



# THE RAINBOW REPORTER

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

Did you watch the Olympics and Paralympics this term? Lots of classes were trying new sports and different activities to earn themselves medals and it has been fun to play some new games and work hard in Task Series for a chance to win gold! We are very lucky to have contacted some Olympic and Paralympic athletes to ask them some questions for this edition and have had some amazing responses back. See inside for more details.

This term was also Book Week and Science Week so we have had a lot of fun at school. Jarrah class, who are in charge of the Reporter this term have such a great edition for you to read, with dinosaurs, tricks, horses and .... so much more! They were very enthusiastic journalists and I think you will feel this as you read their work.

We hope you enjoy this edition. Well done Jarrah class—You get GOLD!

# Milena Loves Horses

Do you have a favourite animal? Milena LOVES horses!! She wanted to share some of her favourite horse pictures with you and tell you about them.



“It’s got brown and black and white. I want to hop on the horse to ride it.”

“Oh I like this one! It’s got a tail. It’s got ears. I want to go riding it.”



“This is a white one. It’s riding at the beach. It is swimming at the beach. I want to ride on a horse ride.”

“I love the pink one. It’s running in the flowers. I like flowers and horses. This is my favourite!”



# Milena Loves Horses



“This is cool. I like cool horses like this. I like its ears and eyes.”

“It’s got hair! It’s white and brown.”

“I like black. I like to ride it.”



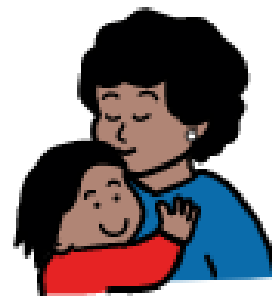
It is clear that Milena loves horses! She even traced and coloured in her own horse. Look at it’s cool pink tail! She said “I printed a tracing picture of a pony. I traced the pony and coloured it. I love my pony. It’s a big one.”

# Dillon Investigates

Dillon likes to ask questions and to find out the answers. He was very interested in what people do all around him so he came up with two different investigations to get to the bottom of things.

**Investigation One:** What do the parents do when the kids are at school? Dillon sent a letter home to the Jarrah parents and this is what he found out.

Nathaniel's Mum is very busy! She cleans the house and washes the clothes, gives her little boy a shower, makes breakfast for Nathaniel's 2 year old brother, has a shower and eats her own breakfast and then takes her little boy to the park to play for one hour. When she gets back she prepares dinner before it is time to pick up Nathaniel's brother and sister from school. Phew!



Ethan's Mum is a Doctor. When Ethan is at school she goes to the clinic and looks after her patients. She provides care to her patients as well as vaccinations and ante-natal care... that's looking after women who are having a baby. Amazing!



# Dillon Investigates

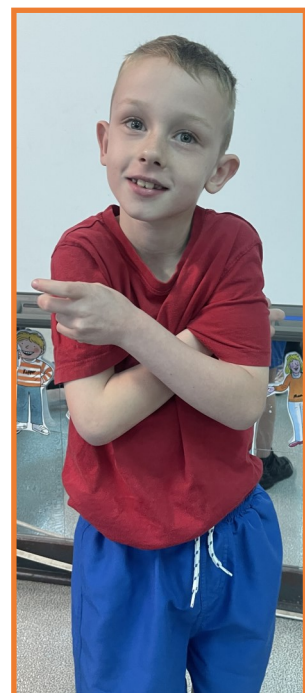
Brooklyn's Dad is also very busy at home. He "prepares food, cleans the house, does the gardening" and even find time for his own studies. Parents learn new things too, just like we all do at school!



Dillon's Mum spends her time cooking and cleaning as well as going to appointments. His Dad works at Cash Convertors. They work hard so that Dillon can have a happy place to live.



