



Gravesend Public School Newsletter

Term 4 week 2

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**TRANSITION— Molly Armstrong K/2— Angus Osborne
3/6— Matthew Marquart**

BRONZE CERTIFICATES

Flo Armstrong, Tilly Barwick, Mykalah Stahl, Allan Hicks, Will Barrington, Angus Osborne, Caleb Withers, Damon Barwick-Taylor, Larris Cleal, Shelby Robertson, Nicola Robinson, Jake Trotter, Alliarna Brazel, Adam Carpenter, Matthew Marquart, Reanna Marquart, Brayden Robinson, Caleb Hourigan, Cordelle Dunnicliff, Mason Daley, Maddy Armstrong

HOME READING

100 NIGHTS—Isaac Armstrong

125 NIGHTS—Tilly Barwick

200 NIGHTS—Mykalah Stahl, Larris Cleal, Alliarna Brazel

225 NIGHTS—Mykalah stahl,

SILVER CERTIFICATE

CALEB WITHERS, NICOLA ROBINSON & SHELBY ROBERTSON

TRANSITION AWARDS

Breanna Dunnicliff, William Barwick, Will Walker, Clare Corey, Jack Colless, Charlie Peachey, Lola Barwick, Molly Armstrong, Tommy Lysaght, Flynn Kirkby, Damikah Barwick-Taylor, Os Van Velthuisen



From the Principal's Desk

I am very proud of all our students for the commitment and persistence shown towards learning this term. The K/2 students have been working very hard on writing stories about their pets using the Reading to Learn program. They produced a fantastic story each and presented them at today's Assembly. Not only were the stories and illustrations wonderful, all the students read well. Well Done! Thank you to all the parents who came to Assembly this morning. It really is very special for students when their parents, relatives and friends are at assemblies to see them receive their awards or perform in the 'Spotlight'.

Thinking Brain Workshop

Congratulations to the 3-6 students for being so motivated when learning about how the brain functions and how to look after it. I'm very proud of their fantastic behaviour and how they coped with being bullied by students from another school. This has made me realise that even though we do not have much bullying at Gravesend, we still need to address bullying especially teaching our students effective strategies for coping when they are bullied. This will be a focus for the remainder of this year. The students have written recounts about the Thinking Brain Workshop which will be published next week.

Cheers,

Kris Pagett

SILVER CERTIFICATE



NICOLA, CALEB & SHELBY

K/2 STORIES ON MY PET

Rat is Allan's pet dog.

He eats dog food and drinks water.

He is brown and black.

Rat likes to chase Nan's dog.

I love Rat.

By Allan Hicks

I want Dad to buy me a pet fish.

She will have gold scales with a
skinny tail.

I want her to be big.

A goldfish is quiet.

I would really love a goldfish.

By Sam Kirkby

Porker the Pig is my pet pig.

He lives in a fenced Paddock.

He is pink and black.

Porker eats grain and milk.

Porker runs back and forth.

It's funny. We love porker. He is cute.

By Mykalah Stahl



Bubby is Zac's pet rabbit.

He likes to give her a kiss.

Bubby rabbit eats rabbit pellets and drinks water.

My bunny rabbit eats carrots and stands still for me.

Bubby is funny.

By Zac Barrington

My pet calf is Princess.

She is very big.

She eats grass and milk.

She chases her tail.

I love Princess.

By Tilly Barwick

My pet sheep's name is
sheep.

He is white and has lots of
wool.

Sheep eats grass and drinks
water.

He chases the ute.

Sheep is pretty good.

By Caleb Withers

Bubby eats rabbit food, grass,
lettuce and carrots.

She drinks water from a self waterer.

My bunny rabbit runs around a lot.

She is white with a brown head.

She is soft and cuddly.

Bubby is a good pet.

By Will Barrington

Mad Max is my woolly sheep.
He is a wether.

Mad Max is white.

He eats grass and drinks water.

Mad Max chases the car when
we beep the horn.

He baas at me when he sees me
but he got sold.

I miss him. I love Mad Max.

By Isaac Armstrong

My galah is called Georgie.

She is grey and pink.

She eats bird food and drinks water.

My pet galah can be patted anywhere.

I love my galah because she is the best
bird.

By Jade Hicks

Spritley is my mum's horse.

He is brown and big.

Spritley eats pollard, gumnuts
and oats.

Spritley is the biggest horse in our
family.

I ride him. He is a gentle horse.

By Flo Armstrong

Rango is my pet. Rango is a Eastern
Water Dragon.

Rango is black with yellow spots.

She is a female.

Rango has very sharp claws, spikes
on her neck and she is a very, very
good climber. She climbs up and
down off her glass enclosure.

Rango eats crushed up bugs, live
worms and drinks water.

She is only a baby so she has to be
hand fed by my Mum.

Rango has a glass enclosure. In
her enclosure she has a garden
rock, a rock bowl that she baths in
and drinks out of and wood chip-
pings on the bottom of the glass
enclosure.

