



THE RAINBOW REPORTER

**A Carson Street School
Newsletter, written by
the students, for the
students**

Wow!! Term One has whizzed past so fast!! It has been so lovely to see everyone settled into their new classrooms, making new friends and getting down to work with happy smiles. Great work everyone— it has been a brilliant start to 2023.

This term, our friends in Red Gum, with some help from Wisteria, have been editors of the Rainbow Reporter...with one of them even trying to take my job! See more inside.

It wouldn't be a Rainbow Reporter without a very special interview...and this term we have two!! Imagine two of the most famous Australian children's authors....we've got them! Have a peek inside and see.

As we have a special authors edition, many of your friends have written their own stories to show how we can all be authors too. I love to read over the holidays so I can't wait to share these stories with my two boys.

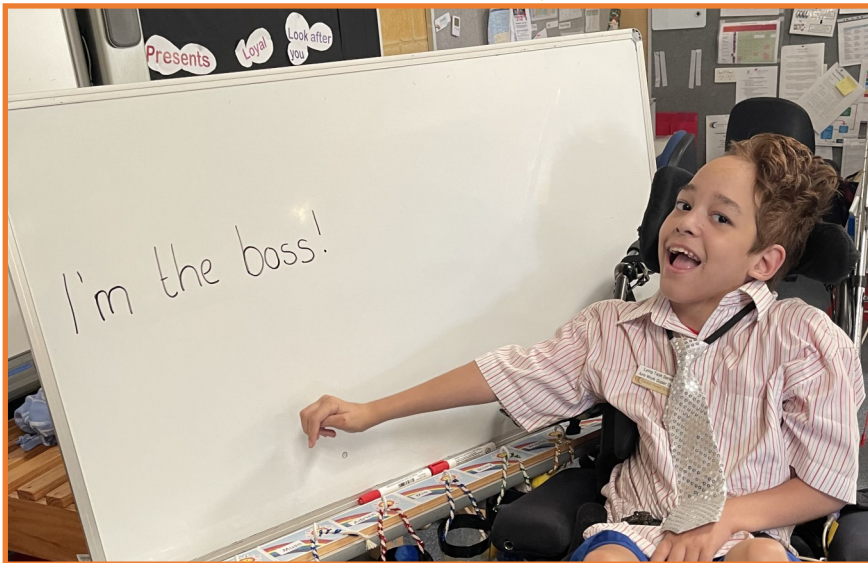
We hope you enjoy this edition and that you have a great holiday!

When I'm Sarah's Boss

Wayne is the oldest student in school...and I think it may have gone to his head a bit, as he has been planning a takeover of my role as Student Voice Coordinator. Here is what he would do if he was in charge. Watch out Mrs Hamling! He'll be after your job next!

In my office I would have an orange and purple triangle shaped desk.

I would have lots of cuddles with Riley and Amalie.



I would have watermelon and hot chocolate.

We would have a birthday party with fireworks.

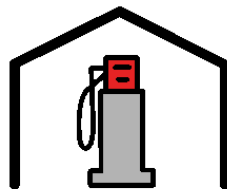
I would have a rest outside with all the girls.

Traffic Watch With Musa

Musa used his eye gaze to say 'I'm asking a question-transport-fire truck-spaceship-traffic-accident-petrol station-bike-motorbike-car'. After talking to Musa, he said that he wanted to count the traffic. So one Tuesday morning, at 11.30am, we set up to count the traffic on Berwick Street. Musa wanted to count for 10 minutes and used a big voice to let me know when to start the timer. Here is what we saw in that time.



2 Fire trucks



0 petrol stations



0 Spaceships



0 bikes



5 other types
of transport



0 motorbikes



0 accidents



140 cars

What a lot of cars! Maybe you can look out of your window at home over the holidays and count traffic too!

The Toilet Inspector Is In the Building

When asked what he would like to contribute to the Rainbow Reporter this term, Adrien instantly used his eye gaze device to say “I want-toilet-descriptions-clean-dirty-messy-smooth.” When asked if he wanted to be the toilet inspector he gave that famous Adrien laugh and said “I like this-great!”

