

# Classroom News

## Miss Coles (Early Years)

What a busy term we have had in the Early Years Classroom. At the beginning of the Term, the Kindy and Pre-Primary students had a special visit to our Church, where they watched and participated in a role play Baptism. The students loved this experience and it provided a hands-on, interesting religion lesson about what happens during this special event and what the role of the Priest is in the Church and at a Baptism. In religion we also created a prayer and drawings for a special LifeLink book for disadvantaged people and had a Pyjama Day fundraiser for this event - we loved wearing our PJ's!

This term in English we have been focusing on Julia Donaldson books such as The Singing Mermaid, The Snail and The Whale and The Gruffalo. The students have explored the key themes of these texts, the setting and the characters. We have incorporated crafts, writing and rhyming activities around these books. We have also focused on oral language with our news program this term. We have sent home a class buddy called Snuggles to spend time with each family. He hasn't made it all the way around the class yet but so far the students have loved taking him home and have been very excited to share their experience with us, particularly the photos they have sent in.

In Maths this term we have been focusing on measurement, particularly capacity and knowing terms such as full, empty and half full, and also ordering items based on their capacity. We have been working on our number skills, counting, addition and recognising numbers 1 to 10 and beyond. We have incorporated many hands on and outdoor experiences for the children to participate in, as we know they enjoy this, and engage more meaningfully with the concepts and tasks.

We hope you have a lovely holiday break with your children and look forward to another successful term helping your students learn and grow in Term 3!