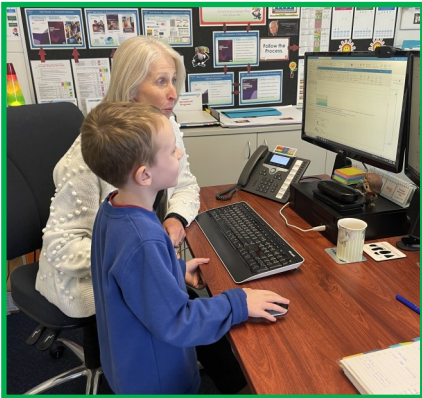
We can see that Mums and Dads are so busy while we are learning and having fun at school. They are keeping the house clean, making us delicious food and working to get money to pay for all the things we need. I think Dillon's investigation into the parents shows that they all need an extra big hug and a thank you for all they do for us. Carson Street parents are the best!!!



# Dillon Investigates

## Investigation Two: What is your job?

Dillon wanted to walk around school and ask people what their job involved. We have a lot of people working at Carson Street so it is good to know what they do.



Mrs Hamling: I am the Principal of the whole school...the boss of the school.

Dillon helped Mrs Hamling put together a message to the staff about the pool.



Chris: I am the school officer. I do jobs in admin to help the school run smoothly.



Corina: I do a lot of things for the school on the computer.

Andrea: I look after the sensory room, I am in the school leadership team, I help kids with their behaviours, I work on school reports and I am friends with everyone at school.



# Dillon Investigates



Ann: I am the EA in the library and I make resources for school activities.

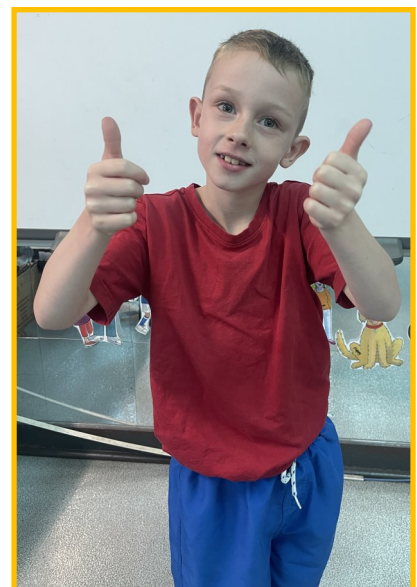


Alisa: I am a nurse. I enjoy my job.

Jonah: I am a nurse.

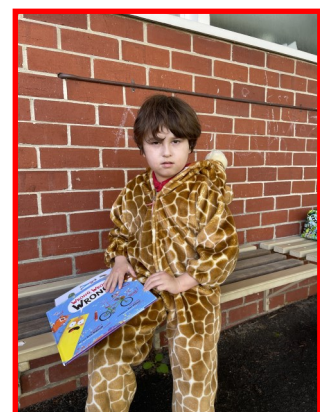
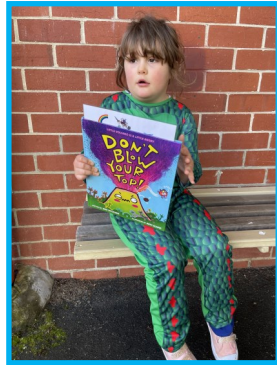
Dillon said he would like to be a nurse to help school people.

Investigation Two shows that we have a lot of people who help us at school. From the Rainbow Reporter team and Dillon we give you all a big thumbs up.



# Book Week Fun

This term we celebrated Book Week. Here are some photos of our amazing dress up winners with the books they chose for their prize.