Armed with a high-vis vest and a clipboard, Adrien chose 5 toilet areas that he would like to inspect. Let’s see if they all pass his inspection.



Inspection 1: Jarrah Bathroom

“Clean– Let’s go!”

Adrien means business!

Status: **PASSED**

Inspection 2: Room 2/ Playground Toilets

“Dirty! Messy!”

Adrien could not take his eyes off the toilet paper on the floor.

Status: **FAIL**



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Inspection 3: Bottlebrush Bathroom

“Smooth-something’s wrong-health-Dr.”

Adrien said that this bathroom reminded him of the one at the Drs.

Status: **PASSED**

Inspection 4: Red Gum Bathroom

“Dirty– Naughty!”

Adrien was not impressed with his own class bathroom and found it very funny to give it the status of...

Status: **FAIL**



Inspection 5: Swimming Pool Bathroom

“Clean-short-time-wet-clean-clean-smooth-wet-sticky”

Time was short for Adrien with this final inspection but he was very thorough.

Status: **PASSED**



Everyone should help to keep their bathrooms clean...you never know where the Toilet Inspector will strike next!

Interview with...

Reading is a big focus at school. We read every day in every class. This year you can take library loans home and share them with your families too. We will also be encouraging as many of you as possible to join in with The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2023. So what better way to celebrate the importance and power of reading a good book than to interview two of Australia's best children's authors.

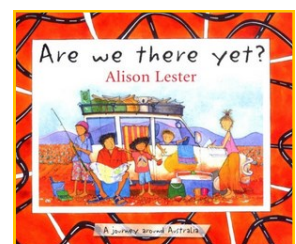
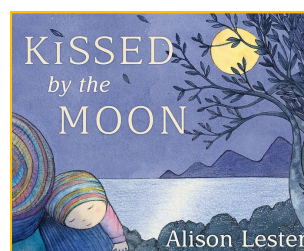
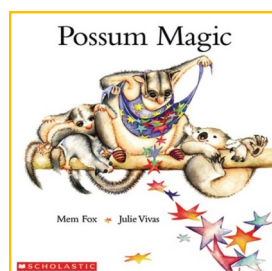
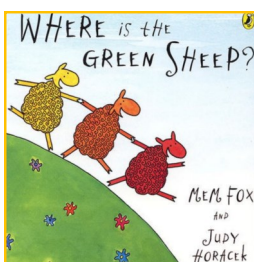
Here is a clue ...one of them writes about a sheep that we need to find and the other writes about a journey all around Australia.

Yes! Mem Fox and Alison Lester have answered the questions of some of our Red Gum and Wisteria friends. Amazing!!!

Thank you so much to Mem and Alison for taking the time to be interviewed by our journalists, all of whom used Augmentative and Alternative Communication to ask their questions. There were some big smiles upon their faces when we read the answers.

To celebrate Mem and Alison, we will be displaying their books in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2, in the library, for you to choose for self selected reading or to loan from the library.

Here are some of my favourites that I have enjoyed reading to my own children at home...I think you will love them!



Interview with...Mem Fox

Do you have pets? Aaliyah– aged 5

Yes. I have a little black schnoodle. Her name is Mitzi



What is your favourite colour?

Wira– aged 5

My favourite colour is green.

Do you like the playground? Musa– aged 10

No, I don't like the playground. I'm too scared to climb anything.

Do you like ice– cream? Adrien – aged 10

No, I don't like ice cream, but I do like yoghurt.

Who is in your family– Amalie aged 11

In my family there is my husband, my daughter and my grandson.

What do you like to look at that makes you laugh? Riley– aged 9

I have a calendar with cartoons. I laugh every day!

Who reads your books?

Haydn– aged 4

Millions of children all around the world read my books, and grown ups read them too.

Interview with...Alison Lester



What is your favourite colour?- Wira– aged 5

Hi Wira, I love many colours but I think my favourite is the soft, purple colour the sky goes just after sunset.

