

Woomera Area School

Magazine

2022



Principal's Report

Welcome to our review of 2022 at Woomera Area School. Once again we have dealt with COVID-19 with restricted classes at the beginning of the year and then, in term 3 when all but 1 member of our staff succumbed and most of our students. We had to close the school for 2 days until we were able to staff the school for the students who were left! It also kept restrictions on some of our activities and we are looking forward to 2023 and the opportunities it holds.

Our students were engaged in numerous learning activities this year including gardening and then cooking with the produce. Creating art pieces using clay, glass and a variety of other mediums. In STEM they have been able to design and create solutions to problems, do some coding and robotics getting their robots to move in specific ways. This year working with Ms Fowler they participated in the Commissioner for Children & Young People's computational thinking challenge 'Learn to Speak Robot' which teaches students coding and computational skills. Through this involvement we have won a robotics kit donated by VEX Robotics. We look forward to what they will be learning using this next year. Great work. Throughout the year we have been able to see so much growth in learning and increased confidence with every student. Our pre-schoolers have adapted well into the Integrated School environment and have learned so many new skills particularly in team work, fine motor skills and recognising numerals, letters and some basic phonics. Our early years students continue to develop their reading and writing skills along with their maths, which is a favourite subject with them. Our older students have all shown positive growth this year particularly in writing and continue to develop their confidence in maths.

Our year 12 had a big year and although there were some deadline issues, she was able to not only successfully complete SACE but also complete a Certificate III in Health Services Assistance. Congratulations Beth you have persisted and you are now rewarded with that wonderful feeling of success. Our best wishes to you and your future. Congratulations also to Hunter in Year 11 who arrived part way through the year and was fortunate to obtain a school based apprenticeship with McMahon Services.

Finally after almost 2 years we have our new playground in and students are able to use it. Although designed for older students we have been able to have our younger students using parts of it. We now just need the shade over to complete the project.

We employed a new staff member this year – thank you Tara for your time working predominantly with our 'Kindy kids'. This has allowed these students more opportunity to do some hands on learning more appropriate for their age. We are farewelling Lisa-Jane Parsons this year who is moving on after 6 years here at Woomera. Thank you for all of your time and effort Lisa-Jane and we wish you the best for your future.

There have been a number of students come and go over the year including Sapphira, Vinnie, Destyne and Elizabeth. We welcomed Karl, Bodhi and Hunter and farewelled, Rebecca, Stephanie, Brooke, Isabelle and Elandra.

Thank you to all you have supported us over the year with special thanks to our Governing Council members, volunteers and visitors who provided opportunities for our students. I wish you all well for the festive season and hope 2023 brings you everything you hope for.

Ann O'Sullivan

Governing Council Report

As the year comes to an end I reflect on the year that was 2022. There have been some wonderful highs and some unfortunate lows. We started the year hopeful, continuing to advertise for another teacher to assist with all classes. The bus was sold successfully at Pickles Auctions! The school participated in the 75th anniversary celebrations, selling school merchandise to fundraise.

Term 2 there were still no suitable applicants for the teaching position, so advertising was set on hold to resume in term 3. A visit from Natalie from Talk Speech Pathology was agreed to be funded partially by the school, with the majority to be funded by the successful application of the Parents in Education grant. This visit was well received with positive feedback from all in attendance. By the end of term 2 there were 3 preschool children enrolled meaning an SSO could be employed for 15 hours per week to assist with Preschool. As term 2 progressed the Honour Board from the school found a new permanent home where it can be viewed by the public, at the Heritage Centre. The Airconditioning and roof issues with the Gym became an ongoing saga, continuing to this day, though the roof has now been fixed.

Unfortunately term 3 began with a closure as the school came down with Covid. This presented its own set of challenges as communication was difficult and delayed. We are so glad that everyone has recovered well and is back on board. An SSO had been found in Tara and she was successfully assisting with the preschool children throughout the week. Lisa-Jane also announced her transfer from her position at the school as she will be moving back home. She will be greatly missed, we would like to thank her for her service to the school. The playground arrived in boxes! This was a huge celebration for the kids, it seemed like it was never going to happen, so to actually have it arrive was exciting to all. We were also made aware of the Weapons Research Scholarship, something that had been around for many, many years, but left dormant as the school diminished in size. A plan was made to adjust the "goalposts" so that the scholarship could again be used by those in completing their SACE here, an outcome on those recommendations is yet to be heard.

In term 4 I participated in the On Track Evaluation as the Chairperson, it was good to be a part of this process and I learnt a bit along the way. The gym airconditioning saga continued, and is yet to be resolved, we hope there is good news in the new year. The playground has finally been installed and is very much enjoyed by all the students.

Throughout the year I have enjoyed hearing of some of the wonderful art and science projects that the children participate in, with wonderful results, it was also great to see some of their work as the year progressed.

As a governing council, the council member Roles and Descriptions were updated, as was the Code of Practice, the Standing Orders and finally at the end of term 4 the 21 year old Constitution was also refreshed.

It has been a big year, with lots happening. I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Ben Kleemann– Governing Council Chairmann

Woomera Area School

Staff 2022



Ann O'Sullivan
Principal



Lisa-Jane Parsons
Junior Teacher



Alex Fowler
Primary/Secondary Teacher



Kara Brown
Finance/ Admin



Carol Strawbridge
Admin/ Library



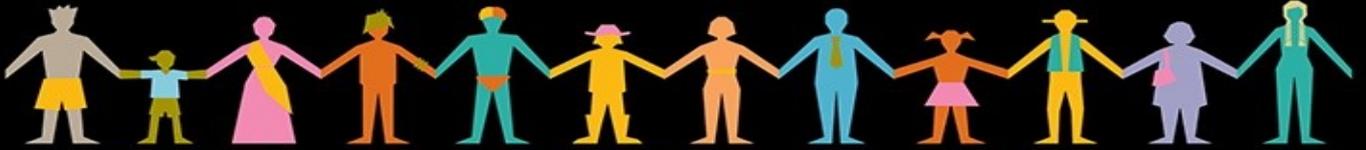
Tara Andrews
Class Support



Australian Government

21 MARCH

HARMONY DAY



March 21 is Australia's Harmony Day, which celebrates the country's cultural diversity. It coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day is an Australian Government program that centers on the message that "Everyone belongs", reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. Since 1999, thousands of Harmony Day events have been staged in childcare centers, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia



Woomera Flood

Widespread flooding across South Australia's north and west in January was caused by downpours in the wake of ex-Tropical Cyclone Tiffany.

