

WEST WYALONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Week 3. I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely Mother's Day yesterday. Thank you to the P & C for organising the Mother's Day stall for gifts as well as the teachers for making sure every student had something to take home for their mother, grandmother, aunt or carer.

Well done to our tennis team who move into the 4th round of PSSA tennis competition after a win against Wyalong PS on Friday.

This week, we have a whole school assembly tomorrow at 2.30pm in the MPU, our rugby league team are competing in a Rugby League Knockout in Dubbo on Thursday and students will be competing at the District Cross Country at Tullibigeal, on Friday. We wish all of these students all the best.

On Wednesday this week, students in Year 6 will spend the day at West Wyalong High School as part of their transition to high school program. As this is the first day going to the high school, we would like all students to come here first, and staff will walk them up 9.00am.

There have been cases of COVID amongst students and staff this term. The current COVID smart measures for schools are the following:

- **Stay home if unwell** – your child should only return to school when symptom free
- **Rapid antigen testing** – Notify the school and Service NSW if your child tests positive. The school still has a large number of tests if families require them.
- **Hygiene and cleaning** – regular hand washing and masks if needed.

For all of this term, Mrs Hopper will be at Tallimba Public School, relieving as Principal. While Mrs Hopper is away, Mrs Brown will be Relieving Assistant Principal.

This Thursday, I will travel to Sydney to be a Peer Principal on the External Validation Panel for Blacktown South Public School. All public schools in NSW have to complete an external validation, every 4 years. As part of this process, principals from other schools are invited to review school submissions and be part of a panel that validates the school's evaluation of their school. This year, I am looking forward to visiting three schools, learning about their programs and processes that are working effectively.

Wishing you a great week ahead,

Mrs Jenkins

We would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri People, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather and pay our respects to their Elder's past, present and emerging.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 14th May

Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 15th May

Year 6 Orientation day WWHS

Thursday 16th May

PSSA Rugby League Knockout - Dubbo

Friday 17th May

District Cross Country - Tulli

Wednesday 22nd May

Simultaneous Storytime



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TERM 2 WEEK 3 LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE THIS WEEK!

Issue 3 Book Club catalogues have been sent home with your child. All orders are due back no later than **3:15pm THIS Friday 17th May 2024**. Orders can be placed online using the Scholastic LOOP website and there is also a Scholastic Book Club LOOP for Parents app available. Otherwise completed paper order forms with money need to be returned to the front office. If you need assistance placing an order, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Grimshaw at school.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2024

On **Wednesday 22nd May (Week 4)** our school will be celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around Australia. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy. The book chosen this year for National Simultaneous Storytime is "Bowerbird Blues" by Aura Parker.

Each class will be assigned a reading buddy class and will have this book read to them by the teachers on Wednesday 22nd May. Students will also be completing activities based on this book during Week 4 library lessons with Mrs Grimshaw.



TRY SFC FOR A DAY

Friday 17 May 2024

WHAT IS ON OFFER

Students will experience what it is like to be a St Francis student for a day. Current Year 6 and prospective Years 7-11 students are invited to attend. Please arrive at 9:15am for a 9:30am start. The day will conclude at 2:30pm. Sausage sizzle lunch will be provided. Students may arrive and depart on buses to and from the College. If parents/guardians are dropping off/picking up students this must occur at the front or back gates.

If you wish for your child to attend, please **RSVP by FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024** to the College Office by phone or email including any dietary requirements.

Things to Do:

- Wear your current school's sports uniform
- Bring a water bottle and recess

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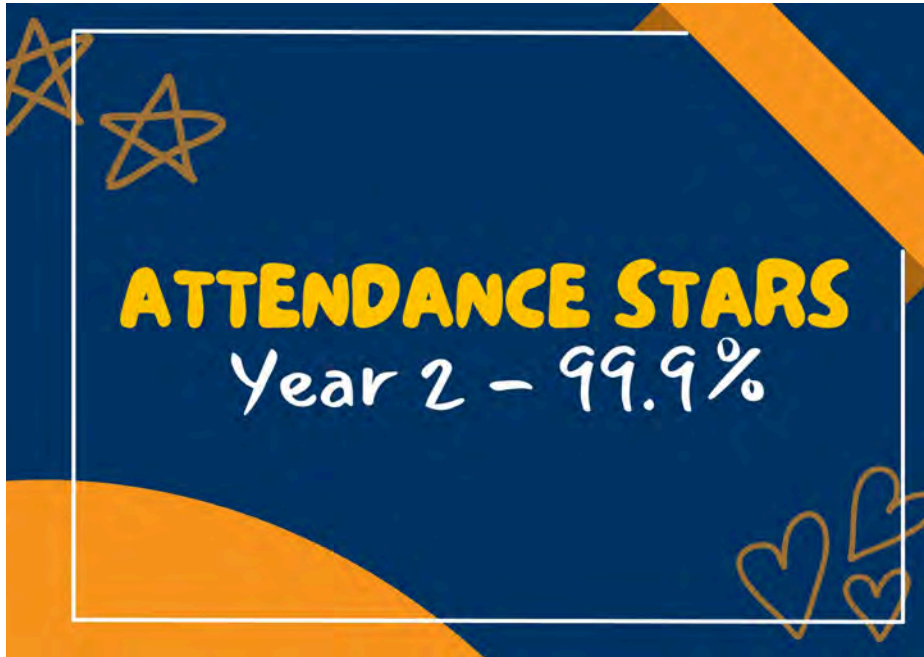
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Highest Attendance Award!
Set your child up for success at school and make sure they don't miss out on the important things. Good attendance is key to your child being able to fulfil their potential and make good progress in school.

#everydaymatters

Each week the year group with the highest attendance will be announced in the newsletter. The winning year group should feel proud of themselves and will choose the end of the day song for the bell for the following week.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL FEES

P&C set our voluntary school fees last week at \$25 per student for the year, thank you to those parents that spotted them in Sentral and have already paid them. Fees can be paid through the Sentral Parent Portal or in cash at the Front Office.

Reminder to parents - please label all items that come to school containers, clothing, hats etc.
Please also remind your child to bring their hat - no hat no play outside



Every year in Australia, \$2.5 billion of unsold household goods are wasted and 1 in 8 Australians are living below the poverty line.

Good360 Australia exists to reduce this need and waste by connecting businesses brand new unsold goods to people in need, creating a Circle of Good, where everyone benefits.

How Good360 Works

At Good360 they are connectors. They connect charities, schools and society's most vulnerable with businesses willing to donate unsold or surplus goods, services and disaster recovery essentials. Their mission is to ensure the excess goods and services businesses produce every year flow to people in need rather than going to waste.

Please see link below to the Good360 website for further information:

[HTTPS://GOOD360.ORG.AU/](https://good360.org.au/)



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FROST AND FIRE

VERA BLUE

RAEHEL WHITCHURCH **Em & Jo**
Graceey **CAMERON SHARP**

FIRE DANCERS, ICE QUEEN ON STILTS, CULTURAL PERFORMANCES, FIREWORKS & MORE

Secure your ticket via 123tix.com.au
\$30 tickets 18 and over / under 18s free entry

FORBES SKI DAM | SATURDAY 22ND JUNE | 4:00PM - 10:00PM
FOOD STALLS & BAR | FIRE BUCKETS | COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE BUSES | \$10 PARKING | BYO CHAIR

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FYAT FORBES YOUTH ACTION TEAM

PRESENTS

CHILLFEST

ICE SKATE * EAT * DANCE * ENJOY

JUN 21 6:00pm - 10:00pm
FORBES YOUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

\$5 ENTRY

For more information contact us via youth@forbes.nsw.gov.au or 02 6850 2300

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BLAND SHIRE LIBRARY

BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

Bryson Troy

ALL IS NOT WHAT IT APPEARS TO BE

"A stirfry of anecdotes celebrating his life, family & friends"

Tuesday 21st May 2024
10am

Join us for an informal interview with Bryson Troy followed by morning tea.
Book available: \$50 (cash only)

To RSVP contact 69790272

BLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

<p>What's inside?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Corn thinsBoiled eggsCucumber slicesBananaCheese slicesWater	<p>What's inside?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fried riceAir popped popcornCelery sticksTub of fruit in natural juiceWater	<p>What's inside?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Falafel, hummus and tomato wrapMandarinDried apricotsYoghurtWater
<p>What's inside?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuna, cucumber and mayonnaise rollAir popped popcornAppleCarton of milkWater	<p>What's inside?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Vegemite sandwichRoasted fava beansCherry tomatoesGrapesWater	<p>What's inside?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hummus in wholemeal flat breadWholegrain crackersCucumber sticksTub of fruit in natural juiceLabneWater

Packing a healthy lunch box really helps our children concentrate and stay engaged. Above is some inspiration if needed.