Who reads your books? Haydn– aged 4

Hello Haydn, I guess lots of kids read my books and probably their parents and grandparents read them. Most of my books are picture books but I have written some novels too so I guess teenagers read them. Some of my books have been published in other languages, so people read them in Japanese, Italian and Spanish etc.

Do you like ice-cream? Adrien– aged 10

Hello Adrien. I LOVE ice-cream. Sometimes in Winter, my husband Eddy and I sit on the couch in front of the fire and eat a carton between us, but we have to stop that because it makes us too fat. Now I just have it on special treats, but I never know when to stop!

Who is in your family? Amalie– aged 11

Hello Amalie, there is Eddy who I'm married to. We've been together for 50 years. We have three kids, Will, Clair, and Lachie and between them they have eight kids who are our grandkids. I also have two sisters and a brother.

Interview with...Alison Lester

Do you have pets? Aaliyah– aged 5

Hi Aaliyah, I have a ginger cat called Kaos, two dogs, a little one called Bigsy and a big one called Slinky. They are good friends. I also have two horses, Babar and Jack, and two ponies, Sailor and Lily. We also have fish in a tank between the kitchen and laundry that used to be a doorway. And we have seven guinea fowl! They are pretty crazy birds and make a lot of noise but because we live in the country it doesn't matter.

What do you like to look at that makes you laugh? Riley aged 9

I love watching our animals do funny things Riley. I love watching funny movies too. Have you seen the movie called 'The Three Amigos?' It's hysterical. When our kids were little, we watched it over and over.

Do you like the playground? Musa– aged 10

Hi Musa, I love the playground. I love taking my grandkids there and trying out all the rides. The swirly ones always make me feel a bit giddy.

Thank you so much to these two amazing authors. I hope they inspire you all to read a lot more, and to pick up a pencil or an alternative pencil, and write a story yourself.

We Can Be Authors Too

Some of our friends wanted to show how great they are at writing too. We hope you enjoy this selection of work from our very own Carson Street Authors.

Amalie wanted to write a story about her day at school, but as she wrote, her work turned into a poem about time. Authors have lots of ideas; some work, some don't quite feel right, some change, some start as one idea and become another...Amalie shows amazing writing skills, so she will start this section of Carson Street authors, with her beautiful poem.

Amalie used eye gaze technology to write her poem.

‘By today morning,
Summer today clock,
Summer night,
Winter morning,
Yesterday,
Today,
Night,
Afternoon night afternoon,
Year
Sunday
What’s happening? Where?’

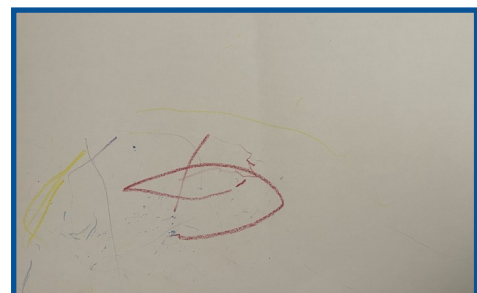
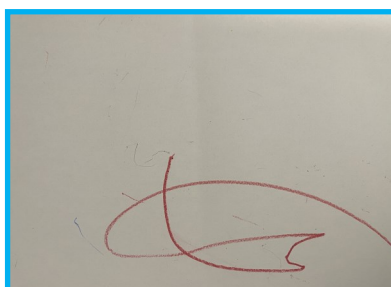
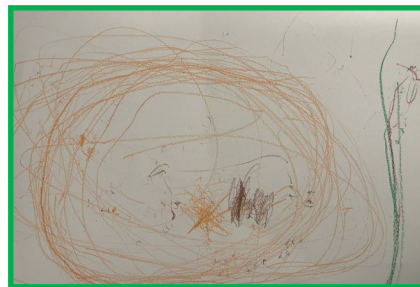
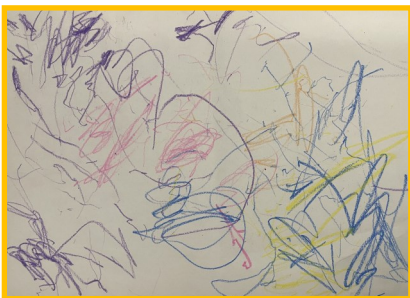
We Can Be Authors Too

Sometimes authors can write a story together and share ideas. Pre Primary students Horatio, Jordan, Trey and Tyler got together to write this story.