Several locations had set "all-time records" in terms of rainfall, in what was a "highly unusual weather event", the Bureau of Meteorology said. There were falls of more than 200 millimetres. The road between Pimba and Woomera was closed due to flood damage.

The remote communities of Woomera, Roxby Downs and Andamooka were effectively marooned by the damage to the road.

Can you believe it– later in the year it happened again?! Twice in a year the road was closed, this hasn't happened since it was sealed.



The school also suffered during the floods, luckily it was all in our gardens and outside spaces. Thanks to the RAAF personnel who sand bagged the school and library to stop the water from getting into the building. The trailer was also retrieved, once it was dug



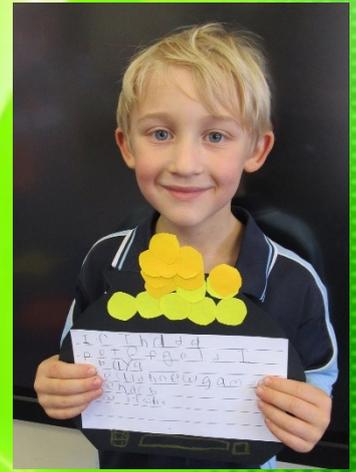
PANCAKE DAY







St. Patrick's Day, feast day of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on Thursday, March 17, 2022.



If I had a pot of gold I would get
 a butterfly costume and a game
 of soccer

Karl

If I had a
 pot of gold I
 would buy a
 wii game
 and a
 switch

Lachlan

If I had a pot of gold I would get
 a butterfly costume and a game

Rebecca

If I had a pot of gold I
 would buy frozen toys.

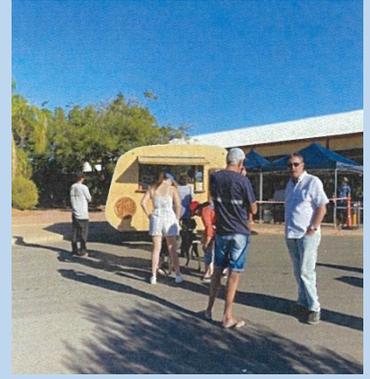
Stephanie





Woomera Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Over the Easter long week end Woomera celebrated it's 75th year, where the time capsule which was buried in 2007 was opened. There were a variety of food stalls, souvenir stalls, historical Woomera footage playing at the cinema. A commemorative official visitors book was available for all visitors and Sunday saw a BBQ breakfast at Breen Park with an Easter egg hunt, with funds donated to the school. The band "Rocket Fuel" played at the Sports Club. On the Saturday night there was an Invitation only dinner at the RSL. Photos taken from the Gibber Gabber.



Woomera's 75th Celebration Certificate Ceremony

During the weekend of Woomera's 75th Anniversary our Principal Ann O'Sullivan and year 12 student Beth French worked to help make the weekend a success. This was recognised by Anthony Roe, Squadron leader, Commanding Officer, 20 Squadron. They were both presented with a framed certificate and a Commanding Officers coin.



CO 20SQN Anthony Roe awarding Woomera citizen Miss Beth French with a 20 SQN commemorative coin and a certificate of appreciation for her recent volunteering efforts.

Woomera Area School Principal Mrs Ann O'Sullivan receiving a certificate of appreciation for her participation in the Woomera 75th Anniversary commemorations from CO 20 SQN SQNLDR Anthony Roe.

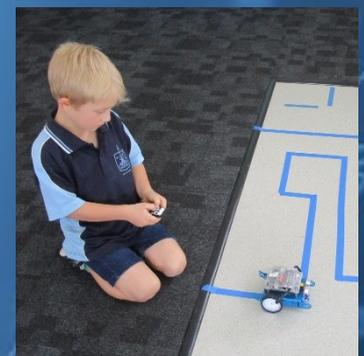
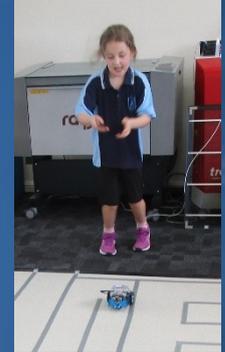
Photograph courtesy of J. Bradbury.

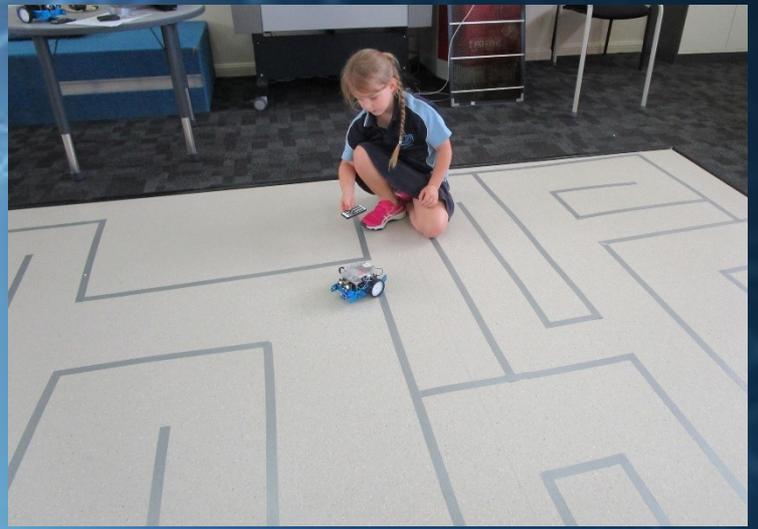
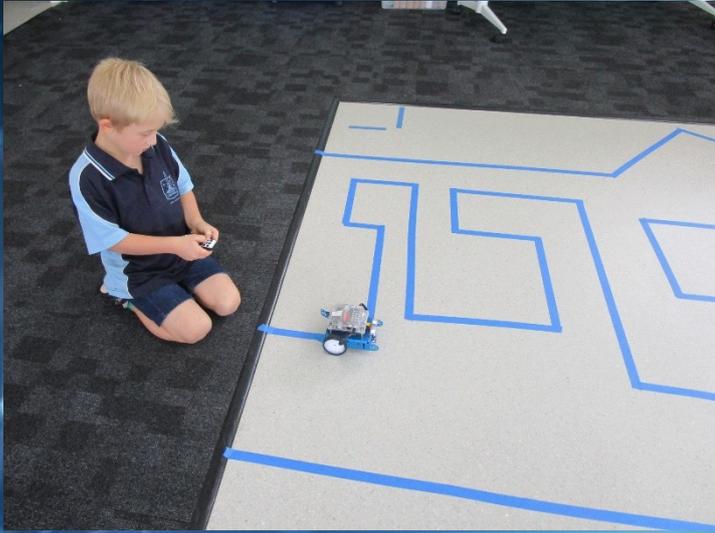
Exert from the Gibber Gabber