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PSSA TENNIS ROUND 3

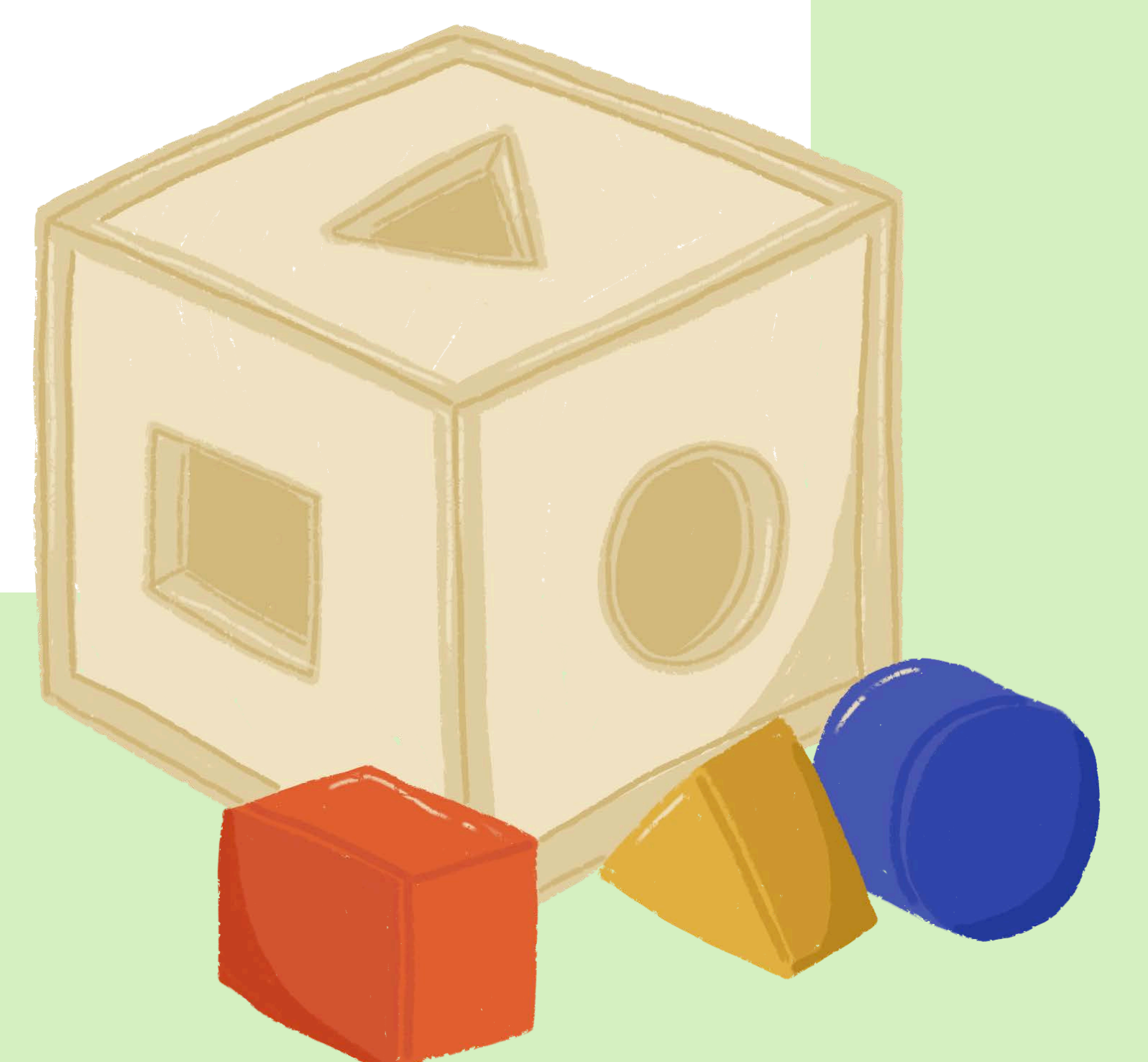
