



Message from Jacqui

Wow, another week has passed, it is hard to believe that next week is week 7. This term is flying with lots of learning and exciting experiences each week at Christmas Hills Primary School, and lots more planned. This week we have had meetings with parents regarding Individual Learning Plans, it is always a wonderful experience seeing families, students and staff working together to support the learning of our students.

Last week was action packed with our school captains participating in a Student Leadership Day at Panton Hill Primary where they joined students from other small schools for a day of activities which were all focused on developing their Leadership skills. Luka and Flynn returned to school with lots of ideas of projects they would like to lead in 2021. Stay tuned for more information.

Then on Friday we all went to a nursery to learn about Bush Tucker. This is part of our Bush School program where students have been learning about Bush Tucker and choosing some recipes to try in the coming weeks. The level of excitement and enthusiasm for this topic is amazing and students are very excited to be preparing for the installation of a Bush Tucker garden in the near future.

Tomorrow (Friday 5th March) is a Curriculum Day. We wish all our families a happy and safe extra-long weekend and look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday.



Important Dates for 2021

Important Dates for Term 1

Swimming Dates

March - 4,11,18

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th

3 Way Conferences

March 4th - School Photos

March 5th—Curriculum Day

March 7th Labour Day

April 2nd—Last day of Term

2021 Term Dates

Term 1- 28th January-1st April

Term 2- 19th April-25th June

Term 3 -12th July-17th

September

Term 4 - 4th October -

17th December



Bush School - by Bunjil classroom

Today Christmas Hills Primary School went on an excursion to Kuranga Native Nursery in Mt Evelyn.

We got ready and drove to a Nursery that sold bush tucker, plants and food.

There was karaoke in one car and Tate got a headache from the noise of a flute in his ear! Two of the cars went to the wrong nursery, it was annoying and a bit funny.

When we got there, some of us climbed on some rocks. That was fun because one them was big and lots of people could fit on it.

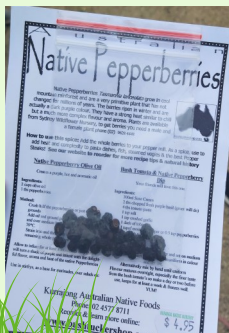
Mona took photos of Millah and Jackson's faces with the plant identification app. Jackson was a black walnut and Millah was a dwarf huckleberry.

We met a staff member called Mikayla. She gave us leaves to smell so we could guess what plants they came from. There was; wattle seed, finger lime, lemon myrtle, cinnamon myrtle. Flynn liked the lemon myrtle and wild river mint. Mona and Hazel liked strawberry gum. Sofia liked the lemon myrtle. Alby thought there was a bit of a burn from the spicy mountain pepper berry. Hazel liked the finger lime. Marlo liked them all!

Our bush school teacher Adam and School Captain Flynn bought bush food for our cooking activities next Friday.

We loved it! Next time we would like to see the fernery too.

By CHPS

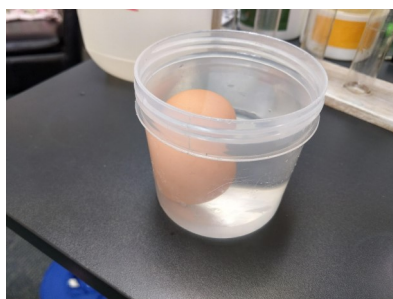




Sugarloaf STEM Blog.

This week was all about acids and bases. We used an indicator to test if different substances were acids and bases. It was interesting to see how we needed a control to make sure we have something to compare with. In the Prep/One grade we learned the mechanics of an experiment by testing out our predictions and writing our results down after seeing if eggs respond differently to salty or fresh water.

We tested how an indicator responded to lemon, vinegar, bi-carb and cucumber. To see how



things changed we designed an experimental method and made a hypothesis that we could test. We found out that Acids turned red and Bases turned blue. All you have to do to try this at home is to blend and strain red cabbage into a jar, use that as a indicator to see what substances around the house are acids and bases. The younger students explored experimental methods by looking at how a egg responds to salty and fresh water. They were given the material for the experiment and asked what they could test. We had some interesting predictions about what would happen to the egg in salty water and thankfully they didn't explode!

Check out what we did on the blog <https://sites.google.com/education.vic.gov.au/sugarloafstemblog/weekly-summaries>