Robotics

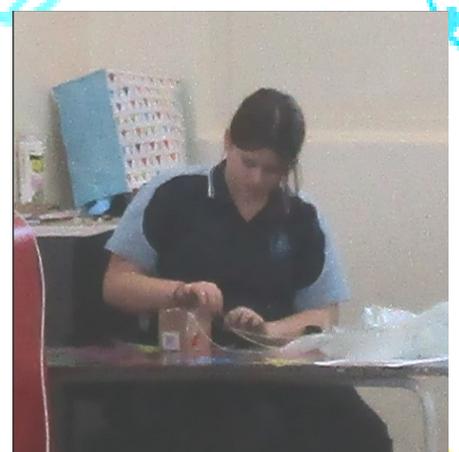
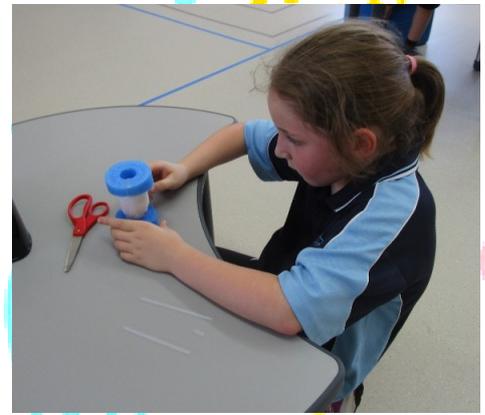
During STEM lessons the students have been learning to code. This lesson they had to build their robot and put in the code for it to go around an obstacle course. They had to develop sending specific instructions to their mBots to complete mazes, follow lines and push balls into goals. The older students have also been starting to learn how to code. This is another way to give specific instructions to the robot. The robots have been able to move as well as make sounds and give visual displays with lights through coding.



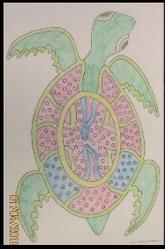


Easter Egg Drop

The Easter STEM challenge was to create a container to protect their Easter egg when dropped from a height. The students came up with some great idea, and all of the Easter eggs survive the drop, and were eaten shortly after.







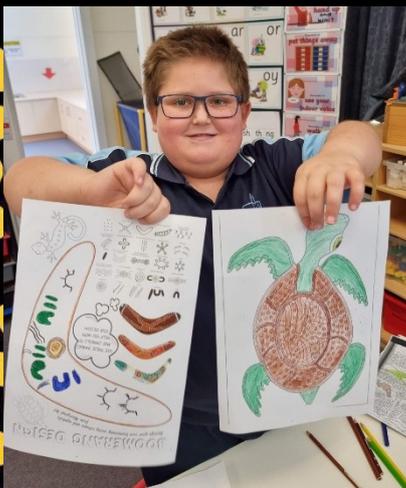
GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!



3-10 JULY 2022



NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.



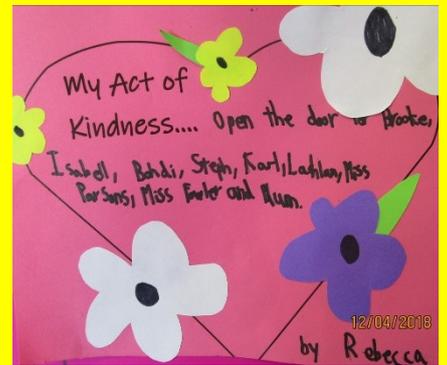
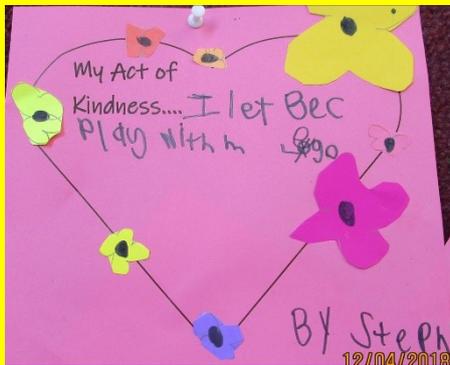


