

GROUP 3

The pre-high dinner was a huge success. The food was absolutely delicious and the staff at the restaurant bent over backwards to accommodate us! We believe that the other diners were pleased when we left – imagine the noise of 20 highly excited children!

Here are some comments from the night:

Ali: I really enjoyed a few things that night. After school I went to Kade's house to get ready. We said a few nice things about each other there. Then we threw water balloons off a 2-story balcony. We walked to the restaurant and I really enjoyed to teriyaki chicken and lemonade. Afterwards, we went to the beach where we went chain surfing.

Will: I liked going out for dinner with the class. I really liked the food!

Sky: It's the first time I've had Japanese lemonade- you had to pop a 'glass ball' and it made it all fizz up!

Damascin: I loved it when the girls from Group 3 came to my house before the dinner, we talked together and I think we all connected. The dinner was wonderful. Going to the beach afterwards, and just being with each other was amazing.

Tai: I liked the food, especially the teriyaki chicken and the lemonade. I also enjoyed going to Kade's house. We played a game where we had to say something nice about each other. After we said something nice to each other we would throw a water balloon down from Kade's 2 story balcony. I went home with Ali and it was a really fun night.

Chirag: The pre high dinner was fun and the food was yummy!

Fitch: I loved the food and the ice cream was delicious. The swim at the end was great too!

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Our reports are a little different this term. We hope to provide you with a snapshot of your child's learning experience. We have used our theme "My place" as a springboard for children to create their own story. They have written drafts, edited, extended, typed (published), edited, considered synonyms, adjectives, sentence structure, punctuation, paragraphing, and above all content. Children have complemented their stories in words, illustrations, pictures and maps.

The illustrated street map accompanying the text was an effective way of providing the children with the means to analyse their connections and relationships with the spaces and places around them.

They have made a mock layout, made changes and eventually decided on a final product, which they will share with you. We hope you appreciate the time and effort your children took in creating their individual version and representation of their personal experience of "My Place."

Thank you to Melinda Ham from Newtown Asylum Seekers Centre who came to Group 3 and shared some current stories of those seeking asylum. We would like to also thank Anoop for coming in and sharing his personal refugee experience with Group 3. This term, the children have been really surprised by how many stories of asylum have touched people that they know in our community. Making these connections has made their learning experiences much more meaningful. Thank you for all your support!

The Asylum Centre is currently seeking donations of books for an upcoming library. Group 3 said they would like to contribute to their library and we would like to pass this invitation on to the rest of our Kinma Community.

They suggest the books be new /newish and contain a message from the giver. We will further clarify the details in the New Year.

Along with the 4 pre- highs Mia, Maia, Kade and Dan, we sadly, have a few more children leaving Group 3, this term. We would like to send out a big farewell hug to Tom, Jayden, Fifi and Tai and their families. We will miss your presence within the Kinma community and we wish you all the best for the future!

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