

## Message from the Head of Campus

As we approach the end of term 2 and SOTA's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are grateful for what we have achieved together as well as excited about what's ahead for us.

Let's start with gratitude: did you know that this is the 25<sup>th</sup> issue of *SOTA Speak* in its current newsletter format? Together, we have been consistently producing this newsletter since the first issue in August 2020. Well done to every contributor, especially the teachers, OPFA and CGC chairpersons. Importantly, our thanks to Kristy for organising and formatting every contribution to ensure a neat presentation of the newsletter.

As I looked back at our past newsletters, I realised that often my contributions have been expressions of gratitude and appreciation. The concept of School of the Air as initiated by its founder, Adelaide Miethke epitomises the strength of humanity. Because of her vision and drive to realise it, children in the outback who couldn't travel easily to a school have access to a dynamic education. After more than seven decades since the first School of the Air in Alice Springs in 1951, the concept has grown and continued to be relevant, essential and appreciated by outback families. I recognise the gratitude and appreciation of SOTA by student engagement to school as

evident by their enthusiastic participation in assemblies and lessons, 90% average attendance rate and positive and strong partnerships with parents and supervisors. This level of engagement is the result of the collective commitment and work by parent and supervisors in instilling in students the importance and value of school and supporting them to learn and persevere through challenges, teachers' work in designing and implementing safe, supportive and enjoyable learning and SSOs that diligently support staff,



## Events

Camp: 3-7 July

Book Week: 19-25 August

Mini Schools: 25 - 29 September

Get Together: 8 - 9 December

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## DES

### Student Free Day

August 7<sup>th</sup>

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### School Closure Day

September 8<sup>th</sup>

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It has come time to dust off all those heart-warming traditional recipes you all love to make so much. The

## OPFA and SOTA CGC

### Outback Parents and Friends Association (OPFA)

An opportunity for the parents, supervisors and staff of students enrolled with the Port Augusta School of the Air (SOTA) to discuss any aspects associated with the school.

### SOTA Committee of Governing Council (CGC)

The SOTA CGC discuss governance issues that require further discussion from OPFA meetings.