# Book Review

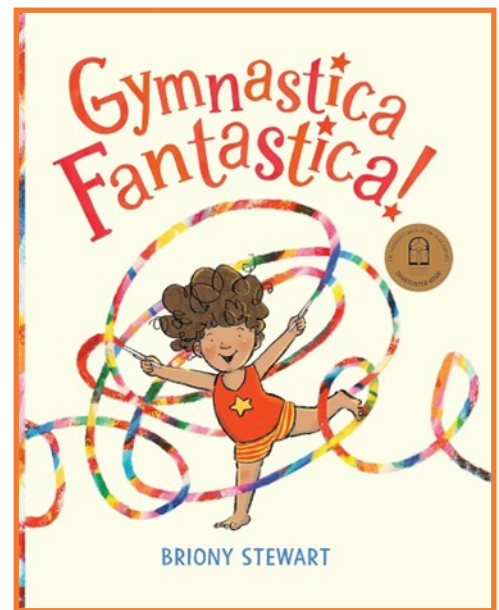
In Book Week, books win awards too. Jarrah class read the winner of the 2024 Early Childhood book 'Gymnastica Fantastica' by Briony Stewart and the winner of the 2024 Picture Book 'Timeless' by Kelly Canby. These books are in the library if you would like to read them.

"She do gymnastics. Practising. She hoops. She ball on nose. She's on her head! Hurt herself. Jump off swing." Milena, aged 8

"Ribbon twirling. Bounced on trampoline up to the sky. Headstand with her dog." Dillon, aged 8

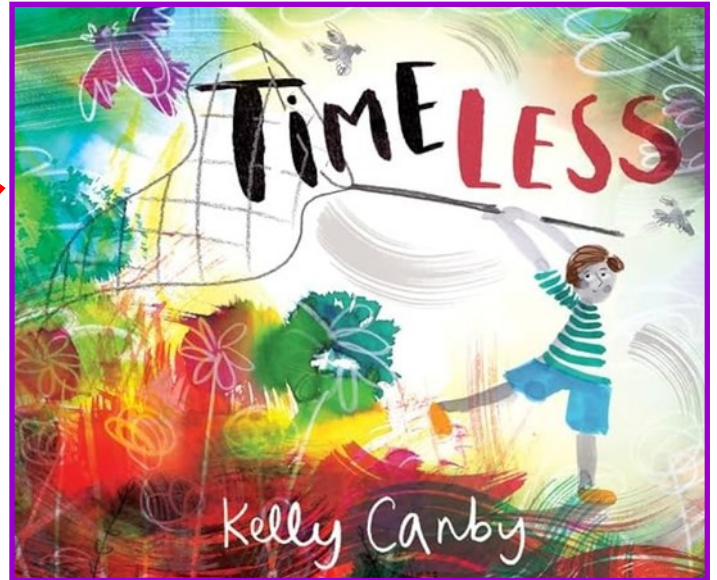
"The girl jumping on trampoline with big dog. The girl play ribbon twirling and play headstand. The girl said "Gymnastica Fantastica!" River, aged 7

"The dog jumping with the girl. I saw magic! I saw a big dog. She jumped on the trampoline. I saw her flying. She had on a cape." Brooklyn, aged 8



# Book Review

“The boy playing football. The Mum is busy. The boy and girl on the phone. Catch it with a net. He cuddled his Mum.” Milena, aged 8



“Spend too much time on my phone. Tired and need to go to sleep. Need to tell Mum and Dad I love them.”  
Dillon, aged 8

“I spend too much time on the phone. It is better to go to sleep and spend time with love ones, Mum, Dad and my brother.” River, aged 7

“Don't waste time. Do things you like. Don't play on your phone. Need to go to sleep.” Brooklyn, aged 8

It looks like Jarrah learnt some great lessons from reading 'Timeless'.

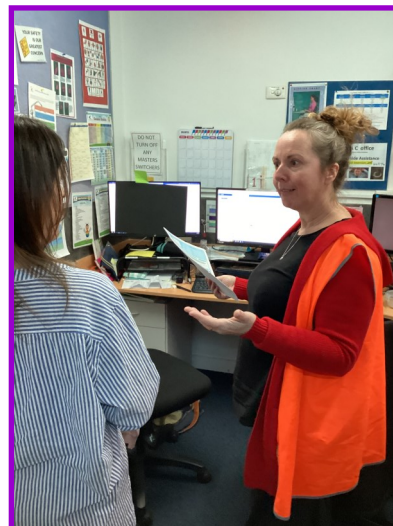
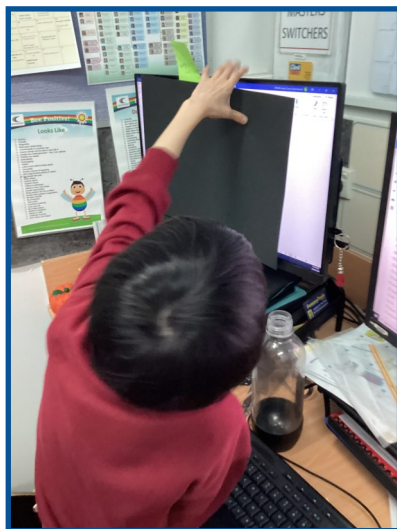
# Watch Out, Ethan's About!

