Learning last week:

Well, it was a busy week!

In Writing, we developed a ‘What am I?’ text about an Australian animal. Our students will use the example and template we created as a class to independently write their own ‘What am I?’ about an Australian animal of their choice this coming week.

In Maths, we practised matching our number words to their corresponding numerals. We also started to learn about how groups of ten ones can be represented as bundles. We investigated representing different numbers as bundles of ten with some ones ‘left over’. For example, 25 can be shown as two bundles of ten with five ones left over.

In Phonics, we practised blending word parts together. For example /sh/, /i/, /p/ becomes ‘ship’. We also practised changing the first sound in different words to make new words. We saw how ‘cat’ can become ‘chat’, or ‘sat’ or ‘splat’.

In Integrated Studies we read a story called ‘Tom Tom’ and talked about how different people have places that are special to them.

Winter clothes!!!!

Please make sure you send your child in appropriate clothes and footwear for the cold, wet weather and pack a change, just in case.

Foundation Assembly

Just a reminder that our Unit Assembly time has changed due to timetable clashes.

From this week, the Foundation Unit Assembly will be held in the hall at 12.50 pm on Friday afternoons.

Hi everyone,

It was nice to see all our students back with smiles, eager to learn this week. It sounds like everyone had a wonderful holiday.

It is always difficult to get back into routine after a break, but the Foundation unit has hit the ground running, ready for a big term with many exciting things happening.

This term, we’re looking forward to the visit by Harold in the Life Education van, getting into our new Integrated Studies unit called ‘Our Community’, the Foundation camp, and celebrating for 100 days at school and Special Friends Day.

Keep your eyes on our unit newsletter and the school newsletter for updates as there will be more important information coming about these events.

Thank you,
Foundation team: Bree Rowe, Kira Green, Fiona Jacobs, Tania Hente 😊
NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. These celebrations have particular relevance to many of our Wandong students.

This year NAIDOC week fell during the school holidays. The Foundation unit will undertake some activities to recognise the importance of NAIDOC week during the coming school week.

Life Education van

The Life Education van will be visiting Wandong Primary School during week 3 of term – the week beginning Monday 25th July. The program focuses on health education. It is curriculum based and targeted to the specific needs of each year level.

One of the highlights for students of all ages is Harold, the giraffe, who lives in the van and is central to the engaging activities offered by the Life Education teachers.

As a class, we undertake follow up activities after visiting the van and students are given an activity book to bring home later in term.

For more information on the Life Education Van you can visit the website: http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/

If you haven’t yet returned your form and payment please do so as soon as possible.

Integrated Studies

This term our Integrated Studies focus is ‘Our Community’. We are going to be thinking about how different people have special places. We will investigate places and people in and around Wandong. We will talk about people who help our community. We will also think about the history of our area and the activities we can do here in Wandong now.

We will have one session each week dedicated to our Integrated Studies and the topic will be incorporated into other learning areas as well.

ICT in learning

Some of the URLs we used as part of our learning this week are:

Tom Tom:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpcJJBJJxBo

Hunks and chunks:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20ldXuOdZEM

Beginning consonant blends:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGV8KyeNNhQ

‘Starfall’ is another site we have used in the past. It offers many fun activities and games to support what your child is learning at school.