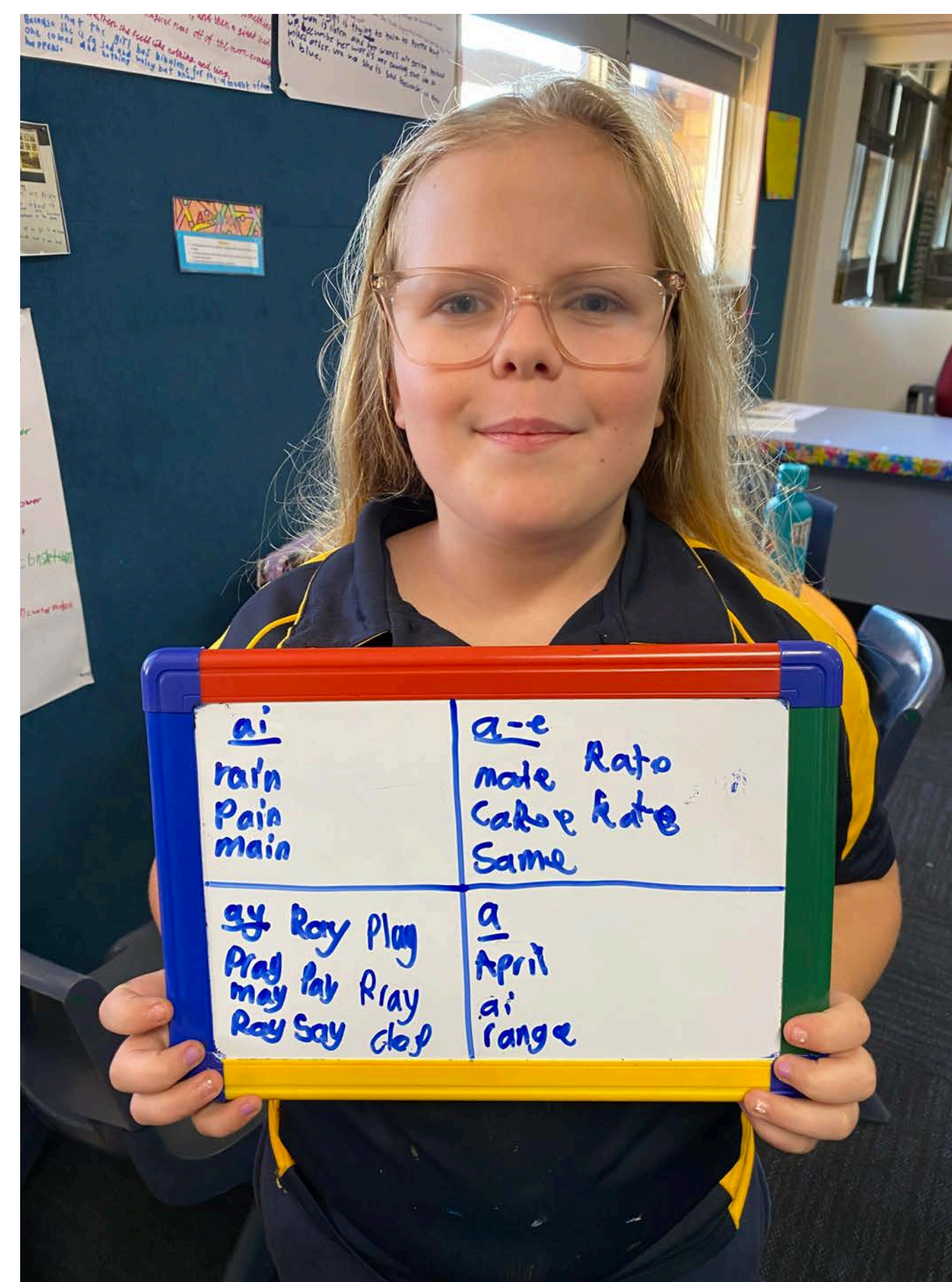
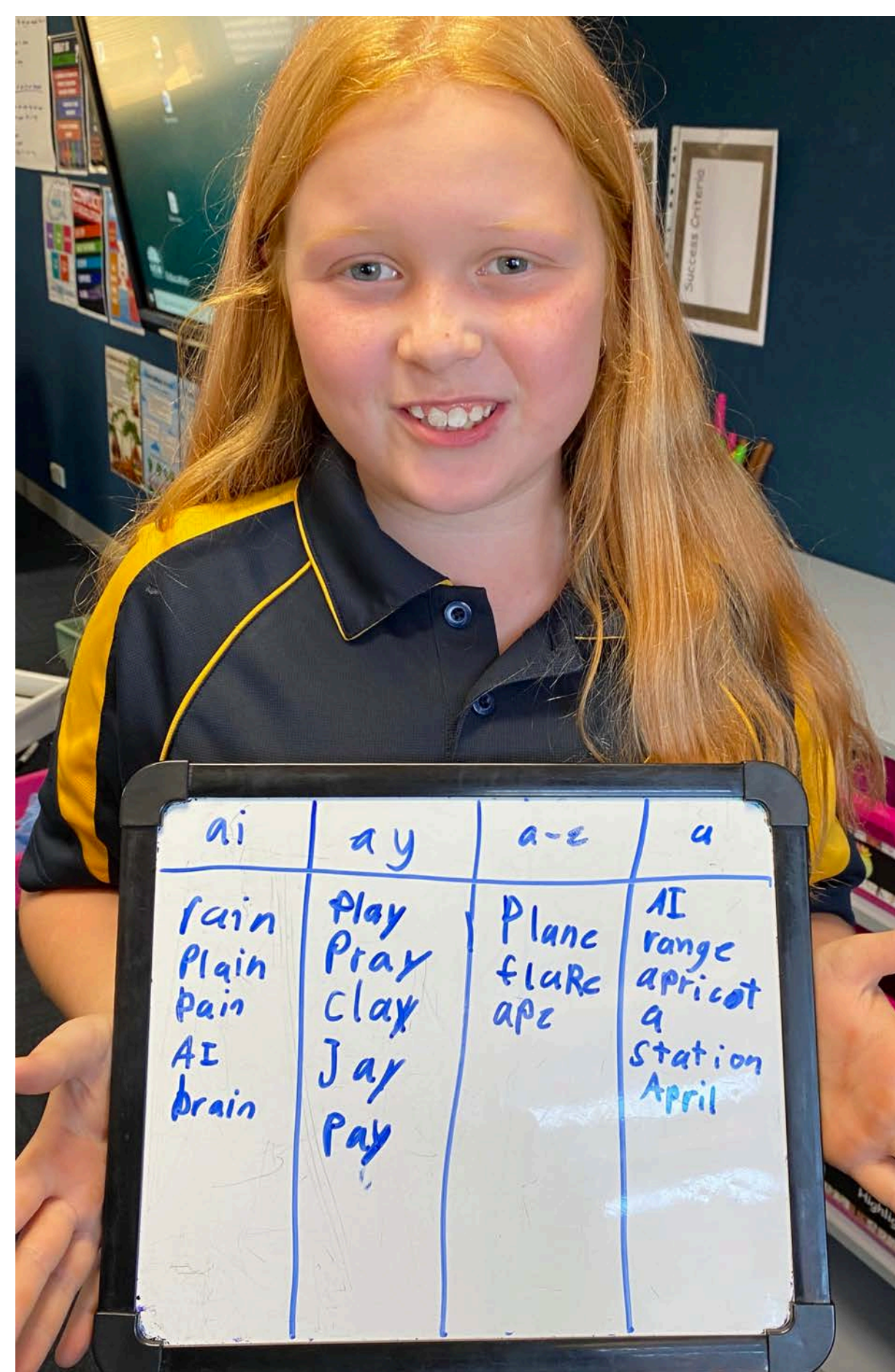
