Last Friday 14th March, the students grouped with Albert Park School for the Wilsons River Catchment Schools Education and Restoration Project. Activities include tree planting, catchment Model, Biodiversity Monitoring, Tree recognition, Rous water activities, Koala education and Recycle relay. Students had a great time and came back with lots to tell about their day and all that they had learnt.

Don’t forget that Friday, 21st March is Harmony Day. *If you are able to create a dish specific to a different country, we would love to have you send something in as a taste!* *(It doesn’t need to be on Friday)*

*We watched an interesting video clip yesterday on Youtube made by a groups of students- REWIND. A good message!*  

We have joined up to the Premiers Sporting Challenge to start next Term and it includes the teachers as well. As this is the first time we have participated in this, we also get a grant of $650 to implement the program. This could be updating sports equipment or even getting specialist sports people to work with us.

Last week we had the aborist visit the school to complete a Tree Risk Assessment. This is a flow on from the recent accident at a school where sadly, a student was killed by a falling tree branch. Trees that pose an extreme or unacceptable risk have been identified and recommendations made for action to be taken to reduce the risk to an acceptable level. We have six trees identified that require trimming or removal with one that must be removed immediately. We have already placed boundaries around trees and advised the students regarding out of bounds areas.

I am considering connecting with a group that can turn the wood into furniture or items to be sold. If you know of anyone or a group that we could work with that is local, please let me know. It would be great to involve the community in this.
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.


Sushi train
Brown rice sushi rolls are a nutritious change to pack for school lunches. Unlike white rice sushi, they can be made the night before, and the filling can be adapted to suit your child’s preferences. Pack in a chiller bag with an ice pack and include some little soy sauce fish.

School A to Z app
Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.
Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.

Comprehension help at home
Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they’re reading and then use the information in a certain way. Here’s how to check your child’s comprehension and help them to improve.

Essay help video
Teachers talk about essay structure and how parents can help, even if they're not familiar with the topic. The package comes complete with a range of useful reference sheets on tasks such as critical analysis, evidence and references.

String instruments

Last Tuesday Miss Jodie showed us lots of string instruments. Miss Jodie borrowed some of the string instruments from her friends. They included banjo, twelve string guitar, homemade bass, saw duang, resonator guitar, and a dulcimer. There were also a mandolin, double bass, violin, cigar box and tea chest bass. My favourite stringed instruments were the banjo and the resonator guitar, because I liked the sound of them both. In Australia the tea chest bass was traditionally used to provide deep sounds for bush bands. Most people today use electric bass or double bass. It use to be called a bush bass.

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Regards
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