Ethan had a smile on his face when he came up with his article idea...playing tricks on people! He searched on the internet for some safe and fun pranks to play on the teachers and chose his favourites.



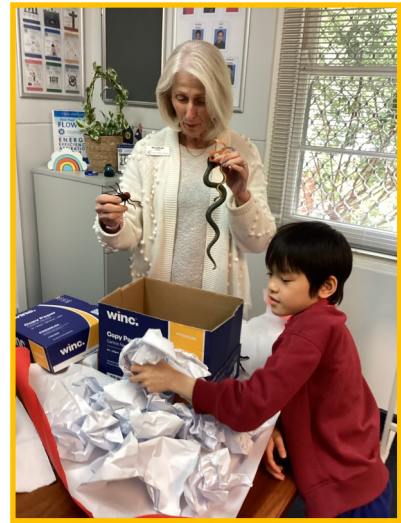
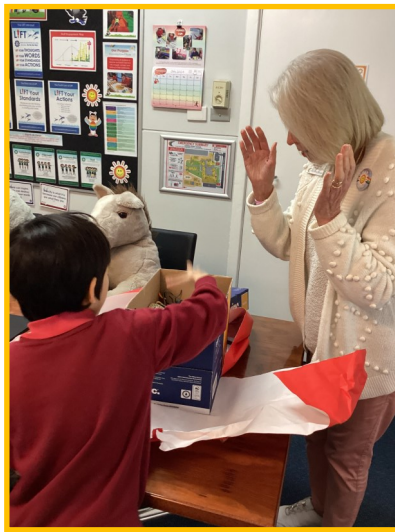
I made a cake  
for Kylie.  
Kylie is having  
a ham on it.  
It was fun  
I played a trick  
on her

Ethan made a pretend cake with shaving foam on it and gave it to Deputy Kylie to eat. She got a shock when she tried to cut into it.



When teacher Lindsey wasn't looking, Ethan covered her screen with some black paper. She couldn't work out why she couldn't see anything on her computer!

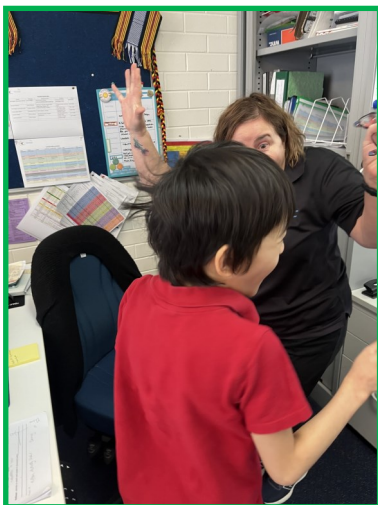
# Watch Out, Ethan's About!



Ethan wrapped up a surprise present for Mrs Hamling...a box with pretend snakes and spiders in! She got a big surprise when she opened it up!

I put paper  
spiders and  
snakes in a box  
for a present  
for Mrs  
Hamling  
It was a  
good trick  
lots of fun.

What is making Ethan giggle so much?



A big pretend spider  
on Shona's chair!!  
What a shock!

Ethan you are a trickster!!

# A Few of My Favourite Things!

Brooklyn wants to share his favourite things with you through his painting and writing. I wonder how many of these things you like too?