**OPFA/CGC upcoming meeting dates**

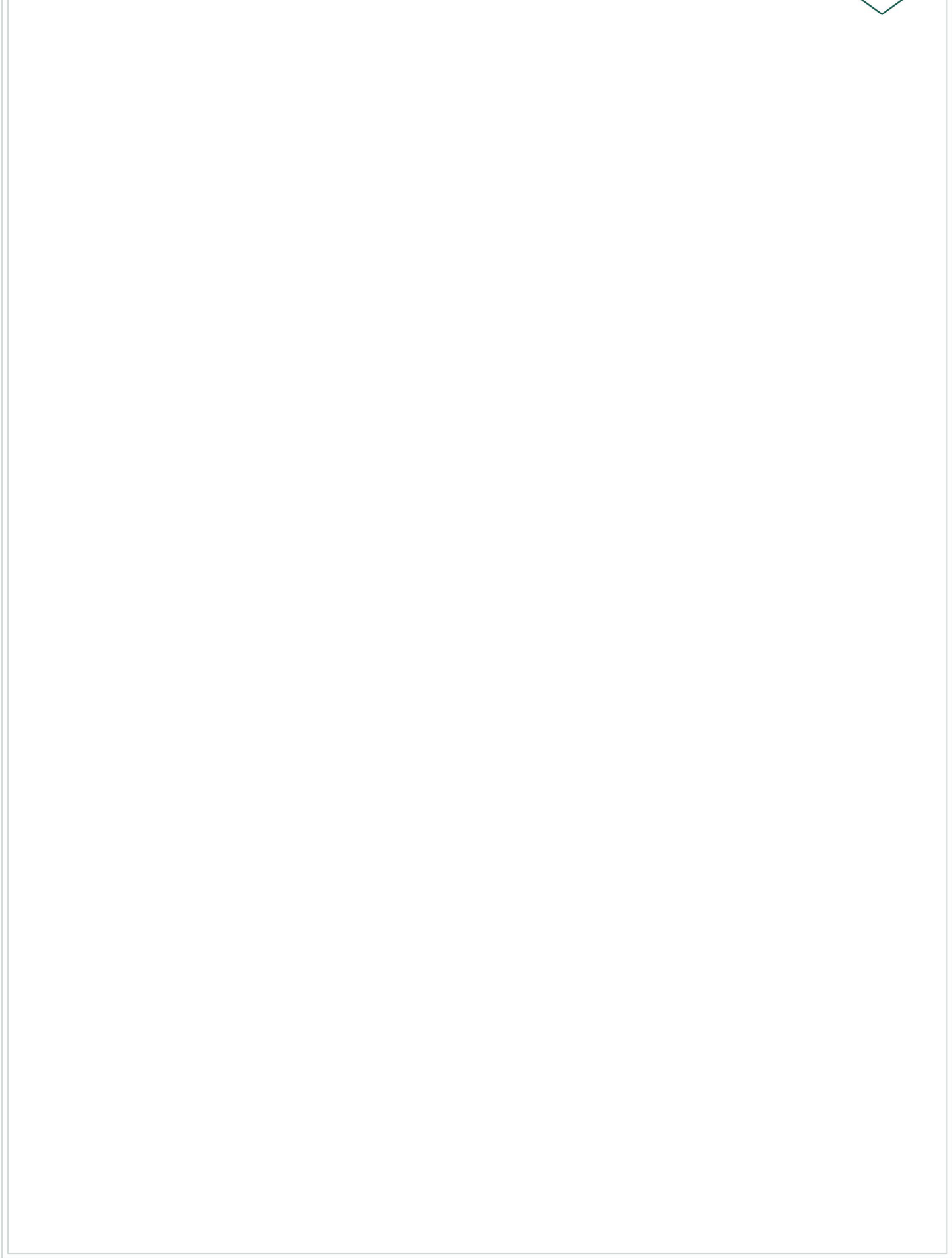
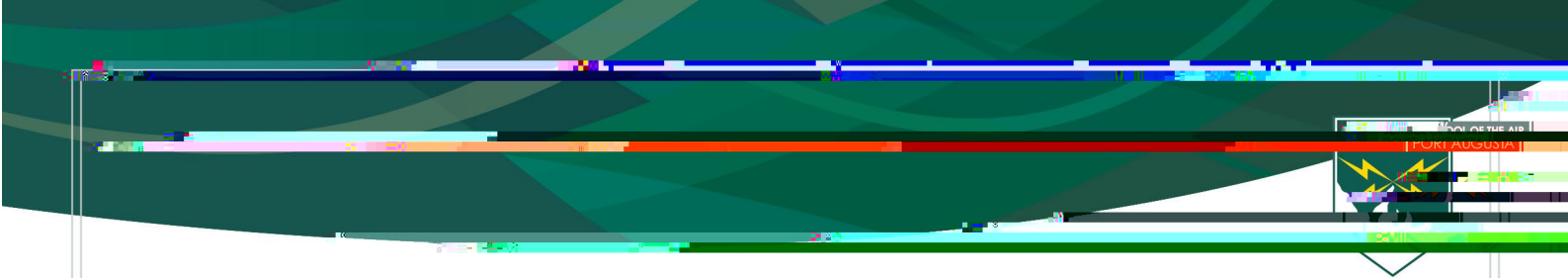
**All meetings at 3:30pm**

OPFA: Week 3 (T3) Wednesday 9 August.

CGC: Week 4 (T3) Wednesday 16 August.

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Title :

**Title: A Waltz for Matilda**

Author: Jackie French

Reviewer: Stella (Brumbies)

What it's about: A young girl growing up and learning to be self-confident. Matilda, the girl, develops her small sheep station into the largest sheep station in the area.

Recommendation: I personally loved it, I was so sad when it ended, I'd say it's for anyone Year 6 and up.

**Title: Grace on the Court**

Author: Maddy Proud

Rating: 10/10

Reviewer: Magenta (Eagles)

What it's about: In the book Grace which is the main character goes to a new school with her friends Mia and Stella. She loves netball and really wants to be a professional. She got put into the A grade

I definitely recommend reading this book as it is really interesting!

