Exploring Creatures

As part of our science unit we have been working in groups and learning about how different types of animals are classified. Using scootle we worked in groups to find out if it was a fish, reptile or amphibian. Once we figured out the main features of these types of animals we completed the learning object and made posters about the animals that are fish, reptiles and amphibians. We shared what we learnt with the class. Miss Keenan and Mr Grey were very impressed with how we worked in groups and interpreted the information on the scootle learning object. This week we are looking forward to exploring the life cycles of animals and how they change throughout their life.

Kinder/Prep

Last Tuesday Kinder and Prep children headed off to the State Library of Tasmania as part of our Book Week activities. We listened to Annette and Lidia as they read some of the short listed books. We also saw the winner of the Picture Book of the Year which was “Mirror” by Jeanne Baker. Some children had their library cards with them so were able to sign out their books using technology different to our scanner in the classroom.

At St. Mary’s Cathedral we noticed some similar as well as different aspects to our own St. Joseph Church. The day ended with lunch in the park at Sandy Bay and a play in the playground exploring all the different types of equipment.

On Wednesday we participated in the schools Dress Up as a book character and then off to Huon Linc where we were met by Little Red Riding Hood who read a few stories. Then came the judging of the book character presentations. Each child had to say a few things about their book character. The 3 judges had a most difficult time in choosing 5 children and wished everyone could have won a prize. However the children who received a very generous book voucher from Huon Linc were: Chloe as the Cow, Owen as Peter Pan, Alfie as Max from ‘Where the Wild Things Are’ and for the best oral presentation Alex as a Bush Pilot. Congratulations to all children and parents for their great effort!. All children received a “goody bag” from Huon Linc.

We would like to thank very much Huon Linc for the generous prizes and also to the judges for their time.

A big thank you to Mandy and Cindy for their interest, coordinating the judges and in displaying the children’s flags as part of Book Week theme “One World Many Stories”.

Alessandra and Sarah
Year 3/4
Technology in the Classroom

Sacred Heart is very fortunate to have lots of different types of technology to integrate into our teaching and learning. The Grade Three and Four students have been learning how to create podcasts. These are like little films that can include photos and voice overs. The Grade Fours learnt how to make these first and now some of them have become tutors to the Grade Threes. This is a great way for the students to learn and allows the Grade Fours to consolidate their skills through having to pass them onto others.

Year 5/6

For the last four weeks, Grade 5/6 has been following The Crusoe Project online. The Crusoe Project is an online expedition where students can follow the adventures of a Tasmanian man named Andrew, as he survives on a deserted island in Papua New Guinea. We have checked his blog everyday, following his diet and experiences on the island, whilst using the information he posts to draw our own maps of his island paradise. Furthermore, we have done a number of activities based on his experiences including building a raft made out of cardboard and marshmallows. This week we will be building a solar oven to see if you can melt marshmallows in Geeveston like Andrew did in PNG. Feel free to ask any of the 5/6's about this project and Andrew's experiences – they will have lots to share with you!

This term has also seen our Garden Club build and prepare a garden, and plant a number of seedlings. The Garden Club has built the garden from scratch, including an impressive fence. It has been a project enjoyed by all, especially the day spent digging manure into the garden beds! Currently, we have two varieties of lettuce, carrots and radishes growing in the garden. Big thanks must go to the P&F for their support, Neville Burgess for his help and guidance and the Garden Club for their dedication and hard work. Well done James, Jesse, Cam, Courtney and Emily!