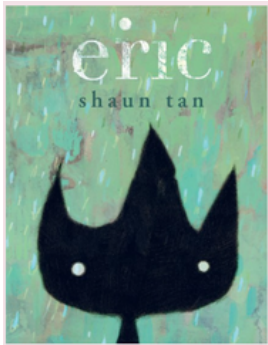


# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SENIOR SCHOOL?

## LITERACY AND NUMERACY UPDATES



In Content Knowledge last week we began our new unit - Shaun Tan Author Study. We have read and analysed his short stories of Eric, Undertow and Stick Figures. We have worked hard to investigate the deeper meaning behind Tan's short stories.

In Text Construction last week, students planned and drafted their own short story. We brainstormed potential lessons, or morals, that we could embed within our short stories so they had additional layers of meaning, just like Shaun Tan!

In Maths we have been focusing fractions, decimals and percentages. Students have been converting between these three as well as simplifying fractions too!

Earlier this week, students travelled to Koyal Castle for our end of Term 4 fun day! All staff were extremely proud of how the Senior students behaved during their excursion. Well done to everyone - it was a fantastic day out!

## REMINDERS:

Year 6 Graduation: Thursday the 14th of December at the Teesdale Hall. All Grade 6 students to please arrive by 4:50pm for a 5:00pm start.



## SKILL IN FOCUS: EDITING



Editing is a skill that is practised throughout a student's schooling: from Foundation through to Secondary School. In the Senior School, we have been practising our editing skills while writing short stories. Our students have found it challenging to construct a well-written short story of only 150 words! Students have used strategies such as: Choose a paragraph of your story and summarize it in one sentence.

Can you replace 4 or 5 words with one? Do you need to include who is speaking and to whom in your dialogue?

Students will continue editing their stories throughout the week, and publish on Google Classroom.



## UPCOMING FOCUS

Content Knowledge: Exploring the works of Shaun Tan, a prominent Australian author.

Text Construction: Comparing a range of texts: including illustrations, digital texts, interviews and short stories.

Maths: Million Dollar Project!