

Year Satu and Dua Merah Hub News

Terima kasih to all of those families who attended the Meet and Greet sessions, a wonderful time to share information with your child's teacher.

Thank you for your generosity with donations for Bushfire assistance, casual clothing day. There were a lot of thoughtful costumes to promote community involvement.



Assembly AH- One AH will be presenting assembly on Friday the 28th February. Assembly will be a short one. **Cross Country will be run straight after assembly. Year Ones will run a lap of the oval while the Year 2's will run two laps.**



BIG WRITE - Year 2

Year Two students will be writing a RECOUNT on Wednesday 4th March. The topic will be 'A RECENT SPECIAL OR FUN EXPERIENCE/TIME I HAVE HAD.'

Please **spea**k with your child about a recent fun or special experience. What was it? Where was it? When was it? Who was there? Why did it take place? The main events that happened. How you felt about it. Any WOW words about the experience. **Some ideas could include:** a birthday, a family adventure, a sleepover, a holiday, when you lost a tooth, a concert, a sports game you played or went to, a bike ride, a day at the beach, a trip, a visit to the dentist, a school event etc

BIG WRITE - Year 1 topic is -How does my family help to keep Australia Clean. Please talk about the many things you do to help the environment. What do you do, how do you do it? How does it help the environment locally and the world?

"If you can't say it, you can't write it!"

...Please refer to the last section of this hub news for further information regarding Big Write.

Current Curriculum Topics in Red Hub

	Year 1	Year 2
Reading	Fluency, word accuracy and Comprehension of the text	Fluency and Comprehension Structure and features of non-fiction and fiction texts
Writing	Recount and Narrative Writing VCOP skills	Recount and Narrative Writing VCOP skills
Mathematics	Number, Place Value, Addition & Subtraction	Number, Patterns, Place Value, Time and Data
Inquiry/Religion (<u>with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26)</u>)	Ready to Learn and Our Celebration of the Earth. Lent and Easter	Working and Growing Together. Lent and Easter



Pancake Tuesday

Pancake Tuesday. Today we enjoyed cooking and eating some pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the season of Lent. Thank you to the parents who came in to help and partake in this special day.

Library A reminder that Library borrowing is on a Monday for Year One and Friday for Year Two. Please remember to return borrowed books and your library bags.





Art Smocks Art smocks protect your child's clothing when participating in art activities. If you have not sent one into school please do so as soon as possible.

Earth Fest- Friday, March 20th (4:15-7:30)

Year 2 will be planting cuttings and seeds this Friday but we need helpers. Kellie Clark will lead us at various times during the day. Please check CareMonkey to select a time to come in and help. These plants will be sold at our stall during the festival. Keep an eye out for rosters!!



Year 1 made dishwasher detergent on Friday that will be sold at Earth Fest. Volunteers for hair braiding and selling of the products we make are needed. If you would like to volunteer to help on the night there is a sign up sheet in the hub or online.

Molly Nature Art-Last Thursday, the Year 2's received a visit from Molly from Wild Arts Forest School. She helped us to engage in nature in a fun and creative way. The children created art pieces outdoors using a variety of natural objects and were able to be as creative as they desired! Fun was had by all!



Big Talk Homework

Big Write
& **VCOP**

WHAT IS BIG WRITE?

On Wednesdays or Thursdays Red Hub 1 and 2 will sometimes give the students a Big Write Experience. Big Write is our whole school approach to teaching the skills of writing. In class students participate in a range of activities each week to develop new vocabulary, and refine their use of sentence openers, connectors and punctuation. You will have seen VCOP writing displays in each classroom which your child can refer to during their Big Write Sessions. Big Write is a celebration of the skills we have been working on over the course of the week or fortnight.

WHAT IS A COLD WRITE?

Throughout the year students participate in Cold Writes. A Cold Write is a raw piece of writing where students are provided with a set topic which is unrelated to their current work. Unlike a Big Write, students are not given the opportunity to prepare at home. There is limited 'Big Talk' on the topic, however students are provided with a stimulus and prompting questions to consider. Students still warm up for their writing using a range of oral language and VCOP games. During a Cold Write, all classroom resources and displays are removed. This piece is used for assessment purposes.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY CHILD AT HOME?

You are invited to help your child prior to their Big Write by talking at home about their Big Write Topic. You can support your child by checking the Red Hub news to see when and what the next Big Write Topic will be. Talk to your child about your family's ideas, opinions and experiences. A great time to do this is around the table at dinner time. Your child will only be able to write about their ideas when they are able to talk about them first. Students who have difficulty expressing their ideas will find it harder to write about them. The more informal talking opportunities you can give to your child the better. **This is not about writing at home with your child.** It is about developing better oral language.

V= Vocabulary	C= Connectors	O= Openers	P= Punctuation
Share interesting words or descriptions connected to the topic. We call these words 'Wow Words'.	Have fun adding a connector to a verbal sentence to make it more interesting. Some of the connectors we use are... and, because, but, & so	Model starting a sentence with different words. Words that end in 'ly' or 'ing' make powerful openers but just varying how your child starts their sentences is a good place to start.	Ask your child to demonstrate some Kung Fu Punctuation moves to represent the punctuation they may use in their Big Write.

Enjoy your week,
Red Hub One and Two teachers.