

REDCLIFFE SPECIAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | 2023

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Principals Report

Hello all, Term 2 has been a very busy term.



At Redcliffe Special School we are very lucky to have many hard working and talented staff and community members who are able to offer educational and engaging extracurricular activities. This includes our Eco Marines Ambassadors.

The Eco-Marines Ambassadors learn about protecting the environment and share that message with the rest of the school and community. It really was fantastic to see our students joining in over 100 other students

from local High Schools for Eco Marine Ambassador training on Moreton Island. Our students did a fantastic job and experienced the same learning opportunities as their age equivalent peers.

Well done Jacinta, Paige, Dan and Angus as well as staff members Byron, Michael and Danni.

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Other fantastic opportunities include our Glee Club who recently represented the school by signing the National Anthem at Parliament House on Commonwealth Day.

Well done Paige, Ella and Astrid

School Priority Communication

At Redcliffe Special School, we value creating classroom environments that are inclusive, engaging and provide opportunities for all students to develop their communication and literacy skills.

One of our whole school priorities for 2023 is

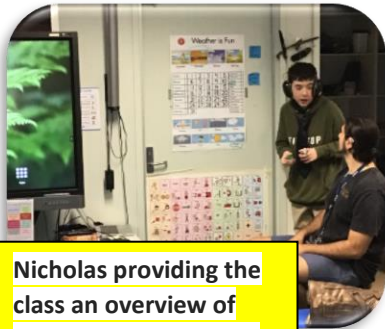
'Communication', with a key focus on using inclusive practices to develop a comprehensive approach to support all staff to be effective student communication partners in all aspects of the school day. To help us achieve this goal we have an external Speech Language Pathologist Amanda Hartmann visit our school twice per term to work with classroom staff and support best practice in our classrooms. Amanda also runs professional development sessions twice per term for staff. This term staff have committed to a communication focused 'learning sprint'. Our goal is to use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) to support social interactions for our students.



COMMUNICATION



What's New in Classes



Nicholas providing the class an overview of the date and weather.



Lucas' in-depth and detailed presentation about Bowser.

This term, JS1 have been working hard on completing their assessments.

The finish line is in sight!

As we are learning about understanding and sharing our personal identity, JS1 have been diligently completing their PowerPoint information slides all about themselves.

So far, they are all looking great and reflect each person's individuality. JS1 continue to do their best and refine their speaking and listening skills to share information with others.

The highlight of it all particularly was when JS1 got to share a "Breaking News" segment with each other.

Lots of laughs all round!

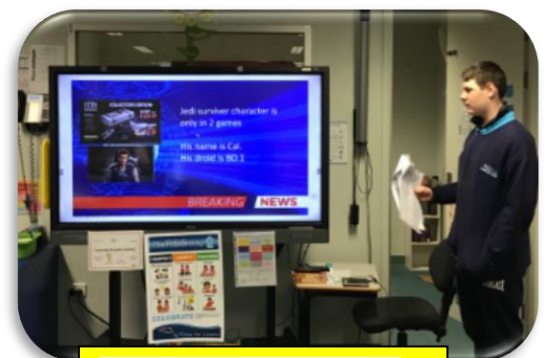
JS1 – Adam, Mel, Jimmy, Bradley, Shawn, Jake, Ayden, Connor, Nicholas & Lucas



Ayden the Safety Ambassador alerting us about something that happened in the



Connor's breaking news about an orangutan that loves to drink juice boxes.



Jake provides a passionate presentation about his favourite Star Wars game.

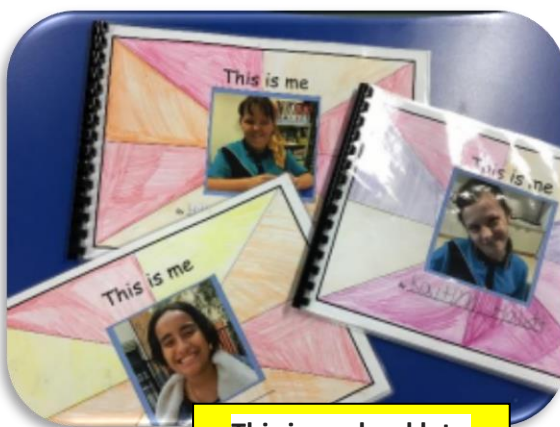


The all-girls class, JS2, wrote books about their personal identity.

