Hello Parents,

Our class has settled in well to the routines and expectations of each other. The members of the class are enthusiastic about their learning and our class discussions are times of careful listening to each other’s perspectives and experiences.

Our current inquiry into plants and ecosystems has included excursions to the Botanic Gardens and Mt George which have been excellent shared experiences that we have used for developing our information report writing skills. Scientific understanding and inquiry have been significant components of this unit also.

Kane and Allana draw a cross-section diagram of a cucumber.

Below, Henry Boesch participated in our ‘unfair dress-up race’ that helped us understand that a fair test is one in which only one variable is changed.

Stef and Lauren’s growing protractor pattern

Eden created her teacher in play dough

Eden was proud to display her creative homework this week. Other students have also brought in creative projects to share.

Lastly, Elke Roberts is currently our only Class Carer and we would like her role to be shared. If you are inclined to share the joy with Elke then please let Tegan or me know.

Yours in Christ,

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In Maths, we have moved our focus from sorting and classifying onto patterning. The students are identifying and creating their own linear and growing patterns. They will be using the language of elements and terms as they seek to describe their patterns and make number rules to suit them.

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Nice fairy costume Henry!

Dates for the Diary...

- **Adelaide Cup Holiday:**
  Wk 7: Mon 12th March

- **School Photos:**
  Wk 7: Fri 16th March

- **Sports Day:**
  Wk 8: Fri 23rd March

- **Parent-Teacher interviews:**
  Wk 9: Tue 27th –Wed 28th March

- **End of Term 1:**
  Wk 10: Thur 5th May