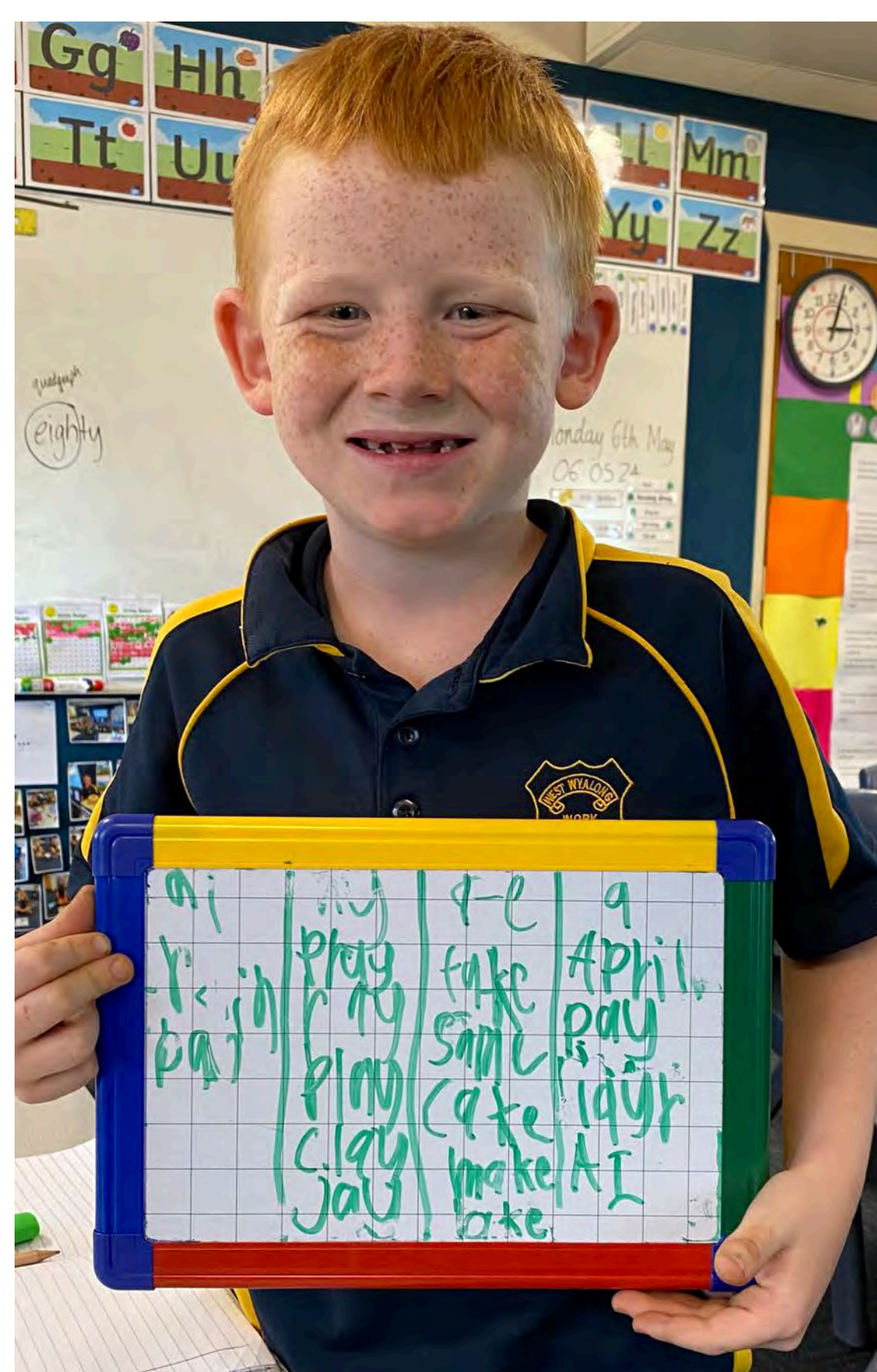


