



Manor Lakes P-12 College

Primary Newsletter -Volume # 3

Principals Report

Be Kind Day

Be Kind Day was celebrated on the 2nd March with chalk art and window drawings spreading the message around the school. Thank you to the wonderful Specialist teachers and staff who organised the lunch-time activities for our Primary students. The activities were very popular with long queues waiting at some rooms, there were lots of choice and smiles all around. Miss Ladd had children bopping away to the 'chicken dance', 'macarena' and the Village People.

Clean Up Australia Day

Thank you to the Grade 6 teachers and students who did a wonderful job this afternoon picking up rubbish within the school, college perimeter, council carpark and oval. Even though it was hot and humid – the kids were keen to help do their part for Clean-Up Australia Day which is this Sunday. Everyone was rewarded with a Zooper Dooper upon finishing their section.

Mr Warner offered to reward a few students who were a stand-out during the clean up.

Special mention to Ash and 6F who did such a thorough job on the Minindee Rd and M/L Boulevard boundary that we were about to send a search party out when they hadn't return by 2.55pm. 6F returned with their buckets full to the brim and even a bin lid they had collected.

Harmony Day – “Everyone Belongs”

Harmony Day this year is Monday March 21. The week long celebration is March 21 – March 27. Manor Lakes College will be celebrating our cultural diversity through week 9. Did you know our students were born across 66 different countries? There will be an array of in class and school activities throughout the week. **Thursday March 24th will be Cultural Dress up or Orange clothing. Please note** – this is not an out-of-uniform day. Cultural dress, wearing orange or alternatively students should be in full uniform. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Upcoming Important Dates:

14th June: Curriculum Day – student free day

31st October: Professional Practice Day for staff (student free day)

Grade 1

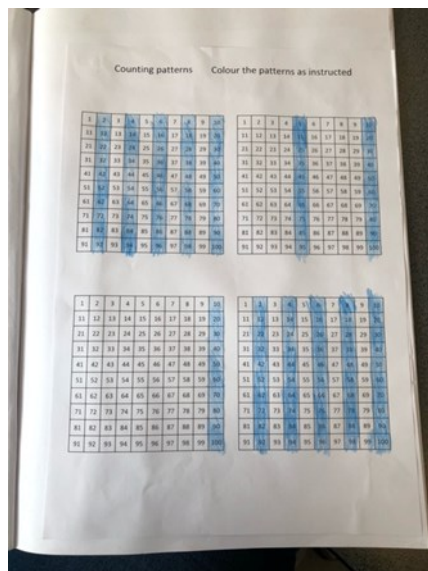
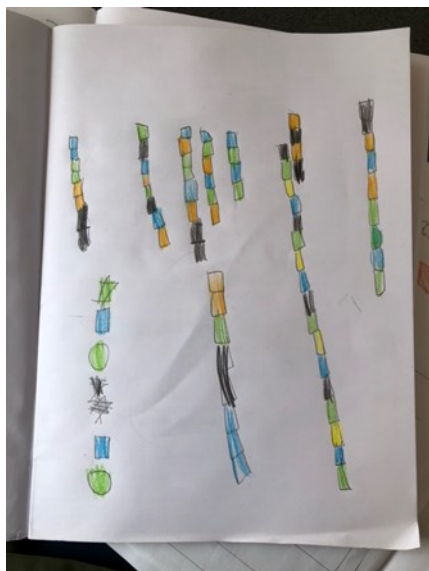
This fortnight in Grade 1 we have been learning about Non-Fiction books and their features. Non-Fiction books include:

- Title
- Diagram with labels
- Photographs
- Bold words
- Glossary

This topic has connected to our Writing lessons too. We have been writing our own nonfiction texts on an animal of our choice. During the first week, students planned their writing and in the second week we began drafting and editing our books. The students are very proud of their work!

