

2016 Term 3 – Week 10

Tuesday, 20th September 2016

Mrs Smoother's Update



Snow Gums STEM Camp. The feedback from students about their experiences at the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) camp which was held at Thalgarrah Field Studies Centre have all been positive. The students enjoyed the challenges of building a bridge from paddle pop sticks that had to carry weight, investigating ants and making rockets.

The students will be engaged in further learning activities next term involving spaghetti and marshmallows.

Snow Gums Creative Arts Camp. This camp will again be held next term at Thalgarrah on 17 and 18 October. Last year many of the students completed a painted tile that was put together to create an artwork that now hangs in the office of Mrs Sue Brown, Director Public School NSW, Northern Tablelands.

Transition to High School. The Year 6 students have had visits to Glen Innes High School as part of their preparation for high school next year. The students experienced various lessons and were able to find their way around the school and catch the bus home. Thank you to Mrs Nicole Schaeffer for her work in putting together this program.

NSW Department of Education External Validation. Early next term the school will be participating in an External Validation process. An external validation process provides an assurance to the school and the system that the progress being made aligns with the expectations articulated in the School Excellence Framework. Once every five years each school undergoes an external validation of the school's self-assessment of progress by an independent panel. Each year approximately 20% of schools will be selected as a representative sample and our school is part of the first implementation group this year.

External validation consists of two key steps:

- The school prepares and completes a submission highlighting the assessment of progress and achievements using the School Excellence Framework
- An independent panel (comprising a Principal, School Leadership and a peer principal) determines whether the evidence presented supports the school's assessment.

Our submission is due on Thursday 6th October with the panel visiting the school on Thursday 20th October.

Sport. Next term we will again be bike riding for sport. Students will need to have a clean roadworthy bike and a helmet that fits correctly each Tuesday. Please ensure that every Tuesday morning you check your children's tyres, chain and seat height before bringing their bikes in. We will commence Tuesday 25th October.

End of term. Thank you to staff and students for all their efforts over the term. Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to working with you next term. Students return to school on Monday 10th October 2016.



School Calendar

T3 Week 10

Wednesday, 21st September 2016 – Snake Tails (Bald Blair)
Thursday, 22nd September 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 23rd September 2016 – Library
Friday, 23rd September 2016 – School Assembly 2.30pm
Friday, 23rd September 2016 – Last Day Term 3

T4 Week 1

Monday, 10th October 2016 – Term 4 Commences
Thursday, 13th October 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 14th October 2016 – Library

T4 Week 2

Thursday, 20th October 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 21st October 2016 – Library

T4 Week 3

Thursday, 27th October 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 28th October 2016 – Library

T4 Week 4

Wednesday, 2nd November 2016 – GIHS Extra Transition Day
Thursday, 3rd November 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 4th November 2016 – Library

T4 Week 5

Wednesday, 9th November 2016 – GIHS Extra Transition Day
Thursday, 10th November 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 11th November 2016 – Library

T4 Week 6

Wednesday, 16th November 2016 – GIHS Extra Transition Day
Thursday, 17th November 2016 – Life Education Van
Thursday, 17th November 2016 – School Banking
Friday, 18th November 2016 – Library