They began by writing sentences in their English books, then they typed it into a power point presentation and lastly it was printed, laminated and bound into books.



Their personal identity is also reflected in the art they did with specialist teacher Dee.



This is me booklets.



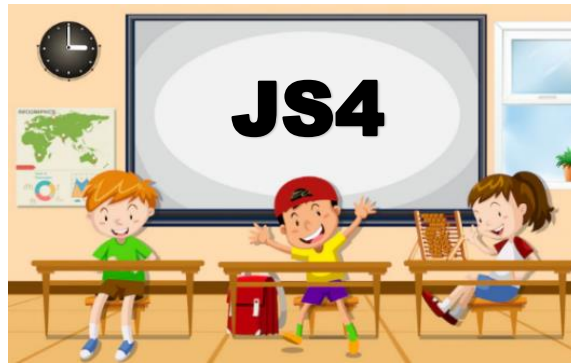
Baking Anzac biscuits.

The class baked Anzac biscuits and some of our students attended the march on Anzac-Day.

JS2 also celebrated the historical coronation of King Charles III. It is always fun to dress up and play princess for a day.

JS2 – Isabel, Ashley, Sarah R, Nopele, Kiara, Kaitlyn, Keira, Luana, Faythe, Holly





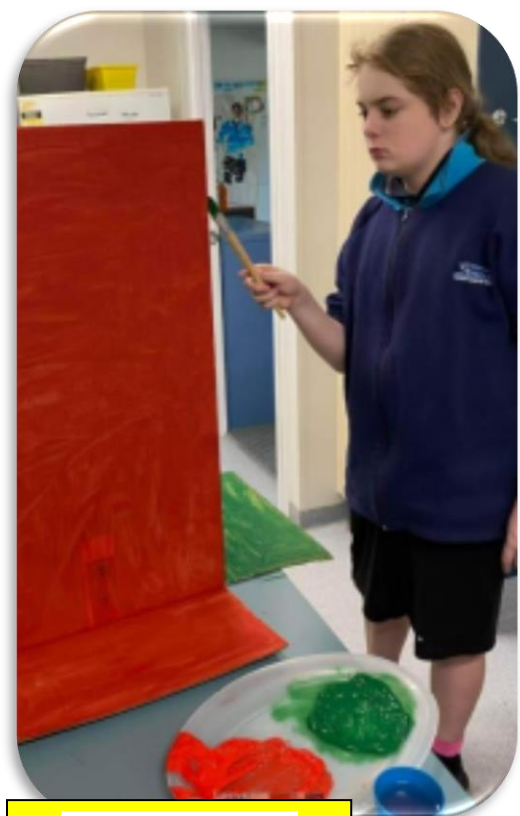
JS4 have been exploring an array of art/artists from the past and present while enjoying making their own creations as part of their History learning this Semester.

The students have had so much fun being creative and we've loved seeing the end results.
Well done JS4!

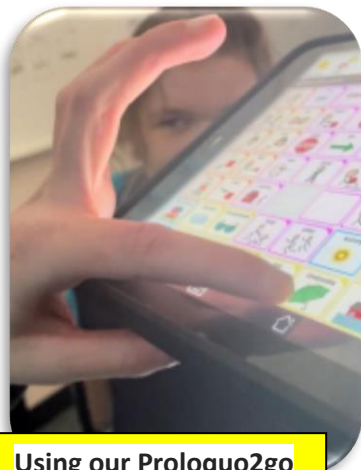
JS4 – Nakita, Tash, Majella, Nikolai, Seth & Phoenix



Art work done by Phoenix.



Seth focused on his painting work in class.



Using our Proloquo2go to communicate in class.



Using our Proloquo2go to communicate in class with our JS5 team.

JS5 have been keeping fit and active with lots of opportunity for movement.

In science, we've been exploring the world around us and talking how changes in the physical environment affect us.

We've been using our core word boards and Proloquo2go to learn and communicate.

All day every day.

