

CHRISTIE DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Lilly Pilly 1

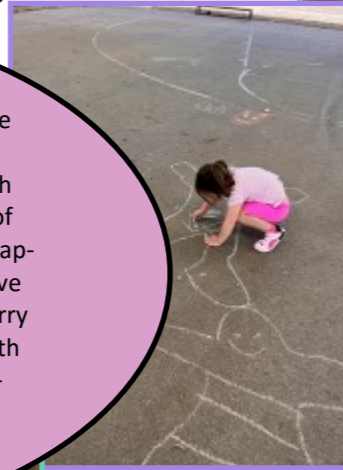
Hello and welcome to the new school year 2024, Lilly Pilly 1 are so excited to share our learning journey with you all. For most of us this is our first term of school and we have loved every minute.

We have been focusing on learning about school, we have explored the many new places around school, including the amazing play spaces, spoken about rules to keep us safe and worked on learning the routines of the classroom.



We are learning all about being an active participant in our learning so that we can stretch our brains and

Learning to understand our emotions is one of the most important parts of our school journey. We have worked with the Berry Street Model in depth over the past few weeks. Here are some images of us drawing our bodies and demonstrating what happens to different parts of our bodies when we have strong negative emotions such as fear, anger, worry and sadness. We worked together to come up with strategies and tools to help us to be present, centred and grounded.



In Lilly Pilly 1 we are exploring the ways in which we learn best, learning things work best for us and how to make sense of the world. These images give a little insight into how our classroom works, we learn through play and wonder, asking questions and describing the world around us in the ways that make sense to us, these are our play schemas and support how we learn. As the teacher in LP1, I am so excited to facilitate the learning of the minds of these young people.

Mrs B - Class Teacher



Jacaranda 1

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1 2024

11/3

Public Holiday Adelaide Cup

12/3 - 15/3

NAPLAN WK 7

18/3 - 22/3

NAPLAN WK 8

28/3

SPORTS DAY WK 9

29/3

PUBLIC HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY WK 9

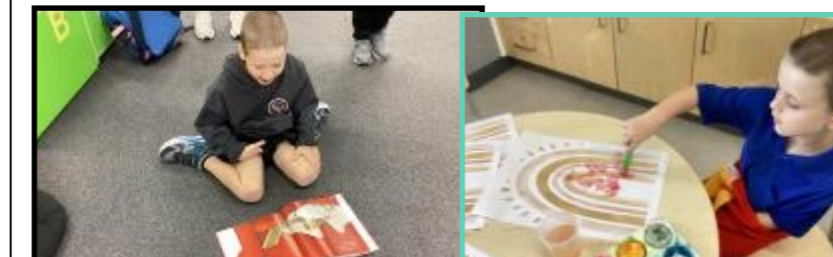
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PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY WK 10

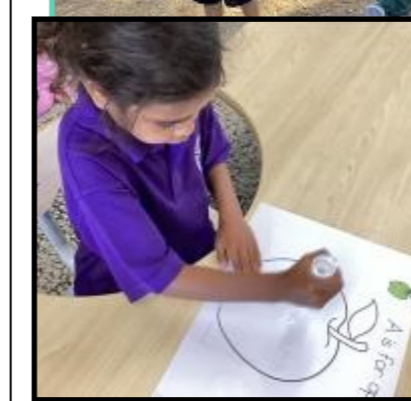
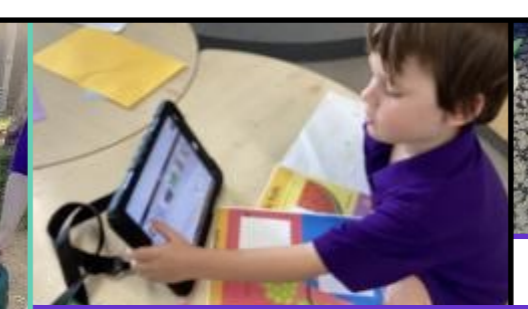


In Jacaranda 1 this year we have been enjoying exploring our new classroom, meeting new friends and visiting different places around the school. We have spent the first four weeks learning all about Myself, My Friends and My Family where we have learnt all about our feelings, sharing and taking turns. Our favourite things to do so far have been painting, using the iPads to communicate, visiting the garden and library and joining in with circle time where we sing lots of songs and use the iPads to say Good Morning and communicate how we are feeling.

Paula Pittaway - Class Teacher



Here are some pictures of all of the fun we have been having!



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Exciting News from BA1

Our class has kicked off the year with enthusiasm, embracing the spirit of dreaming, believing, and achieving.

In our dynamic learning environment, we're exploring hands-on activities in the kitchen and garden, gaining a deeper understanding of the world. We've also dived into new educational apps on our laptops, enhancing the learning experience and preparing for the digital age.



But that's not all! BA1 is building connections within and outside the classroom, expanding horizons and creating a supportive learning community. Our students are actively living the values of respect, responsibility, and teamwork, navigating challenges with resilience and upholding a positive environment.



As we celebrate these achievements, we're excited for the continued success and growth of BA1 throughout the academic year. Stay tuned for more updates on our inspiring journey!

Jasmine Lahood - Class Teacher

Spanish

The Spanish classes this year are all a buzzing and have embraced online learning as a valuable addition to consolidate their lessons. Many of our larger classes have had the chance to enhance their learning experience with LanguageNut, an engaging online language program. Students are enjoying exploring Spanish through various topics. We continue to include literacy genres into our Spanish lessons where possible to help build on what students have already learned in their literacy sessions. This term, students in our large classes are diving into the topic Todo Sobre Mi (All about me). Students in small classes are actively engaged in Highly Structured activities. We've developed additional activities to challenge and support them in their learning journey. It's amazing to see many of these students confidently introducing themselves and recognizing shapes, colours, and parts of the body in Spanish. We're proud of their progress and enthusiasm! We will also endeavour to include Spanish recipes in their Kitchen Garden lessons next term.

A few students have shared their thoughts about learning Spanish at CDPS. Here are some of the responses:

I think that the best thing about Spanish is when we use LanguageNut. You can do a whole lot of things like play games based on topics like hobbies where you to have to write the correct answer to Spanish questions.

Jackson W BA2



I enjoy Spanish because sometimes we do LanguageNut. It has fun games and can teach Spanish in a fun way.

Elizabeth BA1

Spanish is fun! I like doing LanguageNut and doing the projects. Mr Mac always makes it fun.

Emarlie BA1

The thing I like about Spanish is learning about all the different Spanish speaking countries.

Tyrece C BA2

LanguageNut is funny to do with the quizzes. It also helps Mr Mac when he checks our work and work with students 1 on 1 to self-assess our own projects.

Felicity L BA2

Carlo Macalalad - Spanish Teacher

Spanish is fun!
Jason F LP1

Late drop off/ Early pickup

Please be reminded of the importance of signing your child/ren in and out at the front office when they arrive after 9.00am or leave before 3.05pm. The school has a legal Duty of Care during school hours therefore it is important we know where our students are at all times. We are not able to dismiss the students and let them walk themselves out to meet their parent/caregiver before 3.05. A parent/caregiver must physically come into the office and sign their child/ren out.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Front Office

**LAST DAY TERM 1
FRIDAY 12/4
EARLY DISMISSAL 2:00pm**