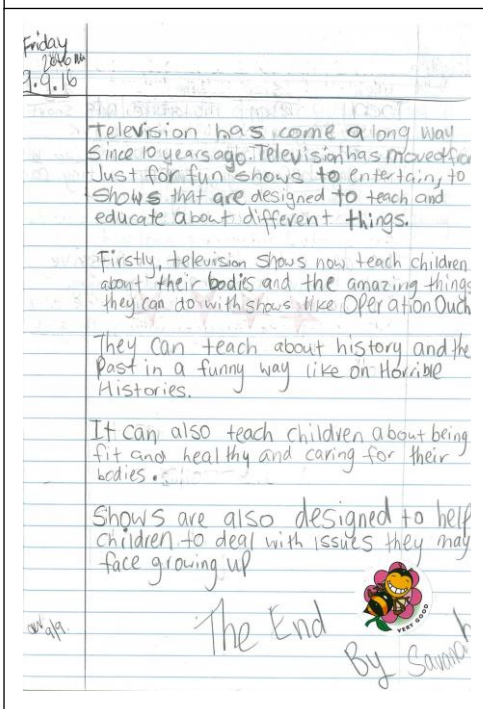
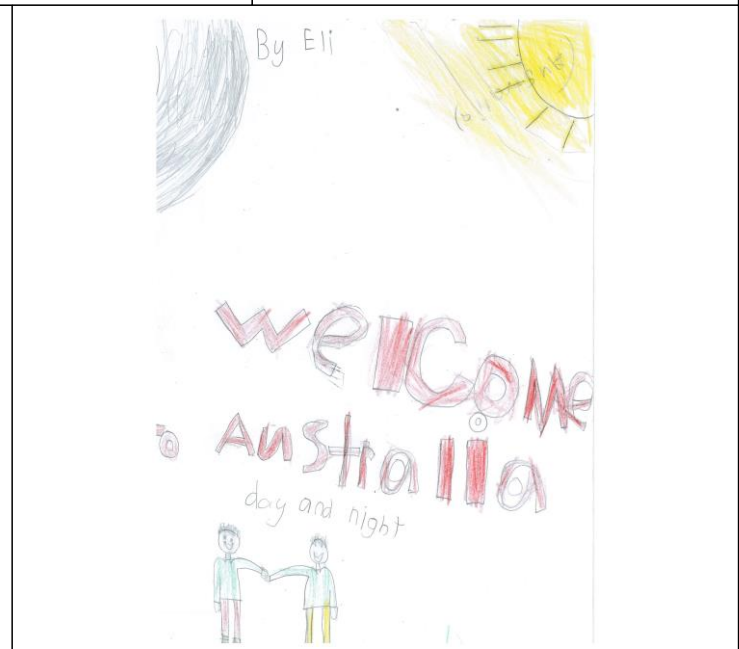
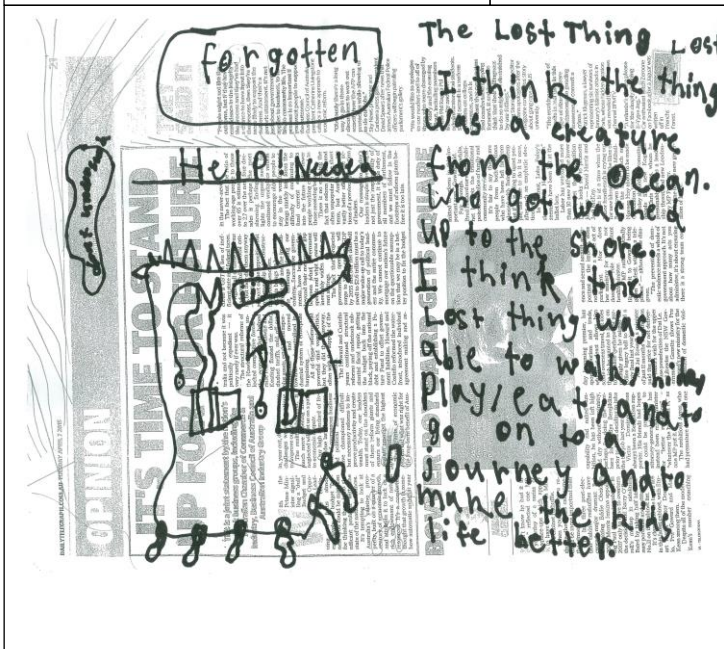
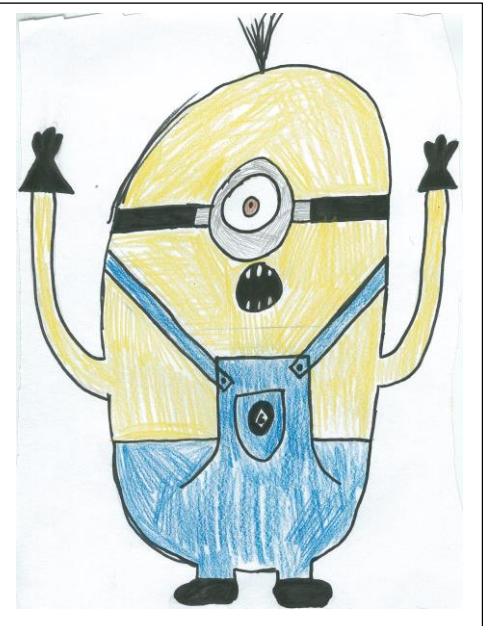
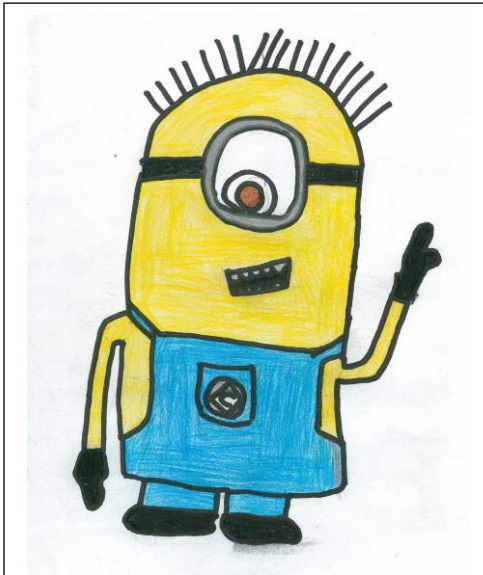
Piper – Improved accuracy when answering comprehension questions.

Adam – Embracing new things.

Eli – Achievement in story writing.

Cody – Achievement in Reading

GOLD AWARDS – Adam, Savanah, Ruben, Cody and Eli



Television is not Educational

By Ruben

I strongly believe that television is not educational.

You learn by your mistakes when you get something wrong. Television tells us that often you get to do things over again and if you get them wrong but this is not true, if you make a mistake in real life you don't get to go back and do it again to fix it.

Secondly television can affect your brain if you watch too much of it.

Thirdly television can teach us the wrong things, it can teach us bad behaviour.

I think television is not educational because you don't learn much by watching it.

