



## News from the Principal

Monday 25th November



What a busy week we had at Pembroke Primary School, full of fun and exciting learning experiences.

### Life Education Van

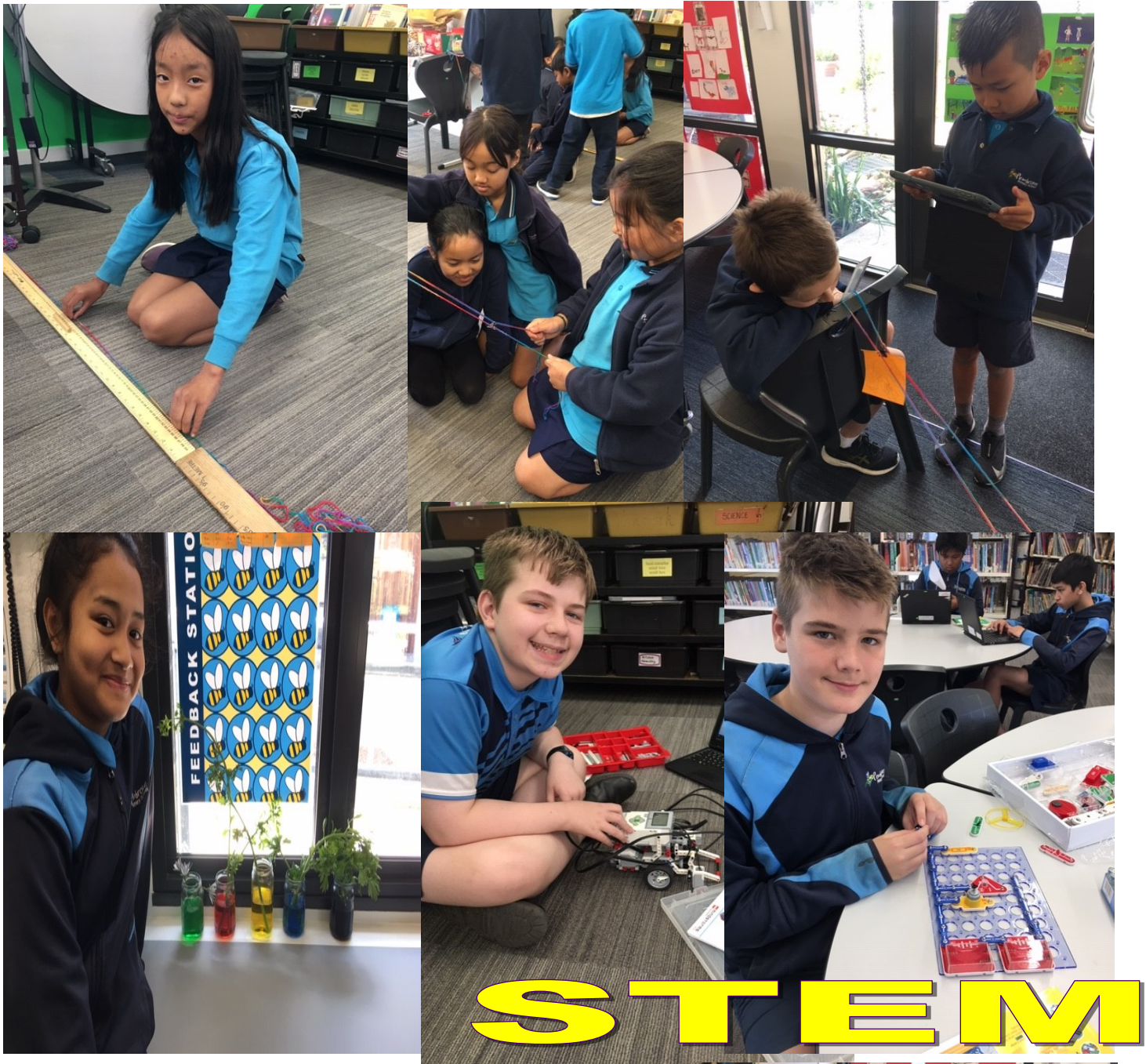
The Life Education Van visited our school last week to provide a range of fantastic health programs to our students. I attended some of the sessions and found the students to be highly engaged in their sessions.