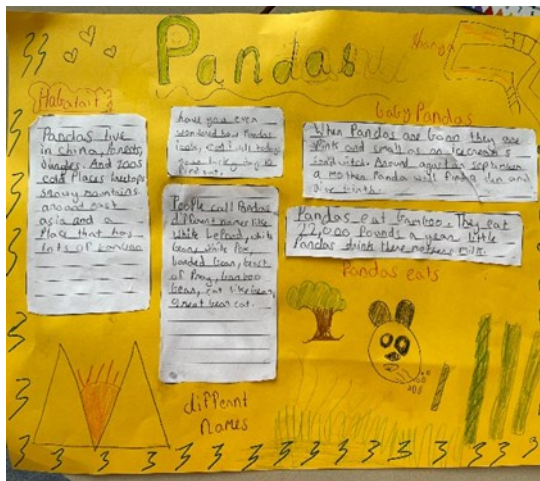
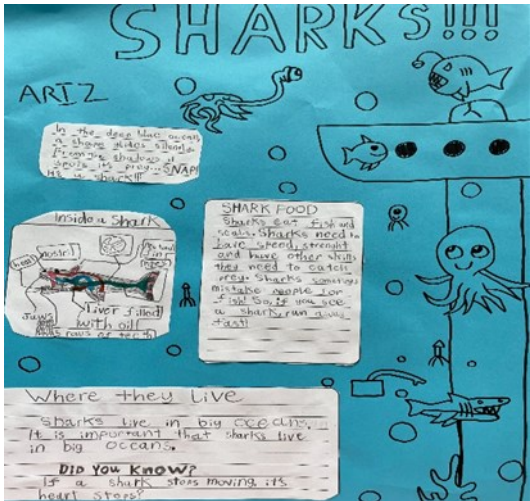


In Maths, we have focused on Patterns and Skip Counting. Students have been using unifix blocks and counters to create repeating and growing patterns before sharing their work with their peers .



Grade 3.

During Term 1, Grade 3 students have been exploring fiction and non-fiction texts to apply a variety of writing processes to consolidate their skills in literacy. They have been focusing on a range of mentor texts to identify the key features such as; planning using a graphic organizer, drafting, note taking, reviewing their work, editing and publishing. As part of writing the information report students were given the choice to complete their tasks effectively.



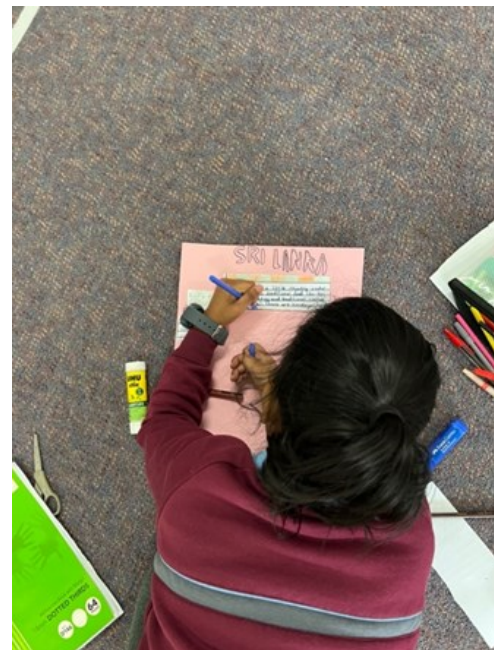
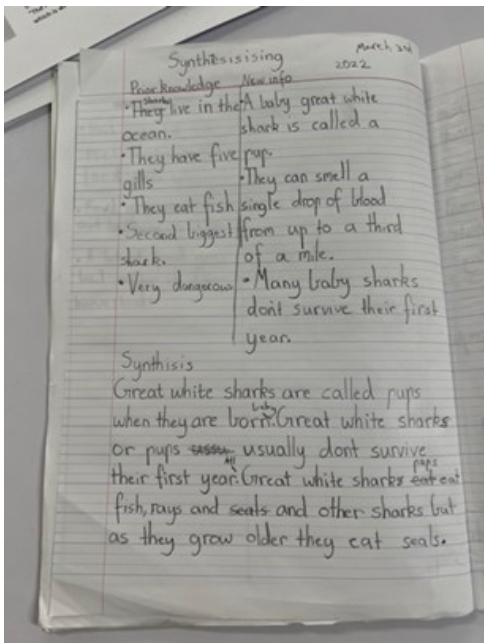
Throughout Term 1, students have been working on numbers and place value concepts. They have been using multiple strategies to understand place value in order to solve increasingly tricky number problems. Students have been focusing on MAB to expand on their knowledge of place value. They have really enjoyed using a variety of hands-on materials to explore how numbers work in different ways such as, identifying and renaming numbers and ordering numbers using number line.



