

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

LITERACY & NUMERACY

This week in Content Knowledge as part of our unit **Australia Rules!** we have continued to explore our local government, the various social groups we belong to, and the rules and responsibilities of many people in our community.

In Text Construction students are constructing a persuasive writing piece that argues that their chosen hobby is the best. We are also using conjunctions to add interest and more detail to our writing.

In Numeracy we are learning to recognise, represent, and order numbers. We are practising renaming 3, 4, and 5 digit numbers using number expanders, place value charts and MAB blocks to support our learning. Students have also begun to use tenths and hundredths when using place value and representing them with MAB blocks.

SKILL IN FOCUS: RENAMING

In maths, we have been exploring the ways that we can rename a number using place value.

For example, the number 246 has 2 hundreds, 4 tens and 6 ones.

By using MAB to regroup (see the picture of MSB working hard), we can rename this number as 24 tens and 6 ones. Can you think of any more ways to rename this number?



UPCOMING LEARNING

This coming Friday, we will be reading Mem Fox's **I'm Australian Too!** and creating a class book that celebrates each students' cultural background. Can you please discuss with your child what their cultural background is and the way they came to live in Australia? For example: Mrs Knight's family is from The Netherlands and France. They came to Australia after WWII on a ship and settled in Colac & Geelong.