Brooklyn loves...the trampoline!  
“I love jumping on the trampoline. I love jumping really high on the trampoline!!”

Brooklyn loves...the swimming pool!

“I’d like to have a swimming pool that is a red colour and has hot water like lava!”



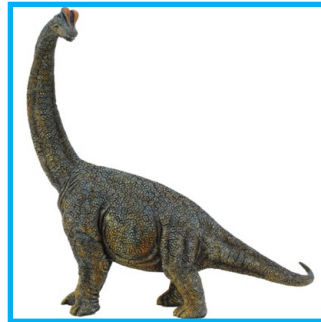
Brooklyn loves...water play!  
“I found a picture of a swimming pool. I drew my friends and cut them out and pasted them on. We were having fun in the pool.”

# What is your favourite dinosaur?

Nathaniel loves dinosaurs. He chose six dinosaur images and then went around the school and asked people what their favourite was. Let's see the results.



The Ankylosaur got 4 votes.



The Brachiosaurus got 3 votes.



The Tyrannosaurus Rex got 7 votes.



The Triceratops got 6 votes.



The Carcharodontosaurus got 2 votes.



The Velociraptor got 2 votes.

Nathaniel says "I wanted to talk to my teachers and friends about what their favourite dinosaur is for the rainbow news report. My favourite is the Ankylosaur but the school's favourite is the T-rex."

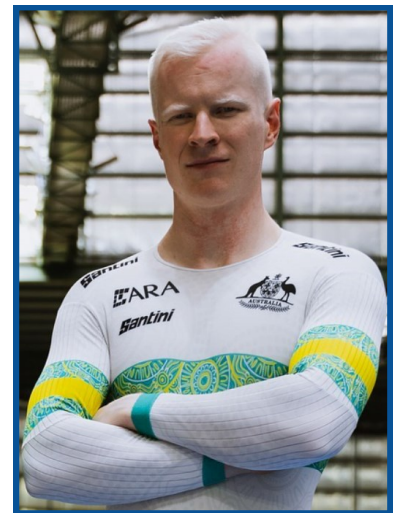
# Interview with...

For those of you who have been doing some extra sports and activities this term to celebrate the Paris Olympics and Paralympics, we hope our interviewees inspire you to keep on trying to reach your goals.



Jacqueline Swick represented Australia in the Women's Eight Rowing Team at the Olympic Games. The team came 4th in the finals which was amazing!

Kane Perris represented Australia in the Mens 1000m tandem time trial at the Paralympics. He has albinism and a vision impairment and rides a bike with another person who is sighted. They came 4th in their final too. So cool!



Taishar Ovens is a 1.0 point Australian wheelchair basketball player. She represented Australia in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics games.

# Interview with...Jacqui Swick

**Do you have a pet crab? Dillon, aged 7**

*I don't have a pet crab but I used to have 3 hermit crabs when I was 9. I used a big clear box, drilled holes in the sides and roof, filled it with sand, shells and whatever I could find down at the beach to keep them happy and entertained! They were my first pet as they are super easy to look after and loads of fun.*



**What is your favourite sport? Do you need help with sport? River, aged 7**

*My favourite sport is definitely rowing! I no longer need much help to row but I always have a coach with me. Everyone needs help when they are first learning to do anything. I remember the first time I learnt to row it was in a small pond with a rope attached to my boat that the coach held in case I fell in...which would happen all the time. Learning a new skill or sport can be really frustrating but if you can keep at it you can do anything.*

**What pet would you like? Nathaniel, aged 6**

*One day I hope to have a highland cow. I think they are super cute and friendly.*

**Do you like horses? What do you have for breakfast? Milena, aged 8**

*I'm not a huge fan of big horses but I do like Shetland pony's - they are a much smaller breed of horse so less intimidating. For breakfast I either like to have eggs on toast, an acai bowl or yogurt and granola. It all depends on what training I have that day and how hungry I am.*



