

A message from your Learning Place Leader, Lorcan!

Welcome back to Banksia!

What an eventful second term we have had!

Staff and students have continued to build some really positive relationships. Now that we have got used to our new classes, the fun and learning has really begun!

We are watching some budding friendships grow across the building, and a massive increase in confidence from some individuals.

Students have been developing and taking ownership of their ready to learn strategies, enabling classes to experience some amazing lessons through our topic of 'Our Earth in Space.' We look forward to watching our students build on this term and continue to thrive throughout the second half of the year.

We also had our first basketball team to represent Banksia Place at a interschools tournament, we are very proud of the team!

Things to remember:

SeeSaw and Compass are the best ways to communicate with building staff.

School starts at 9 and finishes at 3. If drop offs and pickups are outside of these times, you may be required to wait, as this is learning time for our students, and staff will attend when they can.

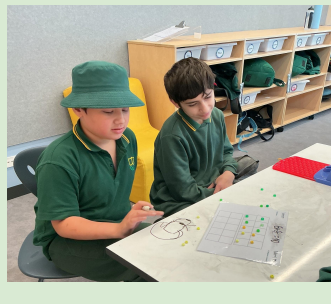
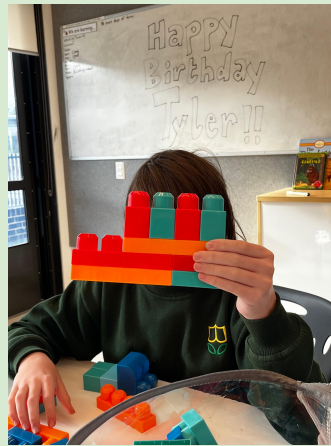
Please label all student items, including shoes and clothing.

Please help students to dress appropriately for the weather, Winter is here!

3A Banksia

Term 2 Reflection

We have had a great time in 3A in Term 2! This term we have been focusing on strengthening our connections with others by working together on fun learning activities such as cooperative building tasks. We were also very busy celebrating the birthdays of most of the students in our class. In Maths we have been working on completing tasks with a partner to practice our social skills. In English everyone worked really hard to participate in daily phonics lessons. Our excursion to gymnastics was also a big hit! We are looking forward to Term 3 and we can't wait to see how everyone will continue to thrive.



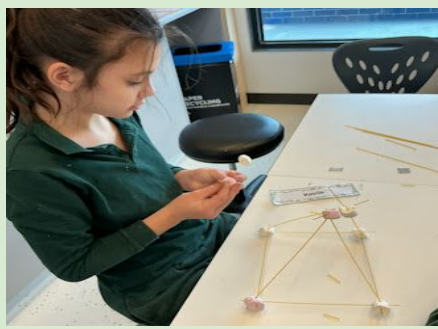
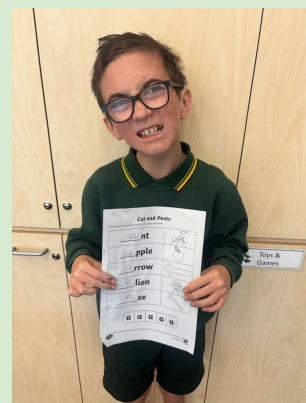
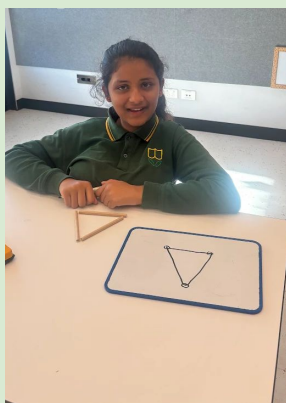
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3B Banksia

Term 2 Reflection

3B had a fantastic term and should be very proud of themselves! It's been great seeing everybody working together, alongside 3C and forming friendships across the classrooms. During Term Two we have covered addition and subtraction, patterns and shapes in Maths, fine tuned our phonics skills and used them to aid our comprehension in English, explored different landmarks and cultures from around the world in Integrated and tried out the sports of hockey, soccer and gymnastics in Physical Education!



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3C Banksia Term 2 Reflection

One of the highlights this term has been spending lots of time with our friends in **3B**. Students have enjoyed learning, playing and participating in activities together, helping to build new friendships and strengthen existing relationships.