Topics included:

- Foundation: My body matters
- 1/2W: Safety Rules
- 3/4BC: All Systems Go
- 4/5C: BCyberwise
- 6G: Relate, Respect, Connect

Students learnt about healthy bodies, making safe choices, how body systems work, cybersafety and how to build respectful relationships both in person and online.





## STEM Update

Last week in STEM, we continued to explore the work of Mathematician Tadashi Tokieda. The year 3/4 students investigated the 'Climbing Binder Clip'. Using just wool attached to a pivot point, students were able to use a few simple movements to get their binder clip to climb up or down the string. Students had to use careful observation skills to try to understand what was happening, including filming the experiment in slow motion with an iPad.

Another highlight has been the Year 6 end of year Passion Projects. Students are able to choose any STEM project to complete independently, applying the knowledge and skills they have developed through their participation in the STEM program. There are some great projects underway, including building circuits using electronics kits, advanced robotics, growing crystals, making coloured celery and creating animations and games using Scratch and Flipaclip programs.



## Auslan

Students have continued to explore the topic of food in Auslan classes this term. Junior students have been enjoying shopping in the Auslan food market to practise their signing. A highlight this week was when the year 6 students cooked a traditional Chin soup, using vegetables grown in the Garden of Diversity. It smelled delicious! Well done 6G!

## School Communication

I apologise for any inconvenience you may have experienced when trying to contact the school recently. We have had ongoing technical issues with our phone service that are beyond our control. Please be assured we are working to find a solution as soon as possible, and I really appreciate your patience and understanding.

## Upcoming Events

Don't forget to read the calendar in the newsletter, or check the Sentral Parent Portal Calendar for the many events, incursions and excursions coming up at the end of term. It is a very busy time of year!

These include:

- Mooroolbark Residential Care Choir Performance December 5th
- Hookey Park Community Carols December 6th
- School Christmas Carols December 12th
- Christmas Lunch December 12th
- Year 6 Graduation December 18th
- Class excursions December 19th
- Last day of school December 20th 1.30pm finish

## Curriculum days for 2020

Last week, the school council approved the following curriculum days. These include:

- Tuesday 28th January
- Wednesday 29th January

This means **all students will start school in 2020 on Thursday the 30th of January.**

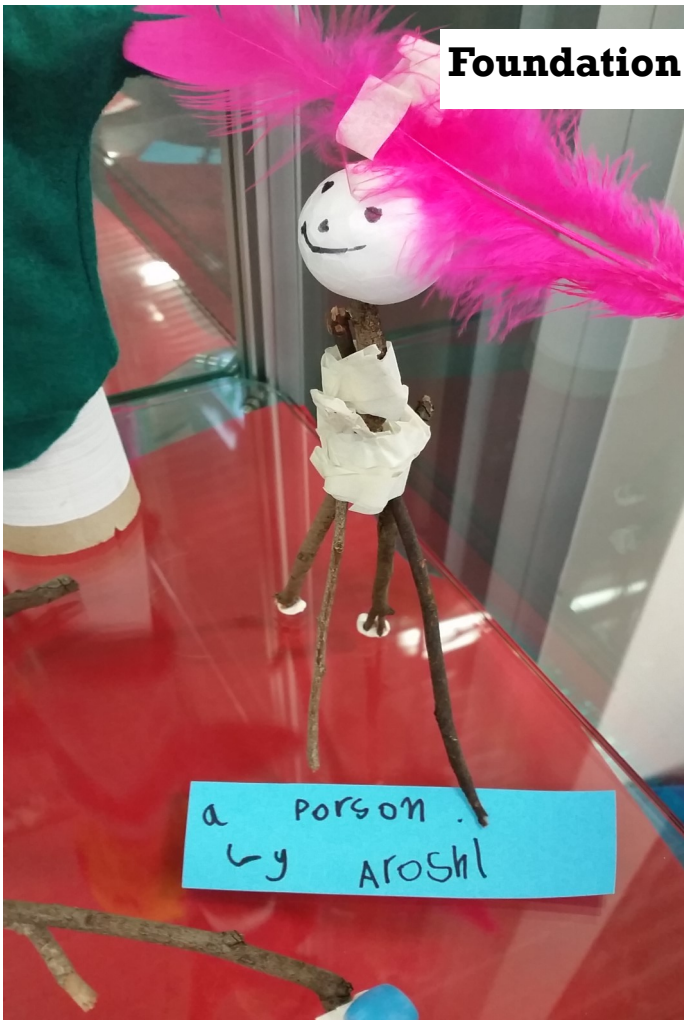
There will also be a **Curriculum Day on March 6th** for all schools in the Lilydale District.

