

# What's Been Happening in Junior School?



## Literacy and Numeracy update



In literacy we have been learning about Ancient Greece!

We have been focussing on developing our writing by forming more complex sentences. We have learnt to use subordinating conjunctions (after, when, before) to begin our sentences.

We are also continuing to develop our reading fluency by participating in Reader's Theatre performances.

In Numeracy we have been learning to multiply and divide. Students have been practising making arrays, or sharing to help solve these problems.

We have also been exploring fractions. Students have used concrete materials to investigate halves, quarters and eighths.

## Skill in Focus: Heggerty



Each morning Junior students complete Heggerty as a whole class. This is a program which supports student's phonemic awareness (ability to hear, identify and manipulate sounds).

Junior students have been developing their ability to substitute/change sounds at the beginning and end of words.

For example: say cat - change the /t/ to /p/ - cap  
say shook - change the /sh/ to /l/ - look

To help support the development of this skill at home, you could pick some words out of your child's take home reader, and ask them to change the beginning or ending sound to something new.

**Upcoming Learning**

In Literacy, students will write Narratives based on Ancient Greek Myths. They will also continue their phoneme knowledge with a focus on the /oo/ sound.

In Numeracy, students will refine their knowledge of the four operations. Students will also learn to describe the duration of time, and develop their ability to tell the time to the half and quarter hour.