

# What's Been Happening in Junior School?



## Literacy and Numeracy update

We are coming to the end of our Ancient Greece Content Knowledge Unit. Last week, we learned about the Great Thinkers of Greece. Their names were Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. Did you know Socrates asked so many questions it actually annoyed some people? Plato was one of Socrates' students and one of his favourite things to do was to write! Aristotle was Plato's student, and he paved the way for what we now know as scientific research. We decided to become Great Thinkers ourselves and posed some questions that we had. You can see our display as you walk into the Junior Building. This week we are learning about Alexander the Great.



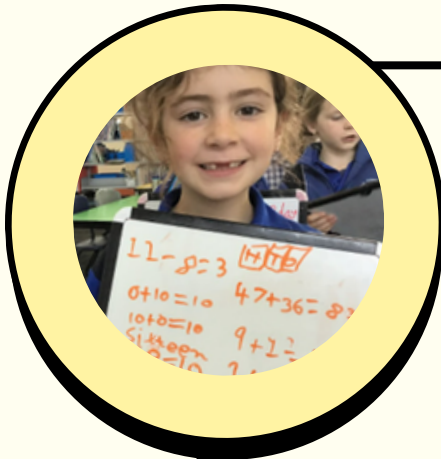
In Numeracy we have been learning about the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have been working on real life worded problems and using the four operations to help us solve the problems. Another activity we did was to pick up 2 playing cards from a deck and create as many equations as we could with the 2 playing cards.

## Skill in Focus: Daily Review

At the start of each maths lesson, we begin by completing the Daily Review. The Daily Review is a series of numeracy slides with short tasks on them for students to revise and practise previously learned skills. It goes for approximately 10-15mins depending on the requirements.

Some of the tasks are whole class call outs such as skip counting patterns, and others are tasks such as algorithms, where students have time to solve equations.

After the Daily Review is complete, we then get into our explicit teaching of numeracy, where new skills are initially taught and practiced. Once we have mastered a new topic or skill, students will continue to practise this skill in future Daily Reviews.



Upcoming Learning

Next term in Content Knowledge, we will be spending the first 6 Weeks looking at the 'Early Civilisations of the Americans', including the Aztecs and Incas and the 'Culture of Mexico'. The remaining 6 Weeks of the term will be spent learning about 'The Human Body'.

We hope you have a great 2 Week break and look forward to seeing you all fresh and ready for a big Term 4!