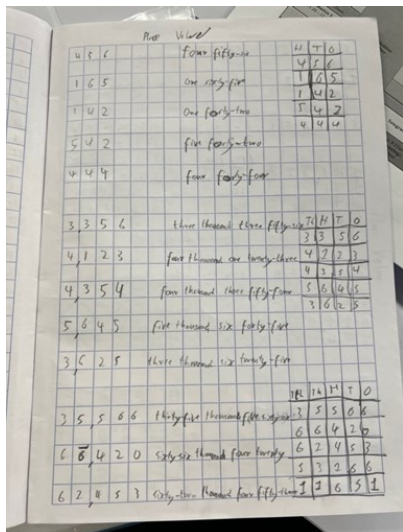
Grade 4.

The Grade 4s have been hard at work writing information reports on topics we are experts at. We have been working through the writing process of; planning, drafting, writing an introduction, paragraphs and revising.

During reading we have been exploring the concept of synthesising and how our thinking grows as we read.



In Numeracy we have been revising the Place Value Chart, consolidating our understanding of where each number belongs in each column and identifying the values each digit is worth.





Manor Lakes College will be celebrating Harmony Week from
Monday March 21-Friday March 25.

Dress-up Day – Thursday March 24. Primary Students can either dress in a cultural costume/outfit or the colour orange.

Please note: This is not an out-of-uniform day. Students dressing up in a cultural costume or orange is only allowed.

What is Harmony Week?

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Did you know students from Manor Lakes College were born across 66 different countries?

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Why orange?

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Week to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Our cultural diversity

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world.

Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.

Facts and figures

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation-starters:

nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was

we identify with over 300 ancestries

since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia

85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia

apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Manda-

rin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi

more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

National 'Be Kind' day

Thank you to our wonderful Specialist teachers who organised lunch-time activities to celebrate 'Be Kind' day for our Primary students.

Students had the choice of origami, dancing, making a bee necklace, writing an appreciation note to their teacher, pavement chalk drawing and soccer. The activities were very popular.

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Think kind, act kind and BEE kind!



ACT KIND, THINK KIND & BEE KIND





Icy-pole Fundraiser update

Our fundraiser has been hugely successful so far this term. Our Grade 6 Captains have been doing a wonderful job in helping set up, selling and cleaning up the stall.

1923 icy-poles have been sold – a huge effort.

We will continue to sell Zooper Doopers for the remainder of Term 1 and funds raised will go towards Lunch-time club resources.

Thank you to our families for the on-going support.

Clean-Up Australia Day

Our Grade 6 staff and students picked-up rubbish last Friday to support the national 'Clean-Up Australia' day held on Sunday March 6.

Students collected rubbish within the college, the council car park, community oval and the outside perimeter of the whole college.

Even though it was hot and humid, the kids were keen to do their part in helping the environment. Everyone was rewarded with an icy Zooper Dooper on the afternoon.

There were a few stand-out students who made an extra effort on the day. Dhiren T, Jacob N, Dylan B and Hunter D have been rewarded with a morning tea invitation from Mr Warner to be held next week.

Clean Up Australia