Age recommendation: 10 years and up

**Title: Just Binnie**

Author: Dick King Smith

Age group: 10 and up

Reviewer: Winsome (Eagles)

What it's about: Just Binnie is about a family whose mum and dad go on the Titanic ship and die. The oldest sibling Binnie has to look after the five kids. Binnie falls in love with the vicar, but then World War One begins and Binnie's two older brothers and the vicar go to war.

Recommendation: I loved this book and I recommend it to everyone. It was a nice story that was quite easy to read.

**Title: Real Pigeons**

Author: Andrew McDonald

Rating: 10/10

Reviewer: Cody (Brumbies)

What it's about: The real pigeons are a gang of crime fighting pigeons. They stop crows, bats, cats and ostriches from causing chaos in the city. The book was really good and quite enjoyable. I liked this book because of its style of drawing, the action and descriptive language.

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### Term 2 Week 4

#### Miss Emma:

Beau for his fantastic attitude towards learning and the effort he has put into completing his follow up tasks.

#### Miss Jo:

Sanaisha for some super progress with her reading and always having a go at tasks on Webex. Keep up the great work Sanaisha!

#### Miss Morley:

Annastasia for her positive attitude towards learning, being organised and committed to her independent tasks, and producing some excellent work in Health with Miss Megan

#### Miss Kaur:

Lucy for always participating in class discussions and having a go at doing challenging learning tasks.

#### Ms Mel:

Aurelia for her continued improvement in Maths, including her neat bookwork and comprehensive working out shown in her end of topic test.

### Term 2 Week 6

#### Miss Emma:

Roy for always doing his best in maths follow up tasks.

#### Miss Jo:

Lisma for trying super hard with her letter formation and finger spaces when completing written work. Way to go Lisma!

#### Miss Morley:

Shaq for this enthusiasm, engagement, and willingness to share this term in our Indigenous perspective studies

#### Miss Kaur:

PJ for trying his best in the Digi Tech lesson and including extra -0.7 ( 3.4 (il(u)h)13.1 (e))5.3 (i(il(u)his)Jlil(u)h (ti)





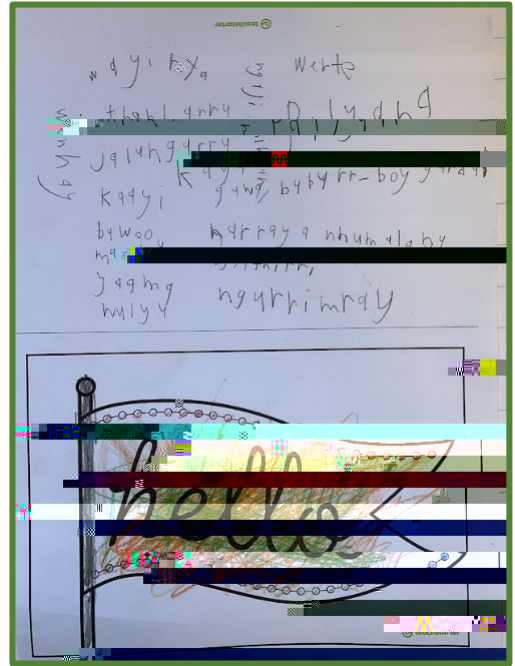
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Creating a Number Pattern Open-Ended Activity

Essential Confidant:

Write down the first six (6) odd numbers in your pattern then colour in the pattern on:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
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91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

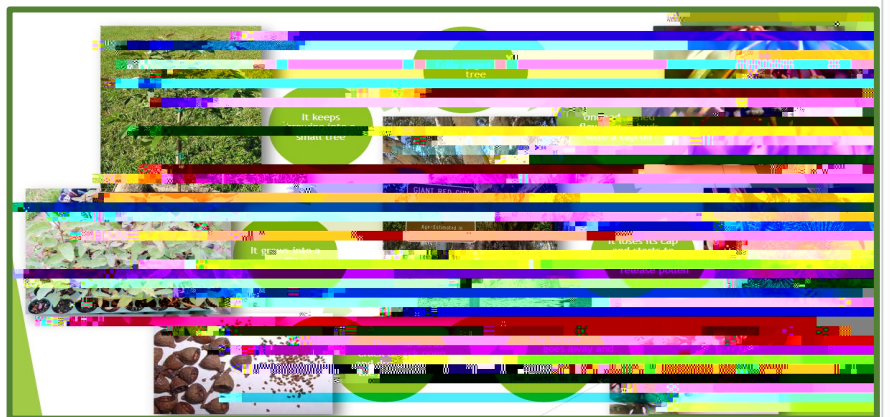
Start at 13 and create a number pattern using addition and/or subtraction. Your pattern must be at least eight numbers long.

