From the Classroom

The students in both classes have been looking at some different reading comprehension strategies this term. Mostly, the focus has been on finding information in a text. This involves students determining whether the information is contained directly in the text or whether they have to use the information given, plus some thinking, to answer a question. This is a tricky, but very useful strategy. It is one that good readers use all the time.

BookWeek Winner

The winner of the Children's Book Council Picture Book of the Year for 2014 was ‘Rules of Summer’ by Shaun Tan. Congratulations to those students who correctly chose this as the winner from the short-listed books and special congratulations to Paul Anderson who was the lucky winner of the $15 Book voucher draw. Thankyou also to everyone for their great efforts for our dress-up parade last Thursday.

Excursions

Thankyou very much to those families who helped out (or offered to do so) with transport to last week’s excursions. The teachers were all very impressed with the quality of the performances we saw and have been able to make lots of classroom use of the supportive teacher notes that were distributed by the various groups.

School Garden

With the help of our gardening volunteers, we have an array of vegetables growing in our garden. We have two raised beds at the back of the school, one of which is a ‘wicking’ bed, which uses a slow release method of watering. We have vegetables growing in the Palmer Patch and we have set up 2 potato towers. These make it easy to grow potatoes and an information sheet about how this is done is attached. The Palmer Community Association has also kindly agreed to purchase two more raised beds for us.

Parent Network List

Earlier in the year I asked for parents who were prepared to have their names and contact numbers added to a list that could be shared among families. If you are happy to be on such a list, please let me know.

Palmer Community Association

The Community Association will meet again on October 13th at 7.30pm in the old CFS Shed. New faces are always welcome.

Have a great weekend and take care! Lynne