Around the classes

There has been lots of excitement and a great learning buzz around our school this week.

Our Prep students have had a fabulous start. They have started school so calmly and seamlessly and are already very settled and on track for a good year of learning.

Whilst our Preps have been exploring their new classrooms and settling into the routines, at the other end of the school our Seniors - the Year 5/6 students have been busy on their Macbooks. As part of our Laptops for Learning Program, students have been exploring how to be safe online, how to create exciting iMovies (we can’t wait to see some of the creations) and are all excited about learning how to use their technology to enhance their learning.

Preps First Day - No Tears, Lots of Smiles & Ready to Learn
Some Preps shared their thoughts with us about what they are enjoying about school so far......

*I like playing outside with Ben and Cooper.* -Heath

*I love drawing.* -Sophie

*I love playing with the playdoh. I made a toy mouse.* -India

*I love playing hopscotch, running and playing on the playground.* -Bianca

*I love drawing, playing with my friends and reading books in the reading corner.* -Imogen

Some things you can do to help your child adjust to school life include:

- laying out your child’s clothes, hat, shoes and socks the night before
- helping your child to pack their school bag with a snack, drink, lunch and a hat
- making sure your child knows where you will meet them at the end of the school day
- ensuring they have a healthy breakfast – this is important for energy to get through the day
Laptops for Learning 2016

The Laptops for Learning program (L4L) is well underway and here are a few things that have happened so far.

What are we most excited to learn about this year?

- How to best use iBook
  - Coding
  - Apps
  - Robotics
- Music - Garage band
- Animation
- Creating apps
- Graphic design
- iMovies
- Photography
Cyber Safety Survey

Students filled out a survey about cyber safety and this is what we found out about some students in our school:

- Some kids sneak computers into their room at night (10%)
- 23% are allowed to have them in their room at night
- Many are allowed to have social media at a young age (44%)
- 100% of students feel they have not been bullied on social media
- Some have friends they've never met on social media (9.7%)
- A couple have regretted something they have written on social media
- Many are using screens more than 5 hours a day (50%)
- 23% have been contacted by people they don't know

Being safe online at this age is the responsibility of us all. With guidance from our parents, teachers and friends, we’re sure we can all be safe online in 2016.

by Year 5/6 students