The boys used PODD and a WordPower system to write their story.

‘Once upon a time there was a postman who delivered his mail by boat. One day he saw an octopus on a spotty bus, wearing a black coat and purple socks. The octopus was going to the park so the postman went too. They had a happy, fun, great and exciting time.’

They were then inspired by Alison Lester, who writes her stories and illustrates them too. Here are their drawings of their fantastic story– In clockwise order: Tyler, Jordan, Horatio and Trey



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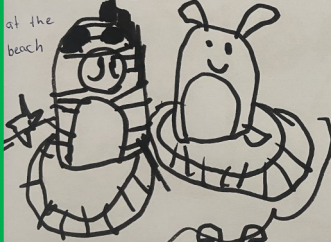
Emily was inspired to write a story after creating a clay model of an alien. Her alien is a boy called Cocopuff, who is 100,000,000 years old! He has two pink eyes, a red mouth, a red belly, a tail, and two antennae. He likes to eat chips and drink milk, he lives in a treehouse outside of Banksia class, he likes the iPad and Roblox and doesn't like the dark.

Here is her story, with all of her own words, dictated to an adult using her voice...

'One day, the alien was so scared of the dark that a Rainbow Zebra Squishy Marshmallow said "Good morning alien. Don't worry alien, I will turn on the light." And Squishy Marshmallow said "I've come for a sleepover!" And so alien and the Squishy Marshmallow Rainbow gave each other a hi-5. Rainbow Zebra said "you're my best friend in the whole world. I have 100 weeks for us to do everything together." And so they went for a drive and found Emily and carried her to the shopping centre. Emily went home and Squishy Marshmallow and the alien went to a party in the house. They felt happy. The End.'

Rainbow zebra said "You're my best friend in the whole world. I have 100 weeks for us to do everything together."

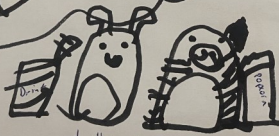
at the beach



Merry go-round



at the movies



at the picnic

Emily has illustrated her whole book. If you would like to read it, we will put it on display in the library.

We Can Be Authors Too

Chloe in Kindy could not wait to write her own story, inspired by *The Magic Hat*, by Mem Fox. I'm not sure I could have written such a great story when I was in Kindy Chloe! Wow!

Chloe used her eye gaze technology to create this amazing book.



I want a Magic Hat written by Chloe Scott



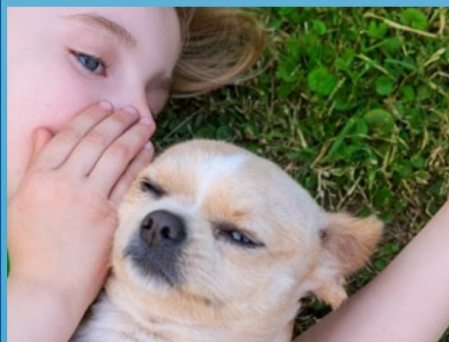
If I had a Magic Hat I would be a Koala so I can rest.



If I had a magic hat I would drive my car to the park.



If I had a magic hat I would get a puppy dog as a pet.



If I had a magic hat I would speak to animals.



We Can Be Authors Too

When writing, it can help to start by writing about something, or someone, we know and love. Haydn chose to write about Granny.

Haydn wrote his story using his WordPower device. He selected the words and then worked with his helper to put the story together.

“My Granny asked me what I wanted to eat. I wanted a muffin. Granny baked the muffin for me. It was an apple and strawberry muffin. It was yummy, yummy, yummy!”