By Angus Osborne

Transition News

HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY TO TOMMY FOR NEXT MONDAY

FLYNN & TOMMY HAVE REALLY ENJOYED THEIR TUESDAY IN MRS MOTLEY'S ROOM IN PREPARATION FOR KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR. THIS TRANSITION WILL OCCUR EACH TUESDAY FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

Melbourne Cup Day

Students are asked to come dressed as jockeys for Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday, 1st November. We will be making horses next Friday, so the students have been asked to think how they want to make their horses & bring any materials from home they may want to use.

Coming Events

Bandanna Day—Friday 28th October, \$4 per bandanna

Melbourne Cup Day—Tuesday, 1st November

Year 6 Transition to High School Day—Wednesday, 2nd November

Year 6 Parent Information Evening at HS— Friday, 25th October

Year 6 Farewell Disco—Friday, 2nd December 4-6pm

Presentation Night— Friday, 9th December

YEAR 3-6 THINKING BRAINS RECOUNTS

On Wednesday the 19th, Years 3/6 went to Warialda for the Thinking Brains to learn about Neurons.

In the morning we learnt about the parts of Neurons. We had to label them then draw them. We found out that we have 100billion Neurons in our brains and that they never touch! Neurons have different parts called dendrites, cell body, axon, myelin, terminals, synapse and neurotransmitters. After learning about the Neurons we made models of them.

Next we had recess and during recess we had some super foods. Super foods are foods that are good for your brain like apples, strawberries and bananas. The super food fights the bad food you have already eaten.

Then we talked about sleep thieves. Sleep thieves are things that stop you getting enough sleep. Sleep thieves are dogs barking, TVs, lights and digital clocks. We also found out that sugar, smoking and alcohol can cause holes to appear in your brain like it can to your teeth.

After lunch we went back inside and met Deni the pirate. We also watched a movie about Deni to show how your working memory can get rid of information you haven't used. Lastly we made another plasticine model about the working memory.

It was a fantastic day.

Shelby Robertson.



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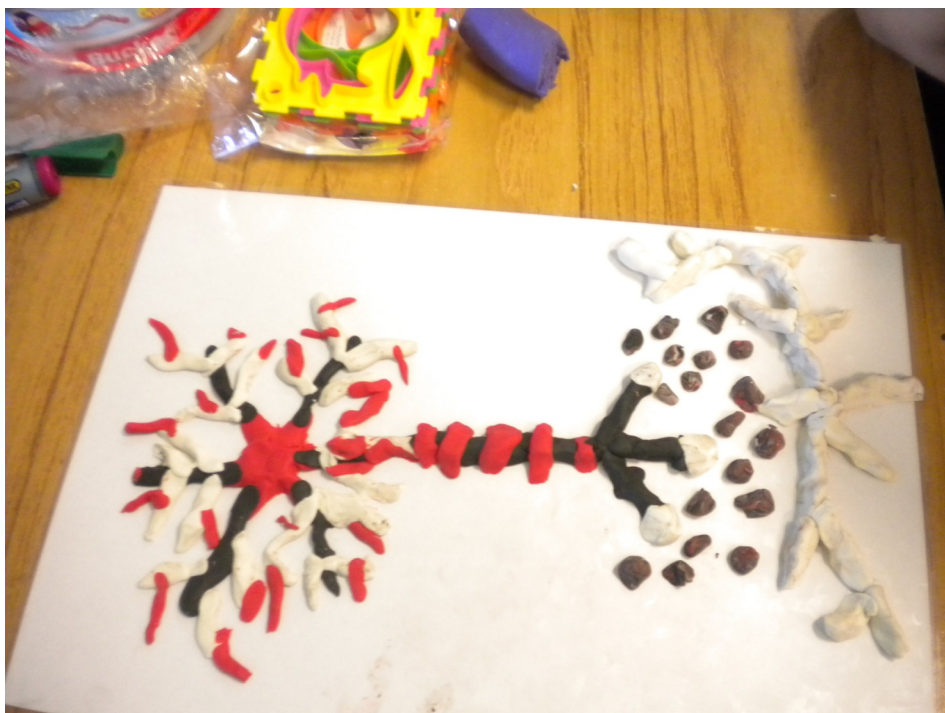
On Wednesday the 19th Years 3/6 went to Warialda for the Thinking Brains. In the morning we arrived at 9:15. We waited for Barraba to arrive so we ran around the greens. When Barraba arrived we got stuck in to it.

We learnt about neurons which are thinner than a strand of hair. They look like trees. The receivers are the branches and the terminals are the roots. Super foods also help you grow neurons.

Super foods are raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, bananas and dates. All the fruit have antioxidants in them. Super foods are very good for your brain. After morning tea we made models of neurons with plasticine.

We had to make a model with a sea, fish, treasure chest, boat, money and a map with plasticine. They told us a story about a pirate, Denni, to show us how our brain stores some information but throws a bad stuff in the bin. This model showed how our memory works.

Matthew Marquart



Thinking Brains

