

# VISUAL ARTS NEWS!

.....Jennifer Brown/Visual Arts Teacher

This term in the art room we turn our focus to 'Sharing the Planet', exploring how the environment can inspire our art and how our actions can make an impact on the world around us, this will include looking at sustainable art practices.

The first part of this term will be spent outdoors, exploring the works of Andy Goldsworthy and how our plants and gardens can inspire us to create some creative artworks inspired by nature.

The junior school students will be looking at Australian artist Pete Cromer and using watercolour and various collage techniques to create their artworks of Australian animals.

Middle school students will get to know more about the works of Henri Rousseau, exploring various landscapes and habitats of various wild animals.

Senior school students will commence this term with a focus on the works of illustrator Barbara Reid and her use of plasticine to create animals in the environment. Year Six students will also begin initial design ideas for their legacy piece.

Our whole school author study will focus on two artists, Graeme Base and Jeannie Baker. Their books offer children an insight into the effects our actions can have on the environment and how we can help to make a difference.

Lunchtime art club will recommence this term with each year level having an opportunity to attend an optional art lesson at lunchtime. The focus will closely align with our 'Sharing the Planet' focus with some emphasis on using mindfulness during the art making process.

## Donations

**I would love donations of the following as soon as possible for planned activities this term.**

- shoe boxes (including lids)**
- coloured plastic lids of various shapes and sizes**

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Pictures of completed outdoor artworks, inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