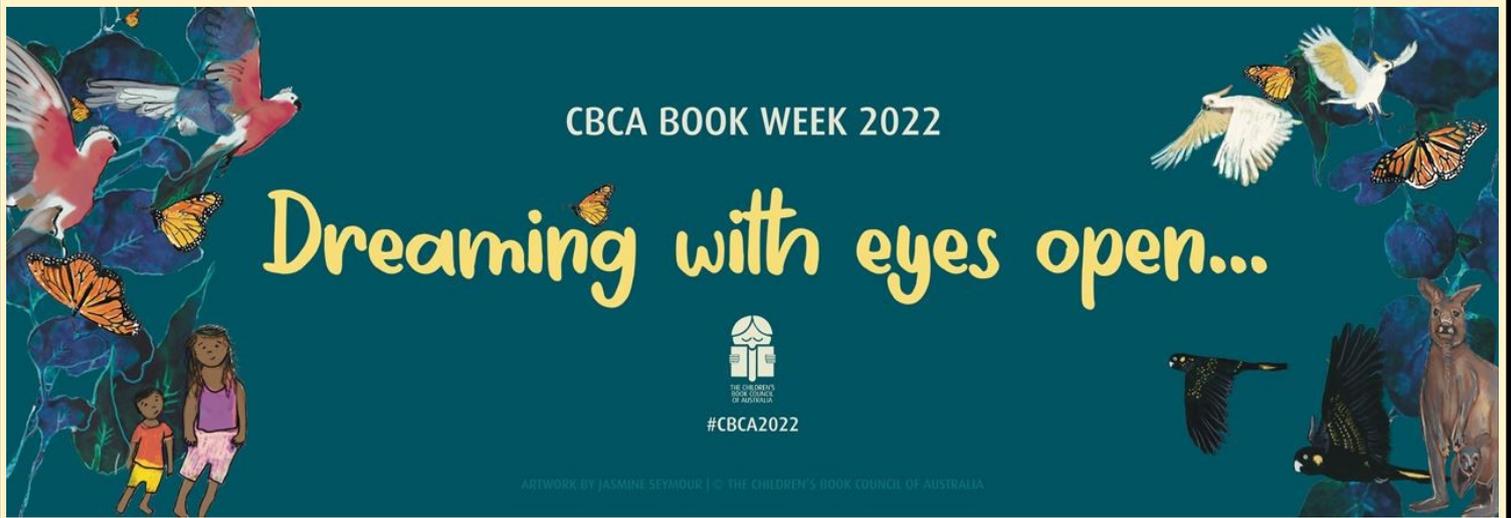
b kinder day

Spreading Kindness and Empathy

The world could use a little more kindness, so the purpose of b kinder day is to discuss kindness, to empower children and enable people to see that they each have the capacity to make a difference.

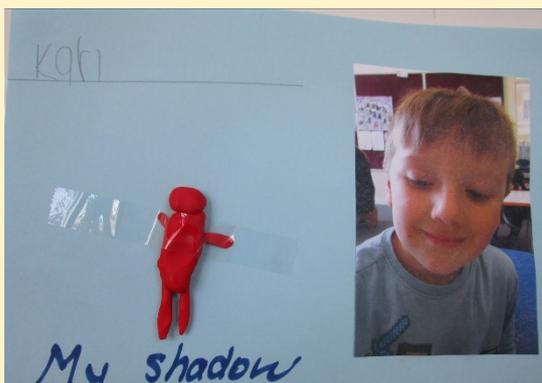
b kinder day addresses what it means to be kind, inspired by one little girl who wanted to make a positive change in this world.





As part of our Book Week celebrations, the students wore their pyjamas to school
(Theme was Dreaming with your eyes open)

The junior primary class read the book, *My Shadow is Purple* and then made their own shadows. The book is a heart warming and inspiring book about being true to yourself and moving beyond the gender binary, by best-selling children's book creator Scott Stuart.



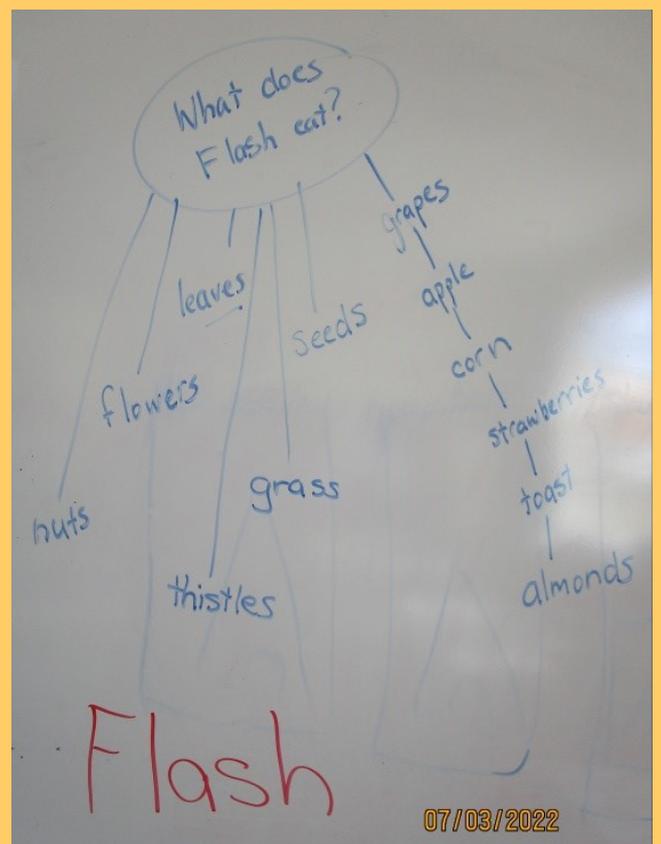


*We are
Dreaming with our eyes open*



Visit From Flash

Ms Parson's brought her yellow crested cockatoo to school to teach her class about where they live in the wild and what they eat. He entertained them with his ability to talk and the tricks he can do.



07/03/2022

Woomera Community Library

The library has been a hive of activity this year, with the playgroup coming on Wednesday mornings for story time, the students borrowing books to read as well as their class room library collection. There has also been the senior class using the television to watch educational DVD's.

The national simultaneous story time was also streamed for the students to join in with the thousands of children around Australia and New Zealand all reading the book at the same time.

There was the visit from the Speech Pathologist who did some training for the parents as well as anyone from the community, we had some SSO's come all the way from Maree. The session was very informative with everyone left with new skills.

Book Week was a great hit, the book this year was 'My Shadow is Purple' the students wore their pyjamas as the theme was "Dreaming with your eyes open."