# Interview with...Jacqui Swick

**What is your favourite food? Do you have a dog? Ethan, aged 9**

*My favourite food at the moment is pistachio ice cream but usually it's anything chocolate. I have a big sweet tooth :)*

*I have a black Labrador named Ruby! She's super energetic, cuddly and cheeky. She loves the beach and anywhere with water.*

**What country do you train in? Redgum Class**

*I train in Sydney, Australia but will spend about 3 months in Europe each year competing. So the main countries that I train in are Australia and Italy.*

**What happens when you get an award? Is there dancing, a party and fireworks? Henry, aged 5**

*When you come top 3 in a race we are instructed to row over to the podium where we will receive our medal. Usually that night if everyone has finished their racing we will have a party where all the athletes friends and families get together to celebrate the season.*

**What happens when you get to Paris? Ameliah, aged 10**

*When we got to Paris each athlete had to fill out a lot of paper work to receive our "accreditation" which is basically a ticket that confirms we are competing at the Olympics and that we are allowed into the village. We then got settled into our accommodation and spent the days leading into our race, training, eating, and sleeping to make sure we were rested and ready to perform.*

# Interview with...Kane Perris

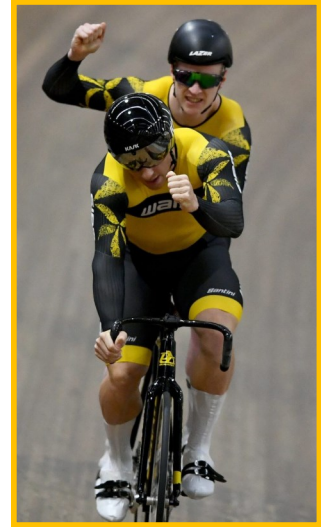
## **Do you have a pet crab? Dillon, aged 7**

*Unfortunately I don't have a pet crab and I've never had a pet crab. We've had cats and dogs and fish and all other pets but I have never had a pet crab before.*

## **What is your favourite sport? Do you need help with sport? River, aged 7**

*I have 2 favourite sports. One is soccer. I love watching soccer and I used to play soccer but I don't play anymore. And my second favourite...can you guess?!...it's cycling!*

*I have a sighted pilot who rides on the front of the bike, who does the steering, then myself on the back. I can't see very well but I'm doing the pushing on the pedals.*



## **What pet would you like? Nathaniel, aged 6**

*I would actually like to get my own big dog. A dog that is big and fluffy and like a big teddy bear, but I'm travelling so much because of my sport at the moment so I'm not sure how I'm going to make that work, but it is a dream of mine to get a big fluffy dog.*

## **Do you like horses? What do you have for breakfast? Milena, aged 8**

*I do like horses. I think they're very beautiful animals and they're super intelligent.*

*What do I have for breakfast in the morning? It depends. I will either have 6 Weetbix and milk with some fruit or I will have a bowl of porridge and milk with fruit. It depends how I feel on the day. If I have a really big training day I will have a really big bowl of either of those.*

# Interview with...Kane Perris

**What is your favourite food? Do you have a dog? Ethan, aged 9**

*My favourite food has got to be pizza. It's my absolute favourite. I actually just had pizza for lunch which was a treat as we have been super focused on what we are eating at the moment and I felt like having a treat.*

*No, I don't have a dog but I would absolutely love one.*

**Does your bike have 3 wheels? Is it medium sized? Is it silver and red?**

**Brooklyn, aged 8**

*My bike doesn't have 3 wheels, it actually has 2. It is a very, very long bike that has 2 people on it. It is a medium sized bike because you can get an even longer one, but we ride faster on a slightly shorter one. Our bike is black and yellow with a big Australia symbol across the bottom of it.*

**What country do you train in? Redgum Class**

*I train in Australia, in Perth.*

**What happens when you get an award? Is there dancing, a party and fireworks? Henry, aged 5**

*When we get an award and we win a race it is super special. We get to stand on the podium and someone shakes our hand and gives us the medal for the race and it is a super special time because we have worked so hard to get to that point where we are standing there and receiving the award for competing in the race. There is sometimes a bit of a party or we might go out for a dance but it is a nice time to be able to spend time with family and friends and relax after you've competed.*