**Writing of the week**

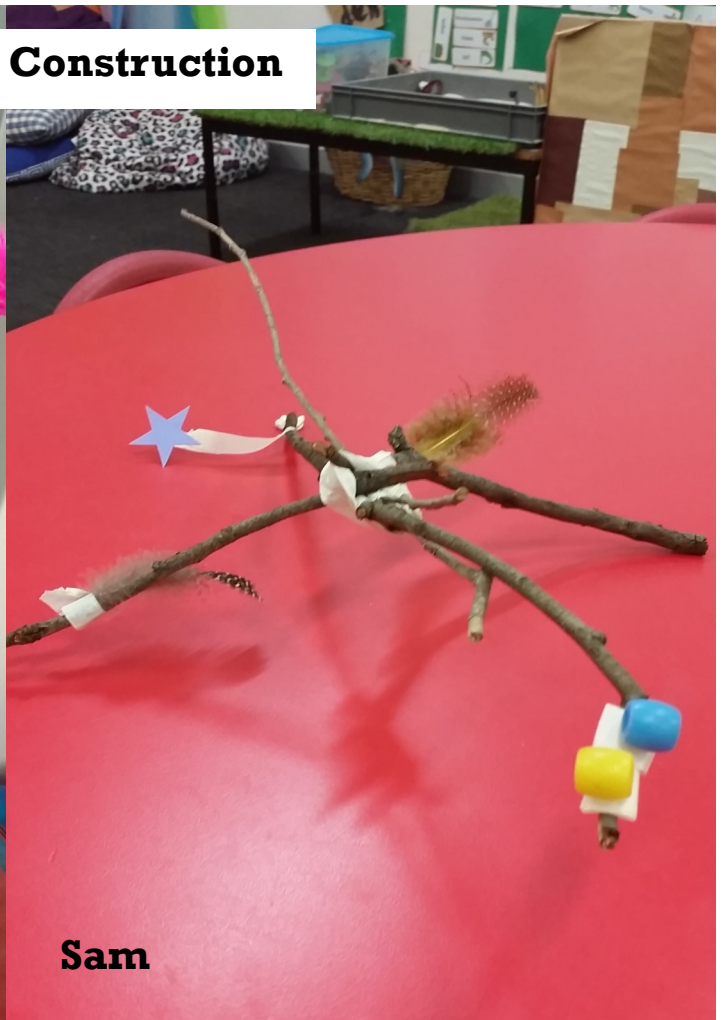
**Aurora Borealis**  
**Beautiful colours**  
**Dancing through the**  
**dark night sky**  
**A warmth fills her heart.**

