



Unit J

Classroom News

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Welcome back for Term 3! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Mr Brandt is working in Unit J with us for the entire term and the students are enjoying having him here every day. We also welcome Miss Green to Unit J, she is a first year university student starting her first classroom practice on Wednesdays throughout the remainder of this term. Unit J have jumped right back into learning this term with a number of new and exciting units of work.

To ease the students back into work after the two week break, we decided to begin the term with our drama unit for the semester. The unit looked at developing a variety of drama elements (including: facial expression, voice, body and movement) and students were then required to use some of these elements to present a story through three freeze frames. We will put some pictures up shortly so keep checking under the photos section of the webpage for those.

In English we have been looking at various Traditional Tales and will now be reading and retelling a text Dr Seuss' 'The Lorax', from a different character's point of view. Students will be presenting their retell to the class later this term.

We have also begun our science (Easties) and geography (Westies) units. In science, Easties are learning about heat and the process of heat transfer, insulators and conductors. Students are enjoying being involved in a variety of scientific investigations.

In geography, Westies have begun to investigate and work with Atlases and develop our mapping skills, particularly focusing on Australia and its' neighbours. We have looked at the continents of the world so maybe quiz your child on how many continents there are and see how many they can name.

We will be also starting our technology unit for the semester this week. We are going to be learning about the process of the production to consumption chain of familiar goods and services. We will be offering students the opportunity to go on an exciting excursion later this term as part of this unit of work. Information about the excursion will be sent home over the next few weeks so keep an eye out for that.

As always, we would like to thank our wonderful parent helpers who change students' home reading books each day! We really appreciate the support you provide to all Unit J students. If there are any other parents who are now available, feel free to come in and assist our regular parent helpers 😊