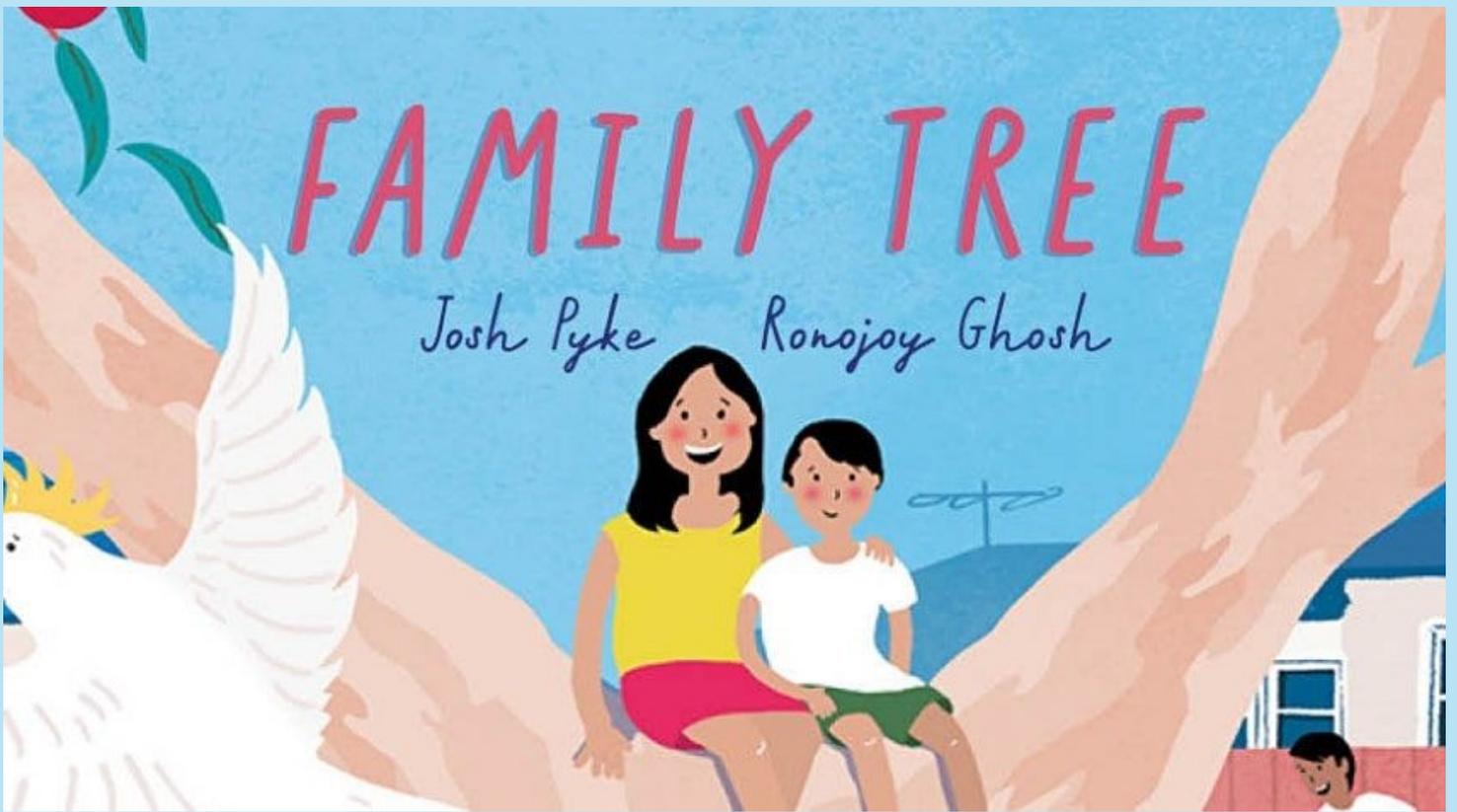
Above: Book Week, "Dreaming with your eyes open "



LEFT: National Simultaneous Story Time

Below: Speech Pathology for Parents





National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 25th May

National Simultaneous Story time is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage young children to read and enjoy books as well as teach them the value of literacy. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, pre-schools, childcare centres, schools, family homes, bookshops and many other places around Australia, New Zealand and the world.

Woomera Area School joined in with the simultaneous story time, we were joined by the pre-schoolers





Preschool

This year Faith and Riley were in preschool, which were two full days a week. In this time they learnt about colours, numbers, shapes and letters. They also learnt how to use scissors safely and how to correctly hold a pencil. They joined in on cooking classes, STEM lessons, Pancake Day, Book Week, and art lessons to mention a few.





PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to, encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading, while improving literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.



Bodhi's first year



Lachlan's second year



Karl's first year

There are 14 awards to collect

- **First year** – Certificate
- **Second year** – Bronze medal
- **Third year** – Silver medal
- **Fourth year** – Gold medal
- **Fifth year** – Champion medal
- **Sixth year** – Legend medal
- **Seventh year** – Hall of Fame medal. Students can elect to have their name appear on the Premier's Reading Challenge Hall of Fame Honour Roll
- **Eighth year onwards** – Hall of Fame Reader for Life certificate reflecting the number of



Welcome to National BraveHearts Day!

For a quarter of a century, Bravehearts has been at the forefront of breaking the silence around child sexual abuse, speaking out for survivors and raising awareness about child protection through their annual campaign: White Balloon Day.

As Bravehearts itself stands for all survivors and educates, empowers and protects children from child sexual abuse, changing the name to Bravehearts Day was the logical decision. Bravehearts Day is and always will be about breaking the silence around child sexual abuse, supporting survivors and most importantly, preventing this insidious crime.



Our Students learnt about personal safety and having a safe adult they can talk to, as well as Ditto's Rules.

The students made love hearts with ditto's rules on them.



Ditto's Rules

Rule 1

We all have the right to feel safe with people. Kids have the right to feel safe and secure where they live, play, and learn with the people who surround them.

Rule 2

It's OK to say "NO" if you feel unsafe or unsure. It's OK to stand up for yourself and say "NO" if something doesn't feel right/safe.

Rule 3

Nothing is so yucky that you can't tell someone about it. Even something seems scary or terrible, it's important to tell a trusted adult.



Gardening

The junior school children have been gardening with Ms Fowler and Mrs O'Sullivan. They have planted tomatoes, capsicum, strawberries, lettuce, spring onions, beans, broccoli, cauliflower, silver beet and carrots. The children regularly go to the garden and water their plants and check it make sure they are growing. These vegetables are used for cooking once they are big enough to eat. The planting changes to suit the seasons.





YUM!

Talk Speech Pathology

With Natalie Leader

This year we received funding from the Dept. for Education Parents in Education programme. Late last year Viv Kleemann and Ann O'Sullivan put in a proposal to have a Speech Pathologist come & work with staff, students & families. The submission was a success & we were able to engage Natalie to come to WAS.

Natalie delivered a comprehensive session about early language and literacy. She offered practical advice and strategies to support children's early language development. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn from an experienced professional, giving knowledge and confidence moving forward to support children's education at home.

We had a large number of parents attend as well a staff members from Marree Aboriginal School.

Areas that were discussed were communication including your voice, fluency and social communication. The link between spoken language and written language, introducing the 30 million words project and the 1000 books before kindergarten as well as practical skills and strategies to use at home.