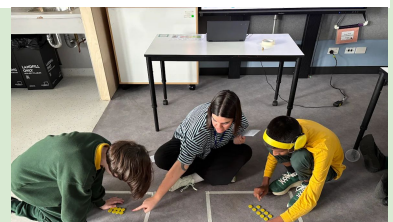
Students have also enjoyed a range of exciting sporting opportunities. Some students participated in **Gymnastics**, while others attended **Basketball** sessions, where they developed new skills, confidence and teamwork. We also had a fun **Hockey Incursion**, giving everyone the chance to learn and practise hockey skills.

In the classroom, our inquiry topic this term was **Our Earth in Space**. Students loved learning about different countries around the world and created their own fact files, discovering interesting information about places, people and cultures.

In **Mathematics**, we focused on **addition and subtraction**. Students explored how parts make up a whole and practised different strategies to solve problems and check their answers.

In **English**, we explored a new book every fortnight. Students responded to the texts through speaking and writing activities while learning about different word types, including **nouns, verbs and adjectives**. They also practised sequencing events from stories and using punctuation in their writing.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful break and look forward to another exciting term together!



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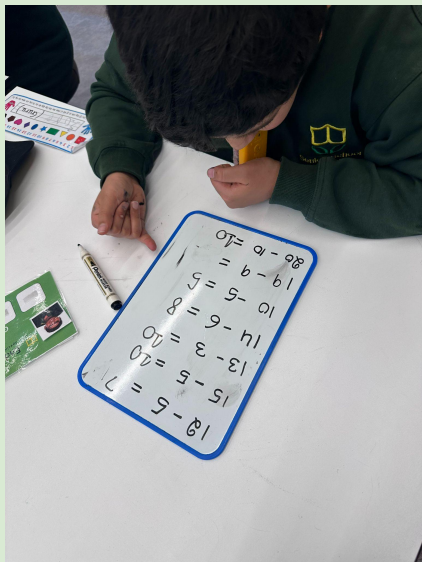
3D Banksia

Term 2 Reflection

We had a wonderful Term 2 in Banksia 3D! Students have been working on building new friendships and developing their co-regulation skills through a range of activities. In English, they have enjoyed reading phonics books and expanding their phonics knowledge. In Maths, students have been practising addition and subtraction and learning about patterns.

As part of our Integrated Unit, *Our Earth in Space*, students explored different landmarks and cultures from around the world. They showed great enthusiasm and curiosity while participating in science lessons.

At the beginning of the term, some students participated in a gymnastics excursion with their friends, while others enjoyed a variety of sports activities, including basketball and soccer. It has been a fantastic term filled with learning, friendship, and fun experiences.



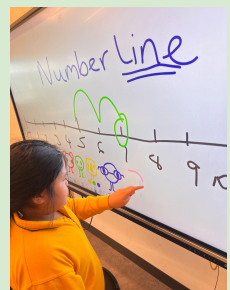
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3E Banksia Term 2 Reflection

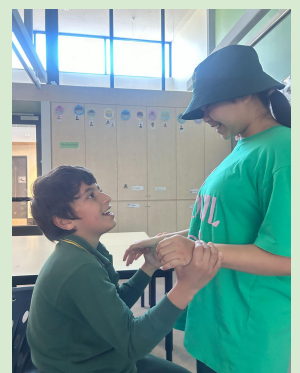
Hello and welcome to 3E!

We have had an exciting and busy term full of learning and new experiences. We started the term with our gymnastics excursion, where we had lots of fun and learned some new skills. Over the past three weeks, we have also been participating in soccer sessions with a new coach, developing our teamwork and cooperation skills. In English, we have enjoyed reading a variety of stories and have spent time predicting, reading, and analysing texts. In Mathematics, we focused on subtraction, identifying the attributes of shapes, and exploring patterns. As part of our *Our Earth in Space* unit, we explored all the continents of the world. We learned about the languages, flags, animals, and foods that are native to different places around the globe. In Visual Arts, we created models of the planets using a range of materials and techniques. Each week, we also worked alongside 3G to collaborate on exciting challenges, including building cup towers, creating long domino chains, and constructing an Eiffel Tower from pasta and marshmallows. Everyone has done an amazing job this term. We are very proud of all the learning, creativity, and teamwork shown by our students, and we cannot wait to see what Term 3 brings! 😊



