Kindergarten and Prep are having a GREAT time exploring the new I-Pads and their new gross motor equipment! The children are using their developing skills to learn more about the technology of the modern age. The applications they are using are concentrated on developing fine motor skills, number and letter awareness, spacial awareness, perseverance and also fun!

The gross motor equipment allows each child to investigate, develop, extend and improve a number of different areas of gross motor, such as balance, hand-eye coordination, core strength, eye-foot coordination and muscular development. Here are some photos showing how much we appreciate and enjoy all the ‘gifts’ we have received lately.

The Grade Three students have been exploring the diversity of our community. As part of this, the students were lucky enough to spend an afternoon with four students from Hobart College. These students were all refugees and have all come to live in Tasmania in the last few years. They shared their stories about leaving their home country and their journeys to Australia. The students were very interested to see the few possessions the refugees were able to bring with them when they had to leave their countries. They also learnt a few words in four different languages and had a go at writing in Farsi. This experience has helped the Grade Threes to develop their awareness of the diversity of our community and think about how we can make others feel welcome.

The Grade Fours are currently doing a history unit of work on the Aboriginal people and the impact and changes that occurred with European settlement. The students have been doing a lot of research in this area and they also visited the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. They were also lucky enough to have Sharnie, a local Aboriginal lady come into the classroom and talk about the traditional life of the Tasmanian Aboriginals who lived in the local area.
Year 1/2
We have been having fun in Grade 1/2 learning about more sounds. We are up to learning about digraphs and trigraphs. A digraph is when two letters make one sound and a trigraph is when three letters make one sound. We have learnt ‘igh’, ‘ai’, ‘ee’, ‘oa’ and ‘oo’. We are getting so good at reading that we can now read tricky books like ‘Box in the Loft’, ‘Jill the Doll’ and ‘Elf Dust’. Our favourite stories are the stories with the Elf in it.

We are very lucky to have a new student in our class. Chloe is in Grade One and she came from Perth. Chloe’s favourite things are painting, craft activities with glitter and playing on the computer. We hope that you will all make Chloe feel welcome in our school.

Year 5/6
Grade 5/6 has been participating in a special challenge across the last two Monday mornings – the AFL Quiz 2011. This is an innovative and engaging online nation-wide competition aimed at developing the literacy, numeracy and information technology skills of students using the theme of Australian Rules Football. The Quiz consists of two rounds. Students have been placed in teams of three, and are allowed one hour to answer fifteen questions. These questions, whilst centred around the theme of footy, promote problem-solving and encourage collaborative learning between students.

Here are some photos of us participating in Round 2 of the AFL Quiz. For more information about the Quiz ask us, or visit www.aflquiz.com.au. The results are also posted on this site.