We also viewed 'Scarborough's Reading Rope' and brainstormed some child interest based communication and briefly looked at the "Zones of Regulation" and some rhyming and sound play activities. This was followed up with two online sessions people could join where Natalie went more in depth on topics which were highlighted.



Rocks

With **TESEP**

Teaching Earth Science Education Program

On the 2nd of June we had Philip Sansom from TESEP visit the school and sort through our vast collection of Rocks and Minerals, sorting and identifying many.

He worked with the students in an extended session to explore the rocks, rock types and what minerals they are made up of. Students had the chance to ask any questions about rock, fossils and minerals. Students found different rocks in our collection which interested them, with shiny rocks and distinct fossils being the more favoured.

Philip then showed the students some more interesting fossils and rocks that were scanned in 3D and are available to view online. Among these were ancient oysters, sea urchins and shells.





Bush Tucker Garden

The Bush Tucker Garden was inspired by Miss Fowler, after doing training on edible native plants. We are now growing our own native garden. The students have planted bower spinach, lemon scented myrtle, river mint, native thyme, muntries, pig face, pink midgem berries to name but a few. These will be used in our cooking lessons to add some native flavour to our meals.



Science Week

Established in 1997, National Science Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian scientists to the world of knowledge. It also aims to encourage an interest in science pursuits among the general public and to encourage younger people to be fascinated by the world we live in.

The theme this year was 'Glass'

The junior primary class made 'Sugar Glass Decorations' out of boiled lollies and dough. As you can see from the photos, the students made the dough, shaped it into a window shape and then added the crushed boiled lollies into the window. After cooking the window frames had a lead light look.





IT'S TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER, 19TH



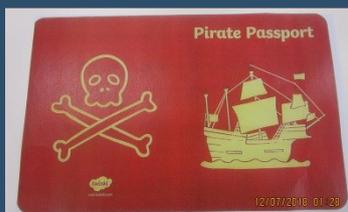
Talk Like a Pirate Day on the 19th of September is nationally recognised as the major fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Support.

The day is all about dressing up and having fun while making a difference to the lives of childhood cancer families. Talk Like a Pirate Day is a great fundraising event for schools, childcare centres, community groups, workplaces, and individuals.

Our students made Pirate maps as well as dressing up like a pirate.



Arrgh



walk the plank



AHOY MATEY!



SHIVER ME TIMBERS

THAR SHE BLOWS!



HEAVE HO

No prey, No pay!



AHOY



Walk the plank



SHIVER ME TIMBERS



RUN A SHOT ACROSS THE BOW!

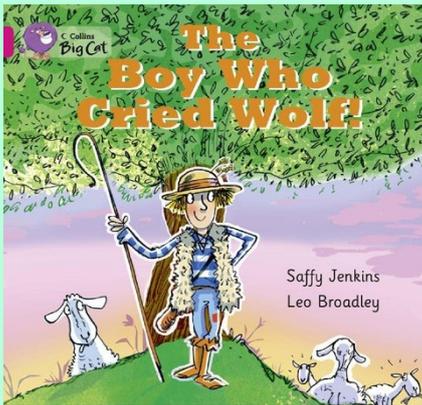
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The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Once a liar, always a liar.”

The moral of The boy who cried wolf story is that no one believes a liar even when he is telling the truth. Every child should know this story and shall always remember the moral throughout their lives.

The junior primary class enjoyed acting out the book.



Saint Barbara's Parish School Visit

On Wednesday 26th October, Saint Barbara's Parish school used Woomera Area School as the base for their overnight camp. As part of their trip some of the local Air Force members visited the school and Woomera students got to participate in the event.

The afternoon started with an introduction and summary of the different roles and jobs various members have. They showed us different uniforms, some of their camping supplies and even had a Working Dog. We got to ask questions. Riley (Pre-school) bravely asked questions even though he was one of the youngest students present. After questions we headed to the oval where we watched a drone fly. The drone controller even had a little screen which showed us the view from the drones camera. We could see so far.

We then broke into groups and moved around four different stations. Our first station was the vehicles, we got to climb in them. Some of them had tyres bigger than the students and it took some effort to climb into them. We got to ask lots of questions about all the different steering mechanisms and buttons. Our second station was working with the metal detector to hunt 'landmines'. Once we found a landmine we had to dig it up. We discovered that they weren't actually landmines but cool little Aeroplane pins. Station 3 was a closer look at the ration packs, uniforms/supplies and tent/swag. It was pretty cool to see what a days rations looks like, it didn't seem like a whole lot of food. Our final station was the paper plane contest. We all made a paper plane and then raced them. The wind made our planes fly in all sorts of interesting ways.

We then regrouped for any final questions. We were all gifted stickers and a little show bag which was slightly different for everyone. We all recieved cool flags, and some of us got pins, balloons, drink bottles, notebooks, note pads, posters, magnets and various other cool stuff. After the

Alexandra Fowler



My 2022 at Woomera Area School

This year, cooking and chemistry were my favorite subjects. Cooking was one of my favorite subjects because we never knew how the food would turn out, for example, the pasta we made was, in my opinion, a little inedible (it tasted like playdough). I also like having fun and messing around in the kitchen. Chemistry was a favorite subject because it was something I had never done before. Writing can be a little boring, so I prefer the hands-on rather than the theory work and chemistry is a mix of both. The Remembrance Day service this year was really cool, It was my first time attending one and overall it was just a good experience. It's been really good to be at this school and I'm going to miss everyone here. Brooke.



Elisandra Brown 2022

My favorite subject this year was science, doing chemistry and testing out different things was amazing. I feel like a scientist doing tests in the test tubes and I like it when it explodes. It just gets all over the place. My favorite event this year was the snake event. I liked seeing all the different snakes and seeing them pounce up. It was surprising that big snakes can fit in small spaces. Now I know more about what to do when there is a snake around and what bandages are best for snake bites. There were two containers with a baby snake in each; we could hold the container to see the babies up close; it was cool to see a snake up close. Lastly, at the snake event there was also food and drinks we could have, so I had a sausage and bread with tomato sauce, with a fresh cold bottle of water.



My Year

This year I really enjoyed art and STEM. My favorite thing in art this year would be the mosaics and pottery. In pottery we made pinch pots and spiral pots. One of my favorite things we did this year was the Rock Session where we got to learn about all the rocks up in the STEM room. We got to see some which were radioactive and learnt that we needed to get rid of them. At the start of Term 3 we started Home Economics we used the vegetables from our school garden and cooked a bunch of things. One of my favorite things that we've cooked was the broccoli salad. I have also enjoyed learning Chemistry and learning to use the proper scientific equipment like the Bunsen burner.

