Calliope with a picture she coloured of Miss A.

The kids enjoyed a visit from Mrs Lavender’s baby girl, Dixie, on Tuesday. They all loved the visit.

A VISIT FROM DIXIE

Calliope with a picture she coloured of Miss A.
PREP NARRATIVES CROSS TO CENTRE STAGE:
This term the preps are investigating the hungry caterpillar as their focus throughout the term. Mrs White has been busy using the book to immerse them in narratives. Therefore to celebrate this and their beginning of school, the Preps-3's will be heading to the Moncrieff theatre in May to watch the stage show of the hungry caterpillar. This is a great example of how narratives come to life.

ATTENDANCE:
Don’t forget – attendance matters. Please strive to assist in your child attending every day of school. Our Dymock’s book program is running again this year for our whole week achievers. We would like to keep our rate above 97% which is where it usually stays. This weeks rate was 92.06% with illnesses about. Hopefully we can get back on track next week.

ATTENDANCE AWARD: JOSHUA

READING IN OUR SCHOOL:
Reading is one of our key focuses this year and has been in previous years. In class the students will be delving into their key comprehension strategies as well as their decoding strategies. These strategies are what will assist our students in decoding print around them. With Miss A continuing in the RAPID reading room our students will be getting one on one intervention across this area around specific skills. Remember Rapid Reading is not for students who are below benchmark, it is for students who require support in a specific skill within reading – this could be a higher order thinking skill. As this is our focus this year, we will be celebrating achievements and talking a lot about reading.

MATHS IN OUR SCHOOL:
In Mathematics this term students will be working through all the key strands. Our particular focus will be on Number. I was very happy to see that our NAPLAN data from last year looks great so it is a key indicator that our students are on the right track. From our NAPLAN data, PAT data and our student’s pre-tests for the term, we have formed intervention groups where by year level we focus on key elements in number. Mrs Chamberlin will be setting up Maths Investigations on a Thursday that she will administer with the whole school based around Number also.

WRITING IN OUR SCHOOL:
This term across the whole P-6 we will be covering narratives. Preps will be developing their skills on expressing their feelings about characters in short stories while the year 2’s will be creating a short story about friendship. Our year 3’s, 5’s and 6’s will be writing a short story beginning with the complication while our year 4’s will be creating a chapter for the Twits book. Students will be learning their key strategies through the 7 steps in writing program. This is a fantastic program to get the creative juices flying!! We have some keen writers in our school who cannot wait to delve into this text type.

FUNDRAISER TERM 1
This term we have decided to have a Cadbury chocolate drive which can also tie in with Easter. Chocolates will be sent home soon.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Don’t forget we have booked a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle for Sunday 19th February. So come on in and grab a snag and drink and say hello.

AHEAD OF THE GAME - FOCUSED LEARNING:
As of this term, I will be off line Thursday and Friday. This time will be spent in the office, doing admin work and curriculum planning. However the majority of this time will be spent implementing intervention sessions with the students across reading and numeracy. There are certain areas that require more support than others across these strands and to be implemented at an individual level for students. Therefore this time will be allocated to covering an extra maths, reading and writing lesson across these days for all group levels per week. This is a great way for us to get ahead of the game!!!!!