**Well done**  
**Isla 6G**

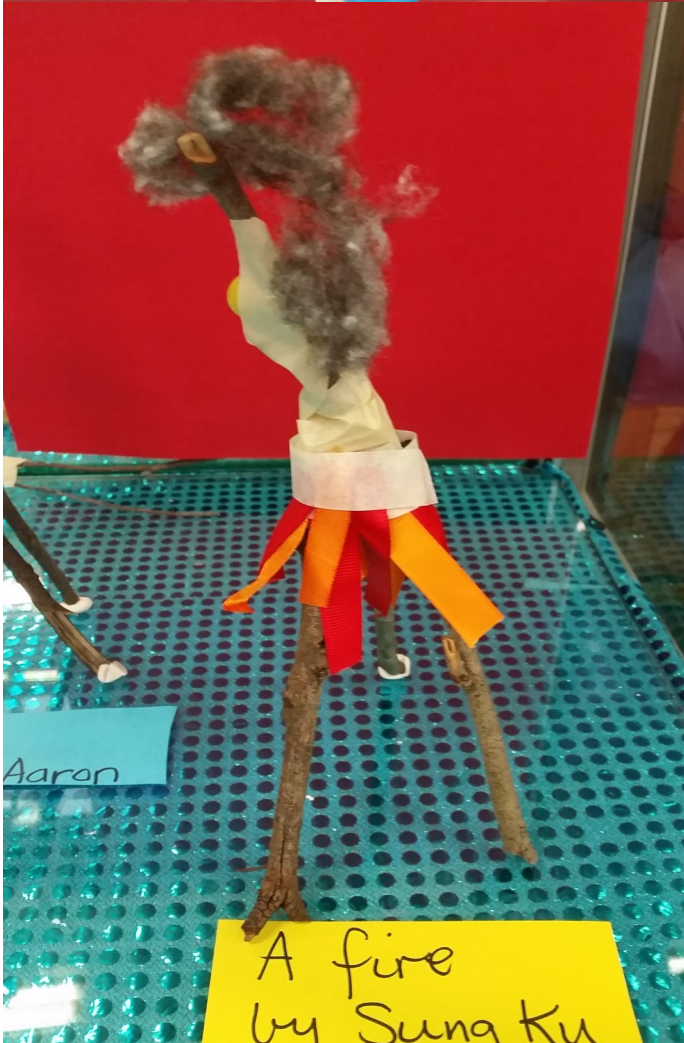
## Foundation Construction



a person  
by Aroshl



Sam



Aaron

A fire  
by Sung Ku



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# **The Pembroke 4 P's Award**

## **18th — 22nd November**

### **Congratulations to the following students:-**

<b>Grade FM</b>	<a href="#"><u>Ellie</u></a>	Her passion for her wonderful Auslan signing and reading development.
<b>Grade 1/2W</b>	<a href="#"><u>Esther</u></a>	Her persistence when learning about “groups of”.
<b>Grade 3/4BC</b>	<a href="#"><u>Finn</u></a>	Taking on a challenge at swimming—you did it!
<b>Grade 4/5I</b>	<a href="#"><u>Ja Feth</u></a>	Recognising where his passion is when writing his leadership application
<b>Grade 6G</b>	<a href="#"><u>James</u></a>	Showing the 4 P's in his reading lessons.

# **Wow! You're A Worker Bee!**

**18th — 22nd November**

## **Congratulations to the following students**

<b>Grade FM</b>	<a href="#"><u>Ely Par</u></a>	Her sensational focus during spelling and reading—so impressive!
<b>Grade 1/2W</b>	<a href="#"><u>Marly</u></a>	Her pride when sharing at our class museum
<b>Grade 3/4BC</b>	<a href="#"><u>Juvan</u></a>	The terrific emotive verbs you included in your persuasive writing. Well done.
<b>Grade 4/5I</b>		
<b>Grade 6G</b>	<a href="#"><u>Jordyn</u></a>	His persistence to complete his 'essential assessments' to the best of his ability. Great job!



## **Social media**

Please be aware that many social media apps, although popular, are **not appropriate for primary age**

**students.** All apps have age limits, which show how old students should be before they use these apps. **Most social media apps including Instagram, Facebook, Tik Tok, Snapchat etc the age limit is 13 years old. Online chat functions on games such as Fortnite may also pose a risk to students, exposing them to inappropriate content or language.** Please take care and ensure you know what your children are accessing on their personal ICT devices, for their own safety and wellbeing. Advice for parents can be found at:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

**Remember to wear your hat every day!**





[27 November 2019](#)

School Banking & Alphabeenies



[4 December 2019](#)

- School Banking & Alphabeenies

[5 December 2019](#)

- School Choir - Mooroolbark Residential Care Carols performance -

[6 December 2019](#)

- Hookey Park Carols

[10 December 2019](#)

- Statewide grade 6 Orientation Day
- 2020 Prep Orientation

[11 December 2019](#)

- School Banking
- Alphabeenies

[12 December 2019](#)

- Christmas Carols Night
- Whole school Xmas Lunch

[17 December 2019](#)

- School Council

[18 December 2019](#)

- School Banking & NO Alphabeenies today
- Graduation

[19 December 2019](#)

- Whole school excursions

[20 December 2019](#)

- Last Day Term 4 1:30pm Dismissal

**[January 2020](#)**

[27 January 2020](#)

- Australia Day Public Holiday

[28 January 2020](#)

- Student Free Curriculum Day

[29 January 2020](#)

- Student Free Curriculum Day

[30 January 2020](#)

- All Students (F-6) First Day Term 1