By Isabelle



Miss Fowlers 2022

My favorite thing this year has been watching my students grow and learn. Watching my students when a concept or idea clicks is amazing. I have really enjoyed cooking with all the kids in STEM. Growing the vegetables, harvesting, preparing and then tasting our efforts is great fun. In cooking the one rule has been that you have to taste something, it is ok if you don't like it but you have to at least taste it. It's always surprising that everyone usually finds something they like even if they thought they wouldn't like anything. My favorite event this year would have to be the snakes session. I really enjoyed getting a close look at different venomous snakes that we might see around Woomera. The red-bellied black snake was my favorite snake, she looked stunning. I learnt a lot of ways to keep myself safe if I come across a snake.



Snakes Alive!

In term 4 our students attended an education session about snakes. This was very timely as there had recently been many sightings in Woomera. There was a demonstration on how to bandage a snake bite, as well as what to do when you see a snake. If you see a snake, slowly back away. Snakes don't move fast, they strike fast. A number of snakes were brought in for this demonstration. Did you know, a snake can fit into very small spaces, they like to hide under tin, stacks of firewood and shrubs? Because it is hard to tell different snakes apart, the snake antivenom covers all snake types. Treat all possible snake bites, as a snake bite, better to be safe than sorry.



Remembrance Day

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minutes' silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

In Australia and other allied countries, including New Zealand, Canada and the United States, 11 November became known as Armistice Day – a day to remember those who died in World War One. The day continues to be commemorated in allied countries.

After World War Two, the Australian Government agreed to the United Kingdom's proposal that Armistice Day be renamed Remembrance Day to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars. Today the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts is commemorated on Remembrance Day.





Hiccup!

It's a perfect, balmy night in the outback. A sleep-deprived camper, a cheeky quokka and an emu with a penchant for creating wild inventions, awake to discover that a koala has come down with a stubborn and ear-shatteringly loud case of the hiccups

The three embark on an epic journey through the night that sees them frantically eat, sing and invent their way towards a cure before the sun comes up.

Hiccup is an hilarious rocking musical extravaganza about working together, finding friendship and how to, once and for all, stop the hiccups.

Our students travelled to Roxby Downs to see this theatrical show. Some of our students had never been to a theatre to see a live show. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Graduating Beth French Year 12



Beth enrolled at Woomera Area School on the 9th December 2019 after moving from Victoria. She has been a mentor to our younger students and a valuable member of the school community.

In her final year of school she finished her Certificate 3 in Health Services Assistance requiring her to spend a week at a time in Whyalla at TAFE and a placement in a nursing home. She also completed English and Research Project. If that was not enough she also got her learners permit, is an active member of the CFS and completed a life saving course so she could work at the swimming pool after finishing school. Beth has always been a joy to be around she is always very helpful, friendly and her bubbly personality is infectious.

We will miss her and wish her well in her future endeavours, Beth will be an asset where ever she goes.





Jason Owens comes to WAS

Bursting onto the Australian Music Scene in 2012 as runner-up of the X-Factor, Jason Owen is one of Australia's most popular young country music stars.

Jason's charity Doin it for Rural Aussie kids provides toys, groceries and funds to isolated rural and regional kids in the lead up to Christmas each year. Jason embarks on an annual road trip to deliver the goods to schools and families and also delivers a powerful motivational talk.

To date, the charity has benefited more than 1,000 kids nationwide.

Jason grew up in the isolated town of Albert, NSW, 140km west of Dubbo, as the only child in a town of just 12 people. His family, who operated a fuel depot, has been based in rural Australia for generations. Jason is a proud Wiradjuri man (his mother is half Aboriginal) and deeply connected to the land. He has always held people living in rural and remote areas close to his heart.

As an award-winning country music singer and runner up on TV talent show X Factor in 2012, Jason has devoted his life since he was 18 to providing entertainment for rural communities.

As a tireless community supporter with a passionate affinity for isolated children, Jason decided to use his platform for positive change and created registered children's charity Doin It For Rural Aussie Kids in 2019.

Deeply concerned for rural communities after years of hardship, Jason as charity CEO had an idea – to supply presents, groceries, and funds to kids in remote and regional communities, to give them a much-deserved Christmas after a devastating 2019.

Having grown up in a "forgotten about" town himself, Jason also wanted to inspire kids by delivering a powerful motivational talk on visits. He encourages kids to dream big and know ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE if you work hard and believe in yourself – even if you grow up isolated and are



While Jason was at our school he spoke about growing up in a very small town and not expecting his life to change. He was laughed at when he wanted to sing. His message was "believing in yourself " He also sang Jingle Bells and Country Road. The students were all given a "YOWIE ' (Youth, Outback, Work hard, Inspire, Encourage) booklet and a Christmas present. Thank you to Jason and his charity "Doin it for Rural Aussie Kids" for your generous gifts and time.



My year at Woomera Area School

My year in Woomera Area School has been fun. I like doing maths, playing in the sandpit and making the hat in science. I also liked the snake presentation. Bodhi



My year at Woomwera Area School

This year I have enjoyed Code Spark on the computer, writing in my book and playing on the playground. I also liked learning to read. Karl



My year at Woomera

My favourite thing at school is using the computer. I also enjoyed the Easter egg and spoon race down the corridor and seeing the snake catcher.

Lachlan



My year at Preschool

Faith

At school I like playing in the sandpit, colouring in and cooking. I liked Beatboxing ,gardening and when Defence came and showed us their trucks as well as decorating the Christmas tree.

Riley

At school I like playing on the new playground, Beatboxing, gardening and eating strawberries. I liked when Defence came and we got to sit in their trucks and decorating the Christmas tree.



HOW TO BEATBOX

On Wednesday 30th November Jobe Burgess came to teach our students "How to Beatbox"

This is the art of making sounds using your mouth and making a rhythm with it. He was amazing, starting by making a song using all their names and then their favourite foods. Each student had a chance to make sounds to be added to their song. As you can see the students were so focused and glued to his every word.