My number pattern rule is:  $\pm 5$

13  
43, 48, 53 and 58

Write down the number pattern. Don't begin or end at the number 50!

Edge created a number pattern using addition and/or subtraction. Her pattern finished at the number 50. What could her pattern rule have been?  
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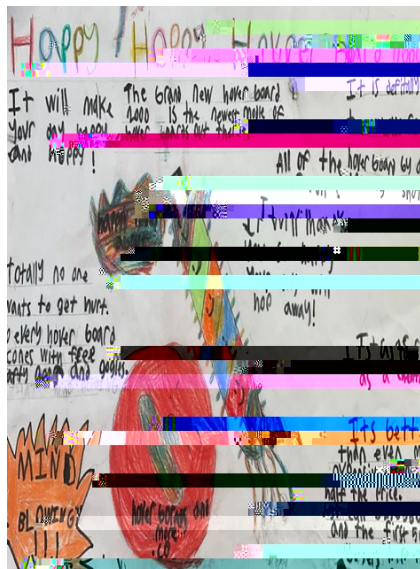




# Miss Kaur – Year 5/6

It's almost the end of Semester 1, 2023 and I'm so proud of all the learning year 5/6 have done this semester. In English, we learnt all about advertisements. We looked at different language and visual features used in an advertisement.

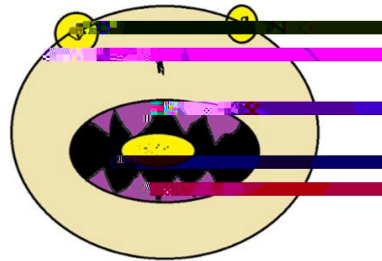
In Art, students sketched and painted a painterly portrait using a range of skills they have been learning with the marvellous Miss Mel.



Nelson

## Charles Chocolate cookies

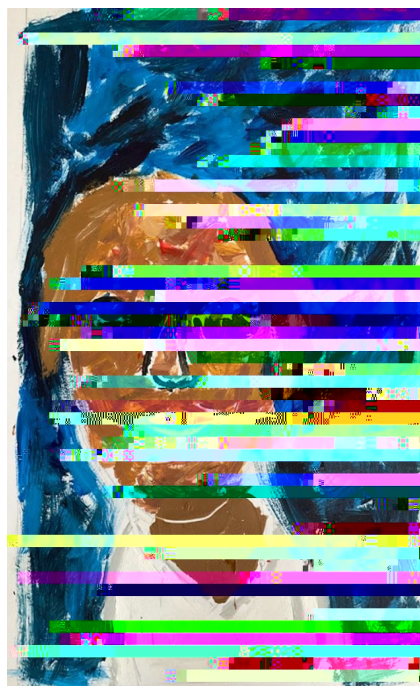
Charles chocolate cookies are the best you will find out there! It is the best in the north east and west.