Aaliyah chose to write about animals...something lots of us like.

She wrote her story using POKD and added extra descriptions and ideas using her voice.

“The pet cat was big and hungry. It ate beef and banana. The cat was scary!”

Charlie also wrote a story about animals. Writing about things that make us smile is a good place to start when we begin our journey as authors.

Charlie used a POKD book to write his story, with Partner Assisted Auditory and Visual Scanning.

“Monkey is fast and stinky.

Monkey is red, yellow and green.

Monkey likes toys and dress ups.”

We Can Be Authors Too

Sometimes it can be good to write a story that just makes us laugh. Abigail laughed and laughed and laughed when she wrote this story!

Abigail used PODD on iPad to select her words and then worked with her helper to put her sentences together.

‘Instead of going to school, my friends Ayub and Wira went to a wedding and a birthday party by car and motorbike. The weather was windy and cloudy. Then they vomited!! It was silly to eat spicy and hot tomatoes and drink cold milkshakes and spicy and sweet water!’

Giving a story a title is a great idea. Wira has chosen the title ‘Decorate’ for his story about an emu.

Wira wrote his story using a mixture of PODD and Eye Gaze technology

‘Decorate’

‘One Saturday afternoon, Emu was feeling excited because he was going to a party. But then he got a runny nose and had to go to the Dr where he grasped a thermometer and they put a sling on his back. It was funny.’

We Can Be Authors Too

Mirielle was inspired to write after reading 'I'm Australian Too' by Mem Fox. She looked at all the pictures with great interest and then wrote this beautiful story.

Mirielle used a PODD book to write her story.

'Going on a Holiday'

Plane flying

Stars and Clouds

Koalas, platypus, jellyfish

Butterflies fly

I flap my arms like a butterfly

I'm jealous of the butterflies and birds'

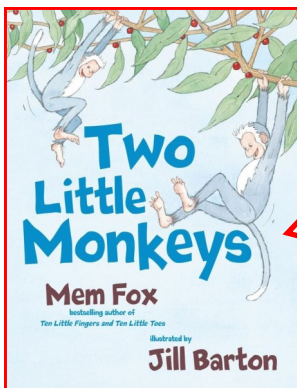
I am **SO PROUD** of the amazing stories that these students have written. I think they are all fantastic and I am sure that Mem Fox and Alison Lester will think they are too.

Every author who has contributed to the Rainbow Reporter for this edition, will get 20 Faction Points for their Factions.

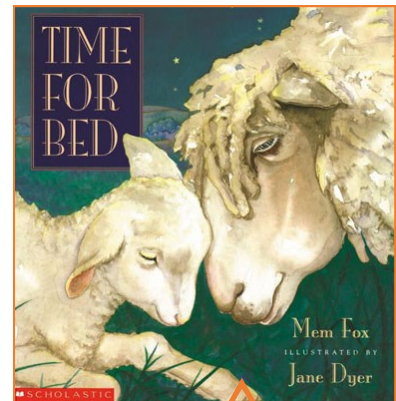
Well done everyone. You are the Achieving Kind!

Reading Corner

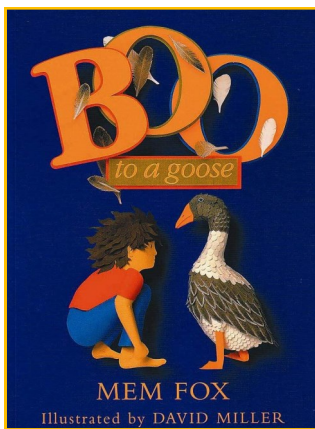
Red Gum and Wisteria decided to share with you their thoughts on some of the Mem Fox and Alison Lester books that we have in our school library. If you like the sound of one, you can select it to read next term.