New Playground

The two year saga of our new playground has finally come to an end. With two broken pipes and two more discovered pipes, the equipment was finally erected. It was definitely worth the wait. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the extra space to play in as well as the excitement of something new to play on.



Broken
Pipe!
August .



3 months
later....
It slowly
comes
together.



The
bark
chips
arrived.



Just when things
were looking like
it was almost
finished..... they
ran out of bolts to
complete putting
it together!
Finally finished.





Presentation Night

Presentation Night saw students and families gather to receive awards and certificates earned during the year.



**Acknowledgement of Country
Read by Elandra Brown**



**Woomera Area School
Encouragement Award
Karl Burgers**



**Woomera Area School
School Values Award
Karl Burgers**



**Woomera Area School
Preschool School Graduation
Faith Togo & Riley Sczensy**





Presentation Night



**Year 12 Graduation
Beth French**



**Farewell to Lisa-Jane Parsons after 6
years at Woomera Area School**



Some of the Governing Council for 2022



Jingle Bells by Faith, Riley, Lachlan, Elandra Bodhi and Karl.



Woomera Area School 2022

Staff



Left to Right: Ann O'Sullivan, Alexandra Fowler, Carol Strawbridge, Kara Brown, Lisa-Jane Parsons.



Woomera Area School 2022

Junior Class



Front Row: Riley Szeny, Stephany Kleeman , Faith Togo, Lachlan Szeny, Carl Burgers.

Back Row: Lisa-Jane Parsons-Teacher, Rebecca Kleemann, Bodhi Hirshausen, Ann O'Sullivan- Principal.

Woomera Area School 2022 Middle & Secondary Class



Front Row: Elandra Brown, Brooke Allatt, Isabelle Allatt, Beth French, Saphira Silberschneider.

Back Row: Alexandra Fowler-Teacher, Hunter Hirshausen, Ann O'Sullivan-Principal.



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Farewells



Loki Betterman



Saphira Silberschneider



Vinnie Pruis



Rebecca Kleemann



Stephanie Kleemann



Elandra Brown



Beth French

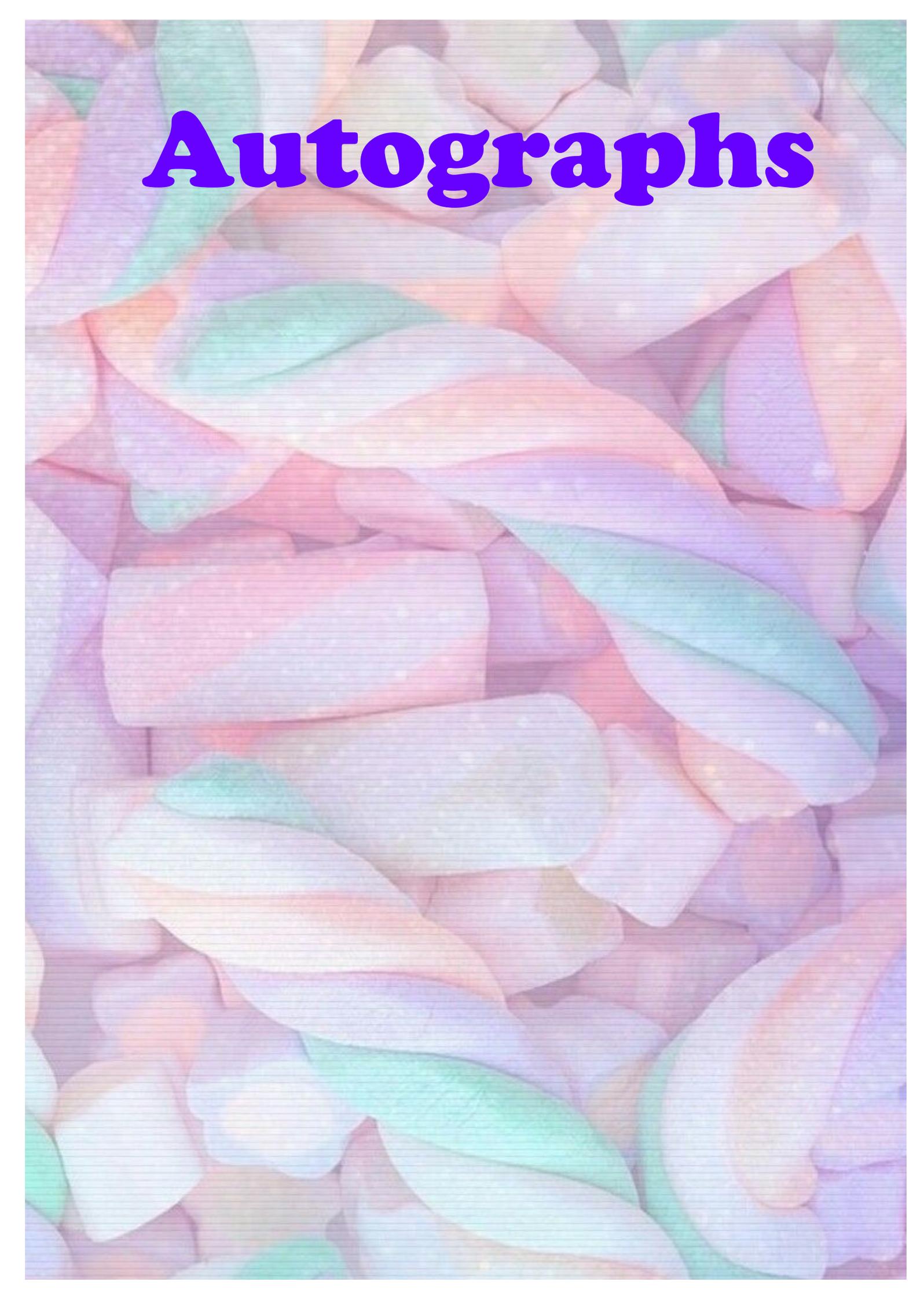


Brooke Allatt



Isabelle Allatt

Autographs

The background of the image is a dense, overlapping collage of translucent, colorful paper scraps. The colors are primarily pastel shades, including various tones of purple, light blue, mint green, and soft orange. The pieces are layered and cut into irregular, organic shapes, creating a textured, mosaic-like effect. The lighting is soft and even, highlighting the delicate, fibrous texture of the paper.