PJ



Winsome



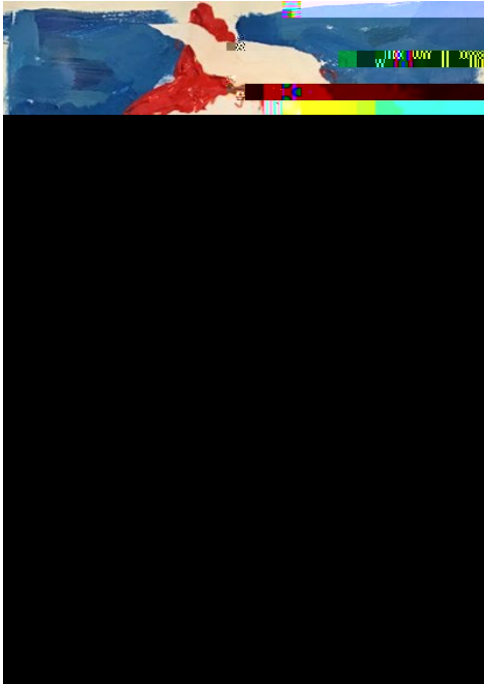
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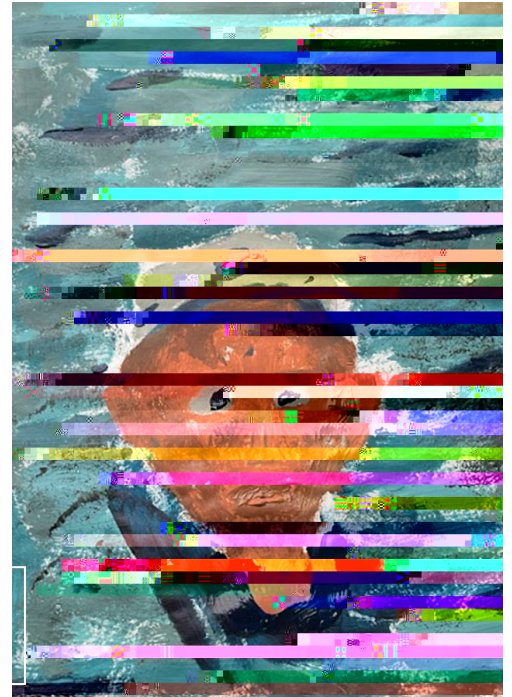
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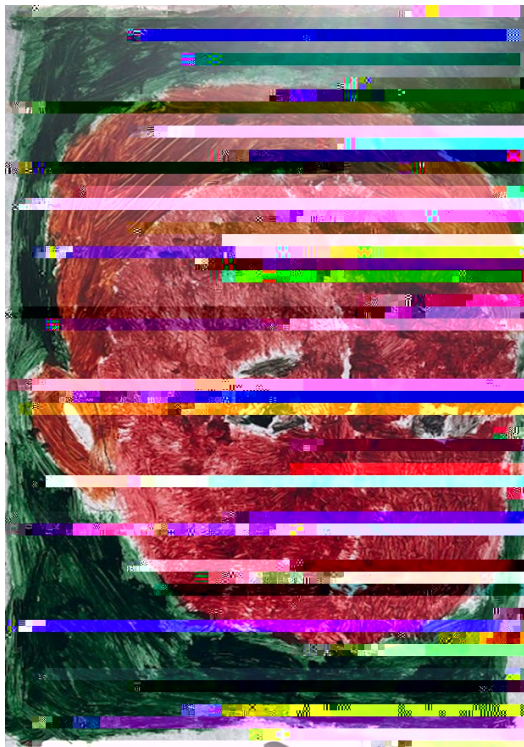
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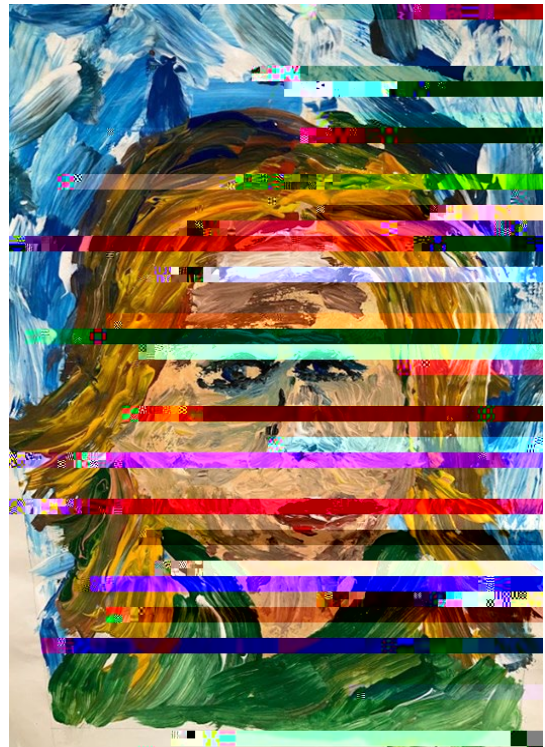
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Cody