Last Thursday 9th May Elsie, Heath, Isabella and Jude played Round 3 of PSSA Tennis against Wyalong Public School at the West Wyalong tennis courts. Heath and Jude both won their singles matches as well as the boys doubles match. After singles and doubles were played both schools were tied in sets - 3 sets each. It was all down to the final 2 sets of mixed doubles to determine the winner. We won both mixed doubles sets to win overall on the day 5 sets to 3. It was great to see lots of great rallies and a few deuces throughout these sets. We are proud of your sportsmanship and efforts in tennis Elsie, Heath, Isabella and Jude!



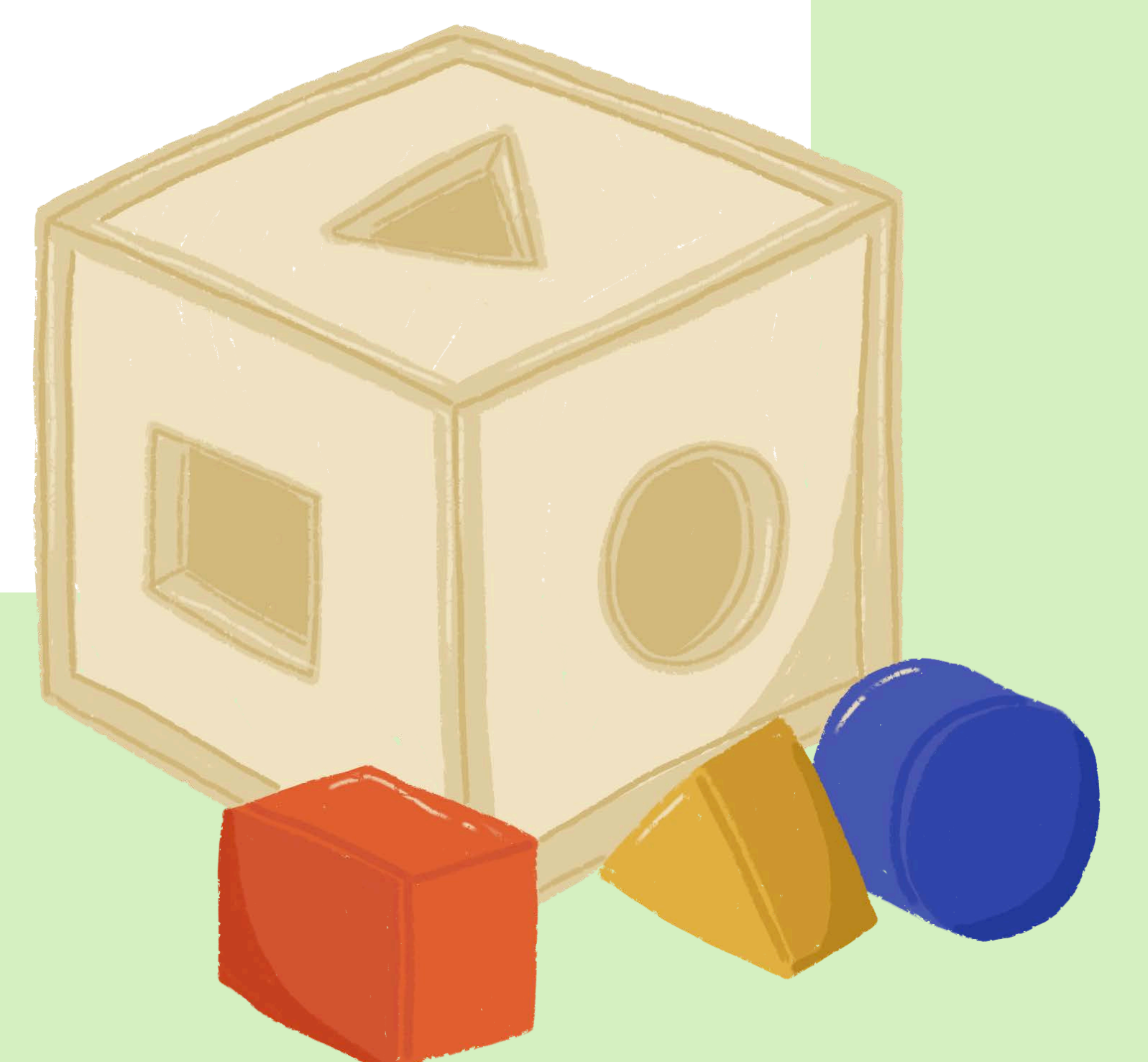
3-4 Clover News

Below are some photographs of what we have been up to the past few weeks in spelling and maths.



3-4 Clover News

Last week in Science we learnt how light reflects off different surfaces. We also engage in a fun light reflection game on the laptops.



STAGE 3

GYMNASTICS

Over the last four weeks of Term 1, Stage 3 participated in Gymnastics coaching sessions every Thursday. During these sessions we learned a variety of basic gymnastics skills such as angry cat, motorbike and candle, as well as circus skills. Our core strength was challenged on the rings and some of the movement combinations were certainly not as easy as we thought they would be! By the end of the program we had learned various movement sequences and could put them altogether in a circuit. Thanks to Mrs Fealy for organising this opportunity through the Sporting Schools Program.