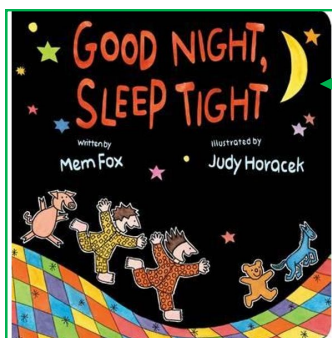
I liked this book.
It was good!
Charlie— aged 5



I didn't like this
book. It was
noisy and scary!
Haydn— aged 4

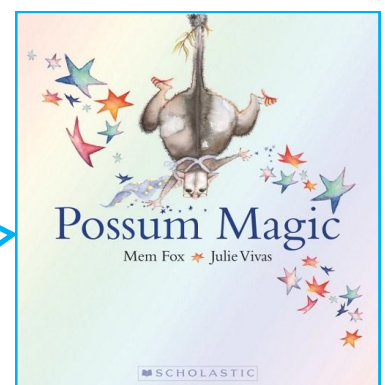


This book is fun,
like riding a
bike. Aaliyah—
aged 5

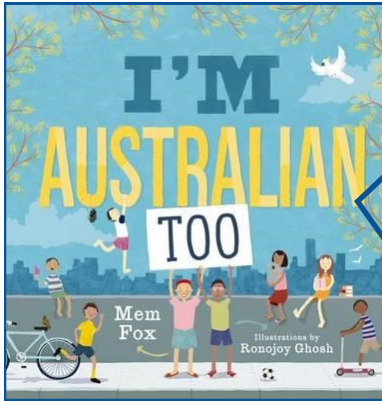


This book was fun! 5
stars! My friends
should read it. Wira—
aged 5

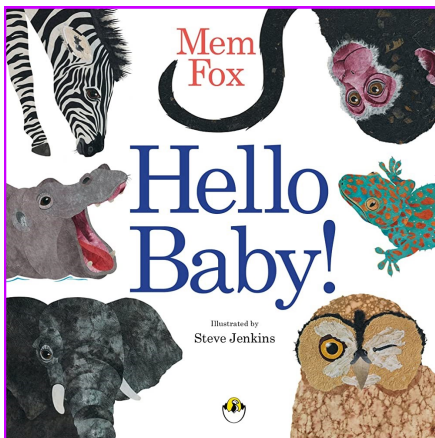
This was a good book.
You can play with it but
not feel it. Abbie— aged 5



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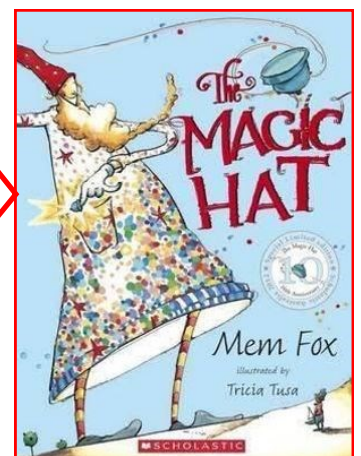


I would give this book 5 stars because it is fantastic! I like the page where the refugee would like to come to Australia to become a vet, because of the little girl and the white bird in the picture. My favourite character is the Granny because I like her lips. Adrien– aged 10

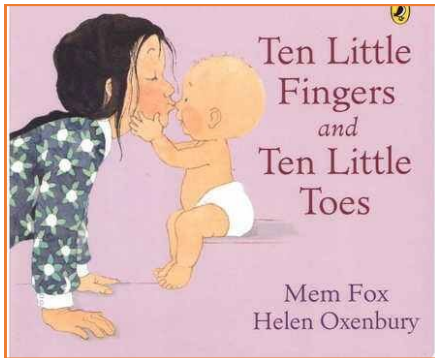


I give this book 5 stars. It is good. I liked it because it talks about babies. My favourite character was the monkey because it was good. Thumbs up! Wayne– aged 12