3G Banksia Term 2 Reflection

What a busy and exciting term it has been in Class 3G! We kicked off the term by moving into our new classroom, and everyone did an amazing job settling into our new space. In English, we have been diving into some amazing stories, making predictions, putting events in order, and getting creative with our art to bring the stories to life. In Maths, we became shape experts, creating colourful pictures using 2D shapes and building our addition and subtraction skills through fun activities. Our Integrated Unit, *Our Earth in Space*, took us on a trip around the world as we explored different continents, discovered fascinating weather patterns, and carried out exciting experiments. We also worked together to build famous landmarks, with each team trying their best to create the ultimate masterpiece! A highlight of the term was our visit to Waverley Gymnastics Centre, where we climbed, balanced, jumped, and tumbled our way through a fantastic day of gymnastics fun. We have loved learning, creating, and working together this term, and we can't wait to see what adventures Term 3 brings!



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3H Banksia

Term 2 Reflection

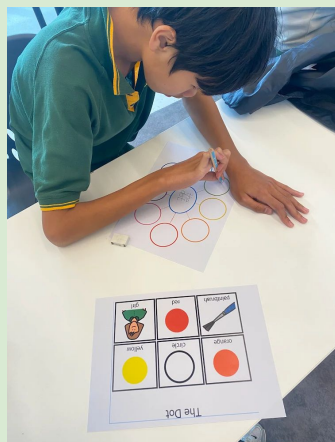
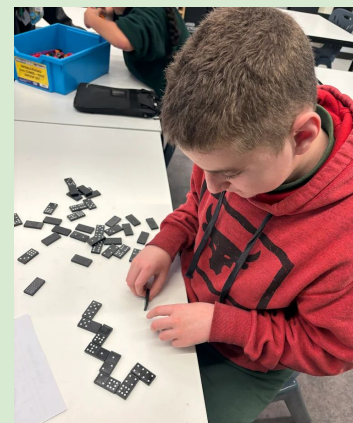
What an exciting and action-packed Term 2 it has been in 3H! Students have thrown themselves into every challenge, activity, and learning opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and a wonderful sense of teamwork.

We kicked off the term with a fantastic Gymnastics excursion, where students eagerly participated in a wide range of movement activities. Throughout the term, we also joined 3D for several P.E. sessions in the stadium. These lessons focused on developing our cycling skills, building confidence on bikes, and learning important bike-safety strategies.

This Term in English, we explored one mentor text each fortnight, allowing students to dive deeply into each story. We practised predicting, sequencing events in order, strengthening our comprehension, and discussing characters and key events. In Maths, we focused on addition and subtraction strategies, identifying and creating patterns and exploring the features and properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Our Integrated Unit, Our Earth in Space, took us on a journey around the globe. We learned about the seven continents and explored the languages, landmarks, flags, animals and foods that make each one unique. We loved discovering new places and making connections to our own experiences. During our PSC sessions, we worked together to complete a range of fun teamwork challenges. These included building cup towers, creating long domino chains, and constructing an Eiffel Tower using pasta and marshmallows. These activities helped us practise communication, co-operation, turn-taking and problem-solving skills.

It has truly been a wonderful Term in 3H - one filled with learning, growth, and memorable moments. We are incredibly proud of everything the students have achieved and can't wait to see what Term 3 brings! 😊



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Allied Health Term 2 Reflection

Students from Banksia Learning Place have been enthusiastically engaging with our new Heavy Work Room at EHSS which features a range of equipment and activities including a treadmill, rowing machine, exercise bike, boxing station, agility activities, and more. Through structured exercise circuits, students have been developing their understanding of physical fitness, movement, and self-regulation while building strength, coordination, and confidence.

A key focus has been learning how to independently rotate through exercise stations and create their own Heavy Work Room schedules. Students have shown great responsibility and teamwork as they plan, organise, and participate in circuits that meet their individual goals and interests. It has been wonderful to see their engagement, motivation, and growing independence in this exciting new learning space.



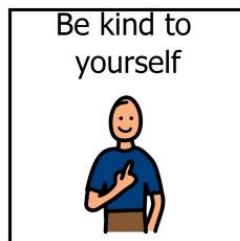
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At Endeavour Hills Specialist School, we pride ourselves on our school values;

Being Kind to Yourself



Being Kind to Others



Being Kind to the Environment



Our students receive 'green chronicles' for displaying our school values.

Parents will receive an email, via compass, notifying you that your child has received a green chronicle and why. Please celebrate chronicles with your child.



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