

Group 1 News

Group 1 has been very busy lately, travelling back through time. We are even building a time machine on the back deck to take us on future adventures...or do we mean adventures past?!

We have been looking at the changes in environments that occur in the book *Window* by Jeanie Baker, which sees an entire city develop from a bush landscape. We have also been in the library going through the old Kinma photo albums and noticing how our school has changed over time.

- "There were more trees around"
- "The big tree with the ladder outside Group 1 was only tiny."
- "The basketball court used to be covered in dirt."
- "There was no bottom playground."
- "There were buildings that aren't here anymore."
- "The old climbing equipment was all made of wood, there is no metal."
- "The paths are different or not there yet."
- "There didn't use to be a mural on Group 1"
- "There was sand in the bottom playground."





Within our theme of looking back through time and observing similarities and differences, we have extended this to artworks, exploring who we are and getting to know each other. Come and check out our crayon and watercolour pieces and our self-portraits we drew using mirrors to look at ourselves.





With our mathematician hats on we have been building model chessboards, measuring and dividing squares amongst groups as we work towards creating a larger real life chess board. We have also been playing with patterns; spotting them around school, making sound and action patterns, painting them with water on foot paths, making shape patterns with blocks, number patterns with playdough and colour patterns with cubes.



In our explorations of sounds, letters, words, sentences and stories we have been playing lots of games to build our skills and foster a love of literacy! Ask us about boggle, our story writing, letter mazes and three letter word games.

As you may have heard, we sing a lot of songs in Group 1! In case you wanted to join in the fun at home, some of the songs we have been rocking to include:

- Poke Salad Annie by Tony Joe White
- The Devil's In The Jukebox by Ray Lamontagne
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – 3 R song by Jack Johnson
- What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong
- Inanay capuana
- Banaha

We have been collecting quite a bit of lost property in and around Group 1. We are keeping it on the table out the front of our classroom, so have a look and see if anything belongs to you.

During choice time this week we played with Group 2 and 3, sliding down the hill on cardboard boxes!



Group 1 parent teacher meetings are scheduled for the next two weeks, 28th Feb, 2nd March and 7th March. Come pop your name on our schedule on the door to the classroom – we look forward to chatting with you.

If you need to chat to us, drop us a line to andy@kinma.nsw.edu.au or kimberley@kinma.nsw.edu.au or come and find us before 9 or after 3.

Love and hugs,
Kimberley and Andy