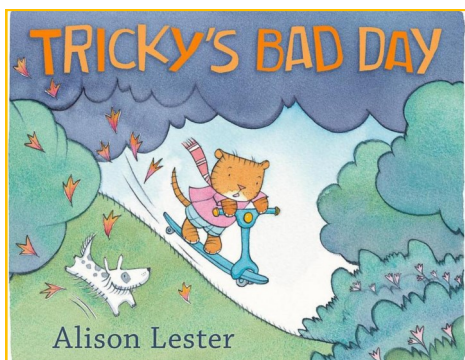
I give this book 3 stars because it is great. My favourite page was when the baboon sat on the head of a sleepy old bear. I liked it because he was afraid. My favourite character is the baboon because he eats fruit. Mia– aged 8



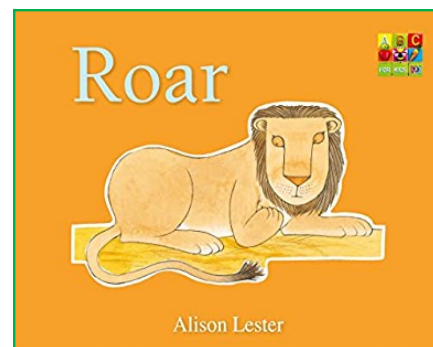
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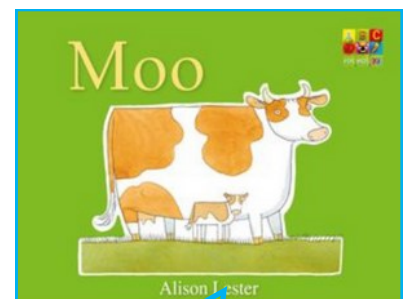
I liked this book. I thought it was funny. My friends should read it. Mirielle– aged 5



This book was fun. I would give it 7 stars!! I liked the part where the milk spilled all over the place. It was my favourite as it was scary to have a witch and a wizard. My favourite character was the tooth fairy, because she is beautiful. Wayne– aged 12

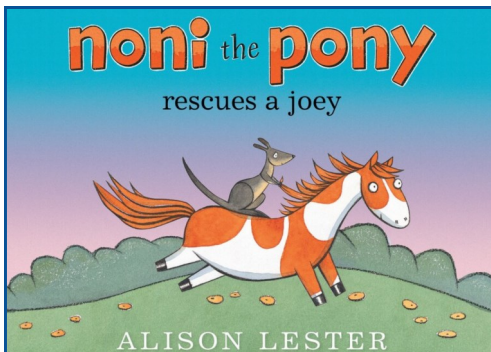


This book was bad but clever! 3 stars. Abbie–aged 5



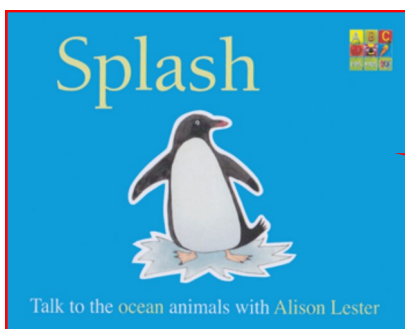
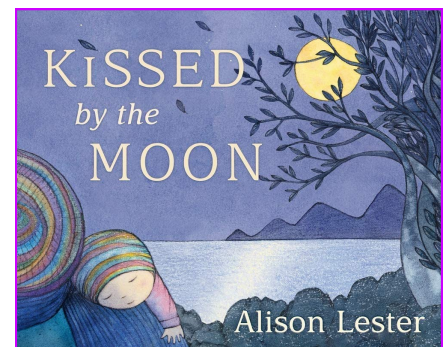
This book was good...no, great! 3 stars. Wira– aged 5

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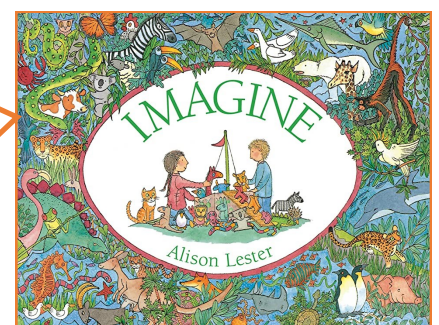
I give this book 69077 stars! The book was about a happy joey. I liked when Noni was with Coco and Dave was talking to Joe because it was fun. My favourite character is Noni because I want a pony. Amalie— aged 11