JS5 – Toby, Dije, Naomi, Jakiah, Taryn, Connor, Jai, Micki



Connor exploring our world at school.



Keeping fit and active on the oval with Bruce.



Working hard in class on beading.



Milani playing with the parachute.

In Term 2, JS6 continue to have fun in our learning. We have a great literacy program which encourages us to use our multi-modal communication skills during our shared reading and writing time.



Maddox and Ina working on the ipad.



Working with Donna in class.



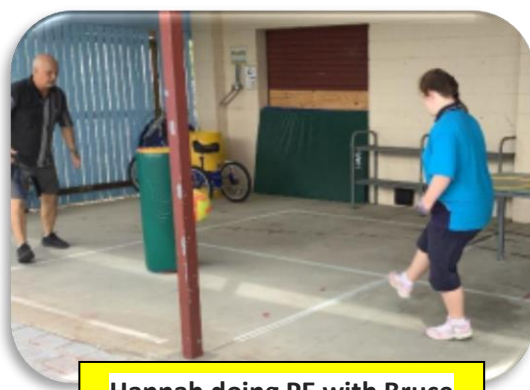
Milani working on a painting.

We are so happy to have Colleen joining us every Friday to teach Phonics to us.

Bruce, our fabulous PE teacher has been engaging JS6 with a range of physical activities which have been enjoyed by all.



PE with Bruce

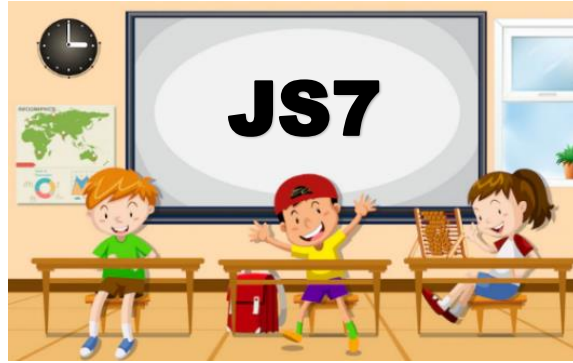


Hannah doing PE with Bruce



Maddox throwing the hula hoop

JS6 – Ina, Robyn, Donna, Milani, Maddox, Ezyah, Hannah



The gentlemen of JS7 are always busy.

One of our activities is recording the local weather, but this is too easy so we also explore the planet a pick another city somewhere more exotic. We learn a little about each destination, including language, traditions, cuisine and culture.

JS7 – Dani, Simon, Rebecca W, Daniel, Dejerra, Kyan, Harwera, Brian & Angus

Thursday, 2nd February. Harwera

Redcliffe **TODAY 2 Feb**

 25 30
 Partly cloudy

Whakatane, New Zealand
 - Ancient Maori culture.
 - Beautiful ocean, river beach and bush.
 - Hawera's home away from home.
 - Population 40,000.

Harwera picked New Zealand.

Thursday 27th April - Dejerra

Redcliffe **TODAY 27 Apr**

 17 24
 Showers

New York, USA
 - Speak English
 - Population of 20 Million
 - Home of the Statue of Liberty
 - Many movies are filmed in New York

Dejerra picked New York.

Friday 21st April - Angus

Redcliffe **TODAY 21 Apr**

 16 25
 Shower or two

Seoul, South Korea
 - Speak Korean
 - Population of nearly 10million
 - A mix of old and new

Angus picked South Korea.

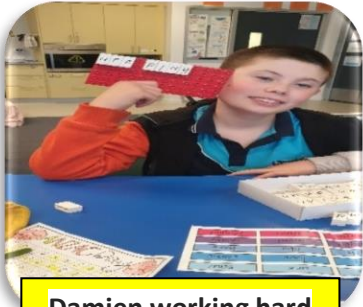
Friday 3rd March. Kyan

Redcliffe **TODAY 3 Mar**

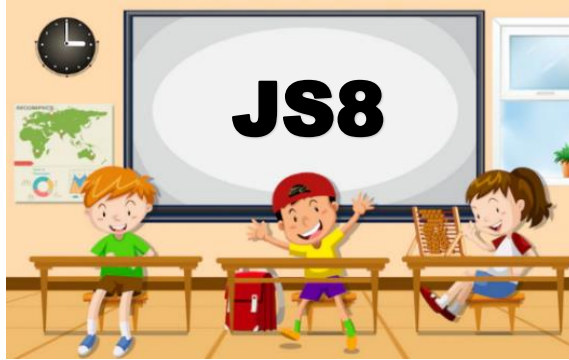
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 Partly cloudy

Rome, Italy
 - Speak Italian and English
 - A very old city with ruins of ancient civilisations.
 - Great Pizza

Kyan picked Italy.



