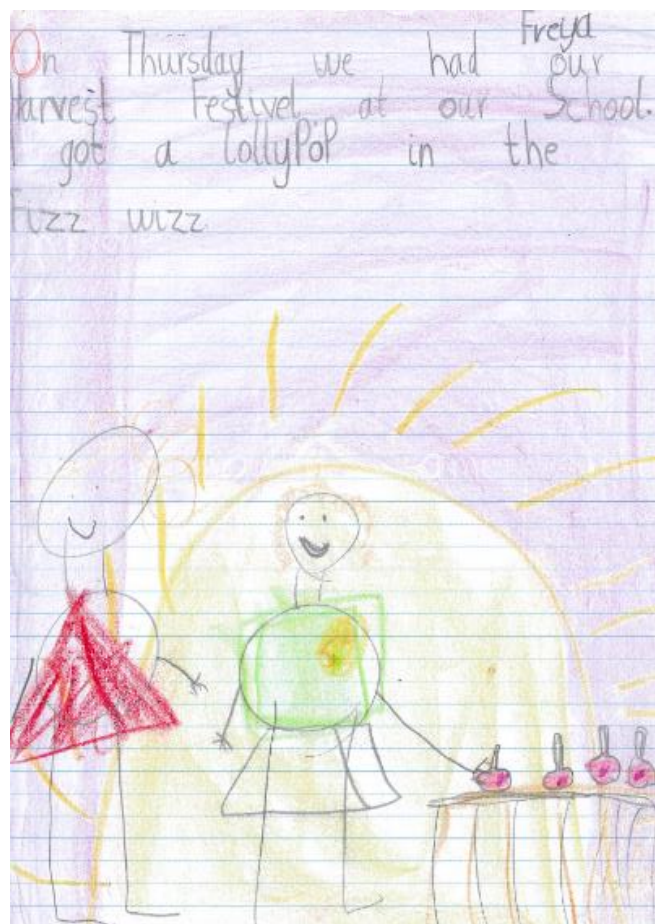


Junior Class Writing

Olivia



Freya



Oliver



Quinn



*Just a few more Harvest Festival photos for your enjoyment. Thank you to Alex for being our expert photographer!*