# Interview with...Kane Perris

**What do you like to eat after the race? What is your favourite colour. What is your biggest and longest supporter? Winston, aged 5**

*What do I eat after a race? I definitely eat a pizza after a race because that is my favourite food and I enjoy going out and having a big pizza! We have lots of food after we've raced. My favourite colour is blue. My biggest and longest supporter... that's a very good question Winston! It's definitely my parents- my Mum and Dad were absolutely amazing for me growing up with a disability. My parents really helped to teach me that I could do anything I wanted to do, I could be anything I wanted to be and they didn't stop me from doing what I wanted to do when I was growing up. I think that has really helped me to push myself and work really, really hard because my parents showed me that even with a disability you can achieve lots in life.*

**What is your name for the Olympics? When you visit can you bring your prize? Chloe, aged 5**

*My name is Kane Perris and I compete in the Mens 1km time trial on the tandem bike. We're actually competing on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> which is on a weekend so you probably wont be at school then and it is during the day so it could be a good opportunity to watch.*

*If I have a prize to bring with me I definitely will for sure.*

# Interview with...Taishar Ovens

**Do you have a pet crab? Dillon, aged 7**

*No I do not have any pet crabs.*



**What is your favourite sport? Do you need help with sport? River, aged 7**

*My favourite sport is basketball. However when I play basketball I use a wheelchair to help me.*

**What pet would you like? Nathaniel, aged 6**

*I like having a pet dog.*



**What is your favourite food? Do you have a dog? Ethan, aged 9**

*My favourite food is homemade lasagna.*

*Yes I do have a dog. I'll show you a photo of her too. Her name is Bo.*

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*Yes I like horses. For breakfast I usually have some toast with butter and Vegemite.*

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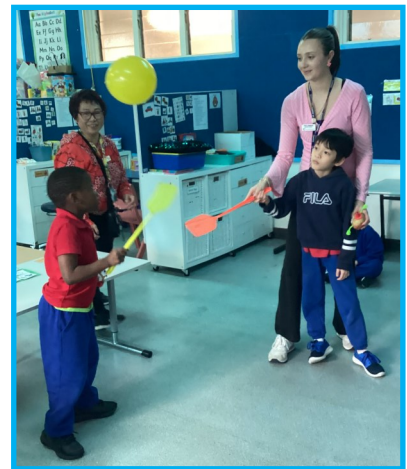
*Sometimes when we get an award there is a party but most awards are the teams all together and there is dinner there.*

**What country do you train in? Redgum Class**

*I train in Australia. I play wheelchair basketball for the Gliders.*

# Potato Olympics

Jarrah took part in the Potato Olympics this term. They each had a potato that they designed and gave a name to before putting them through a number of challenges; balloon tennis, bowling, rhythmic gymnastics and decathlons. The winners were awarded prizes too! Check out these photos and see how much fun everyone had.



# Crunch And Sip

The Student Council organised a Crunch and Sip activity this term. All classes brought a plate of food to share and there were some fun healthy eating activities to do too.



# Principal for the Day

Henry was this term's Principal for the Day. He wanted everyone to make the most of the sunshine and to go outside to the garden and playground to read. What a great idea, and something lovely to do these school holidays.



Henry was very proud of himself for being Principal. He even gave himself a little round of applause.

