

# JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Content Knowledge

This fortnight we have started looking at the history of the Victorian Goldrush by reading parts of *My Place* by Nadia Wheatley. So far, we have learned about the lives of Benjamin 1858, Minna 1868 and Henry 1878. All of the children's lives centre around a 'big tree' and 'gold fever'.

In our phonics lessons we have been focusing on the th, ch and ng sounds. Students have been participating in sound investigations and dictation with these sounds.

## Text Construction

During Text Construction, students have been learning how to expand simple sentences by adding more details such as who, what, where, when and why.

We have also started using basic conjunctions such as because, but and so to turn a simple sentence into a complex sentence.

## Take Home Readers

Fantastic to see so many children taking home and reading their home reader. We endeavour to make sure your child is reading a book that reflects their current sound knowledge, however if you notice that your child has brought home a book that is not quite right, please let us know so we can guide them to a more appropriate choice. A quick note in the diary would be sufficient as these get checked daily.

## Numeracy

In Numeracy we have been revising our place value knowledge. Students have been using MAB base ten blocks to make and record numbers as well as representing numbers in multiple ways.

## Swimming

Don't forget to jump onto Sentral to give your child permission to attend our swimming program in Week 6 from the 4th to 8th March.

If you have any questions about the swimming program, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible.