Micah

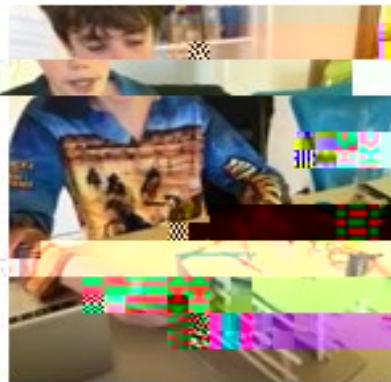


Lucy





# Ms Mel – Term 2 Year 7



In Design Technology Jacob and

hydraulics to create a working model

that could be used on a station in the yards.

What happens after an Australian citizen casts their vote

This term in ASS we have been learning about the Australia political and legal system. Ruby analysed the campaigns for and against the upcoming referendum and presented her understanding of how referendums in Australia

On the day that the referendum is held, the eligible Australian citizens go to vote either yes or no for the referendum. Once they have voted, their votes are counted towards the referendum. If the referendum is approved by a majority of the voters it is passed and the change is made to the Australian Constitution. Why is it important to be informed about Australian political and

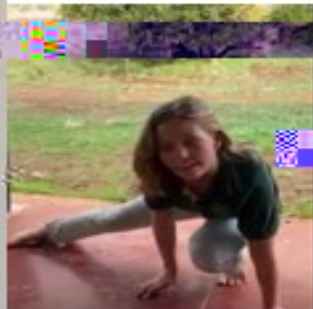
It is important to understand the Australian political system because it allows you to understand the different levels of power in Parliament so you can make informed choices.

It is important to understand the Australian legal system so you know how the laws are made and what the process of them being created are. It can help you learn what laws you shouldn't break.

**HEALTH AND PE**

Investigating fitness

Component	Meaning	Health or fitness benefit
Heart rate	Measure of the number of heartbeats per minute	Heart rate
Resting heart rate	Heart rate when you are at rest	Heart rate
Maximum heart rate	Heart rate when you are exercising at your maximum	Heart rate
Target heart rate	Heart rate range that is best for improving your fitness	Heart rate
Heart rate reserve	The difference between your maximum heart rate and your resting heart rate	Heart rate
Heart rate zone	A range of heart rates that is used to measure your fitness	Heart rate
Heart rate monitor	A device that measures your heart rate	Heart rate
Heart rate variability	The difference between your heart rate at rest and your heart rate during exercise	Heart rate
Heart rate recovery	The time it takes for your heart rate to return to normal after exercise	Heart rate
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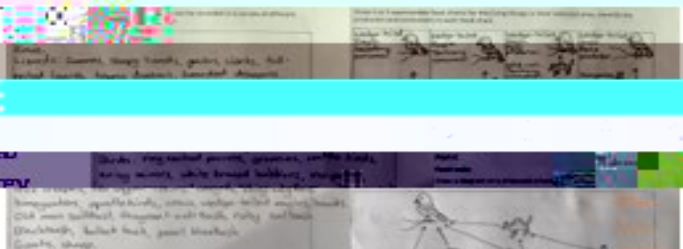


In PE students have been developing their yoga

and practicing hip-hop dance routines

component. She also practiced and performed a short but complex hip-hop dance routine!

In Science we have been learning about food webs and trophic levels. Stella researched a list of living organisms in the school grounds. She then created food chains and food webs to show the interactions and transfer of energy between these organisms.



**MUSCLE CARS**

BY SYDNEY HARRISON

**STUFF YOU DON'T WANT ON YOUR MUSCLE CAR.**

You can get so much on your car that you can't see the car. Air conditioning, stereo and more but you don't have to have those things. You can make your car look cool. The car should be to have those things. It you want to have a car, you can't have all those things and the other you that have you can still see with some of those



At the beginning of the term

researched his chosen topic of

knowledge through

presentation.