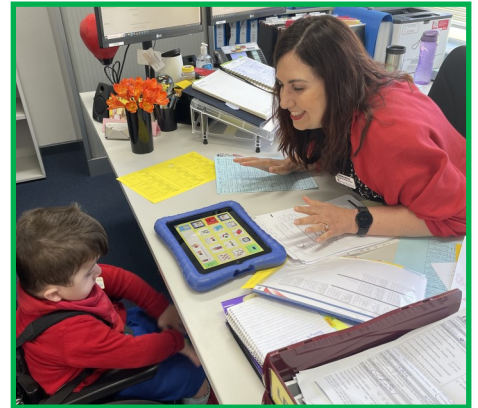
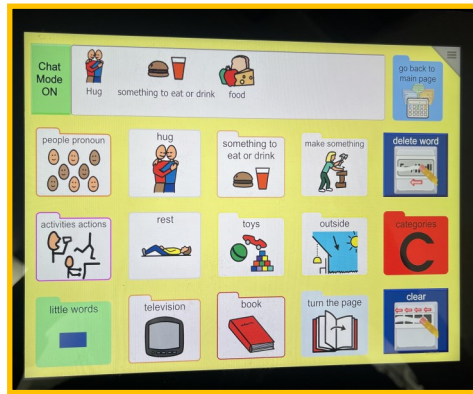


Henry helped lead the task series, using a switch to give motivational messages to his friends. "Keep going! You can do it!" He also showed off his superstar skills!!

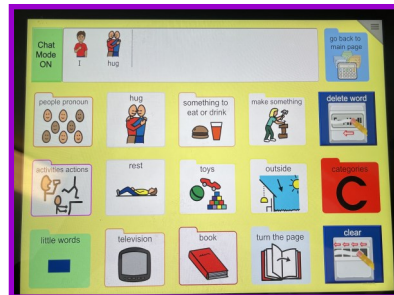




# Principal for the Day



When checking out the Principal's office, he was not impressed with Mrs Hamling's lava lamp. He used PODD to tell us that he wants his office to be full of hugs and food. We took his plan to Corina so she can budget for it next year!



He then visited Christa and Kylie and told them he wanted a hug. After going around the group he said he wanted a hug from Sarah. Oh Ok Henry, just this once!

Henry was a kind and supportive Principal and everyone loved reading outside in the sunshine. Well done Henry; you rock!

# Hide and Seek

River loves to play Hide and Seek at recess and lunch. Next time you are playing outside you should ask him for a game! River says “I like Hide and Seek because I like to find people. It’s fun to hide from people. I run into a spot in the little playground and move so the person can’t find me. I played Hide and Seek with Dillon. We went into the sensory room, the pool, PMP, the library and playground. We took turns to hide and then find each other. It was fun. I play Hide and Seek with Jobias in the playground too.”

Look closely. Can you see River and Dillon hiding in the photos below?



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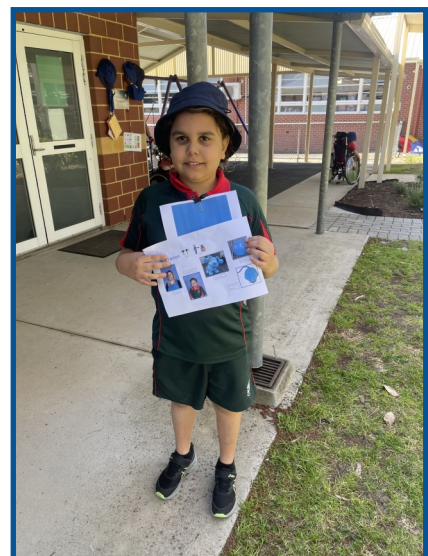


Can you find them?!



# Faction Update

This term's Faction event was created by **Red** Faction Captain River. As you have just seen, River loves Hide and Seek...so we created a Hide and Seek activity for everyone to play. The students had to find balls, toys, pictures and even people who were their Faction colour. Every item they got gave them points. If they found the item in the first five minutes they got DOUBLE POINTS. If they found an item in the next five minutes they got regular points and if they found it in the last five minutes they got half points. It was fun to get everyone out hunting on a sunny afternoon. Great game River!



1748 points



1552 points



1326 points



1047 points

Blue Faction won on the day! With all the points added to last terms scores, you can see Green are still in the lead! Will they win 2 years in a row? We will find out next term.

Happy Holidays Everyone.