This book was great. I would tell my friend Charlie to read it. Aaliyah—aged 5



I don't like the book Splash but I'll give it 4 stars. Charlie— aged 5

This book was good. I liked the pictures of the African animals because I like giraffes. My favourite character was the cat because he was silly. Musa— aged 10



Principal for the Day

This term's Principal for the Day was Tyrese. He came up with the fantastic idea of setting up an art gallery for everyone to come and see the students wonderful art. Every student contributed a piece of art and we set up our gallery for the P&C Fun Day. There were SO many positive comments, SO many smiling faces looking at the art, SO much positive feedback...that the Carson Street Gallery is here to stay! Well done Tyrese. You had an idea, used your voice to share it with everyone, and made a big positive change happen at our school. What a great leader.



Tyrese started out his day by handing out some Easter raffle prizes— this one went to Winston in Kindy! Well done Winston!

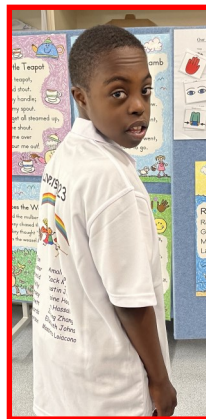
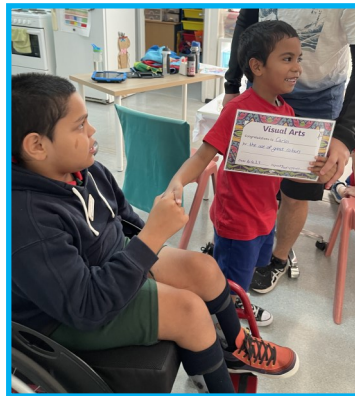
Wayne got a telling off for coming to school late and was given 23 hours of detention!

Mr Salleo and Principal Tyrese talked about their plan for the morning and Tyrese made sure that Mr Salleo had plenty to keep himself busy!

As a staff member for the day, Tyrese helped himself to a hot cross bun in the staffroom.



Principal for the Day



Principal Tyrese loved everyone's art work and awarded artist of the class prizes to his favourites from each room. Well done to Emily, Carlos, Ojus, Jaxon, Christopher F, Trey, Payton, Haydn, Nate, Wayne, Syahin and Sophia who were all awarded the Principals award and received a certificate signed by Tyrese.

Tyrese also handed out some leaver shirts to his Year 6 friends, who will all look amazing this year in their Rainbow Shirts...as modelled by Austin!

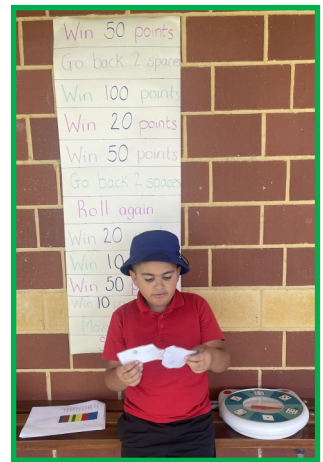
Great work Tyrese. You were an awesome Principal!

Faction Update

Our Faction Captains, as voted by staff, are Kahleesi as our **Red** captain, Payton as the **Green** captain, Christopher S as the **Yellow** captain and Tykeem as the **Blue** Captain.

This year, the Faction Captains will be organising the activities each term. Term 1 was Christopher's job and he said he wanted 'new-huge-helicopter-tunnel-drive-bus'. We turned this idea into a 'Game of Chance' board which we set up in the playground. Students chose whether to drive a bus or a helicopter and then rolled the dice to see how many points they would score as they moved their helicopter or bus along the tunnel.

Some of our friends also earned Faction points for writing stories for this edition of The Rainbow Reporter. With the scores added up, Term One's totals are...



580 points



550 points



520 points



380 points

Well done **Yellow** Faction! It's close at the top. I can't wait to see what Term Two brings.

Happy Easter everyone. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all in Term Two!