Damien working hard in the classroom.



Caleb enjoying his time in JS8.

JS8 have had a wonderful start to Term 2. The students have been enjoying our daily bike riding program in the mornings.



Bike riding around the school on the bikes.



Tumuaki riding in the hall on the bikes.

The boys have also been using Reading Eggs and other learning programs on the computer during our literacy session.



Having fun in the hall.

Brayden has been having lots of fun exploring the Pelican Room and sensory room during the day. The students have been also been working hard creating their Mother's Day cards and presents this week



JS8 students working hard in class on the computers.



Matt & Brayden doing some sensory time.



Trinity making some sandwiches for staff.



What's Cooking in Senior Hospitality



Damon with some biscuits we make.

Each Thursday, our senior Hospitality group operate our school Tuckshop.

They make a range of 'yummy foods' to deliver to staff and students for their lunch.

This term, we are making a variety of sandwiches and simple foods, such as last week special ' Chicken Nuggets and chips'

Look out for the weekly specials or order each Thursday from our standard menu.
Thanks for supporting our team each Thursday.



Josh delivering an order to Cheryl Teacher Aide.



Ella making some Quiche.



Sherrie-Anne making a burger in the Tuckshop.

Senior Hospitality – Lyndal, Sarah P, Josh, Ella M, Sherrie-Anne, Damon, Trinity



EcoMarines

This year RSS is continuing to implement the learnings we are gaining from being part of the Tangalooma Ecomarines Program. Through EcoMarines, student learn about the environmental and cultural significance of our local lands and waterways. This year we had a very large number of applications to be part of the EcoMarines team which was very pleasing.

Our first event of the year was Ambassador Training. Our four ambassadors travelled by ferry to Tangalooma Island Resort for a very full day of training. Attended by many High Schools from the greater Brisbane area, the activities included workshops from a range of guest speakers, presentations about waste minimisation and maintain healthy ecology, competitions and everyone's favourite, the dolphin feeding.



EcoMarines – Michael and EcoMarines Student at RSS

P&C News



Winter Pie Drive

Delicious Pies
made by
Simply Pies

Ordering starts: May 22
Last day to order June 24
Pick-up days July 12 to 14th
at the school

Your kitchen will be filled,
with the smell of fresh pie.
Made each year with love
from your P&C,
the air will be filled with
the lovely smell of fresh
hot pies

For more order sheets email:
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Another RSS P&C
Fundraising Event



School Community Messages



Redcliffe Special School Expo 2023

WHY

Providing opportunity for families to view a variety of disability services, ask questions, collect information and contacts.

WHO

All parents and carers and students invited

A wide variety of Disability Services who support in areas of:

- Day Support Programs & Respite
- Disability Employment Services & SLES
- Disability Business Employers
 - Leisure and Recreation
 - Allied Health & Therapies

WHEN

Tuesday 30th May 2023
10am—1pm

WHERE

Redcliffe Special School
Klingner Road, Redcliffe

HOW

RSVP to attend
Sign-in at Main office on entry
RSVPs preferred to ensure spacing
Lyndal Bryant: lbrya7@eq.edu.au
Kim Leonard: kleon26@eq.edu.au

Important Dates and INFORMATION

Last Day Term 2	Friday 23 rd June
Start of Term 3	Monday 10 th July
Ekka	Monday 14 th August
King's Birthday	Tuesday 2 nd October



Term 1	23 rd January – 31 st March
Term 2	17 th April – 23 rd June
Term 3	10 July – 15 th September
Term 4	3 rd October – 8 th December
Last Day for Year 12	17 th November
Last Day for Year 11	24 th November
Last Day for Years 7,8,9,10	8 th December