Congratulations to all of the children for a marvellous week of creating, making, designing, calculating, collaborating and so much more.... Education Week 2018 has proven to be a great success with all children involved in a myriad of activities focusing on Numeracy, Literacy, STEM, the Arts and Wellbeing. Some activities were cross age, others led by our Level 6 children, others involved buddies and all were creative in their design with clear learning intentions, clear success criteria and fully engaging. I particularly enjoyed seeing the Level 6 children lead each grade in the school in an activity based on values education that focussed around building a tower. On Tuesday the National Simultaneous Story time added a different level of excitement with children from all over Australia reading the same story at the same time!! “Hickory Dickory Dock” provided much humour while developing rhyme and rhythm especially with the added onomatopoeia. I must admit the Grade 3s found it most amusing that I only knew of “Hickory Dickory Dock” and struggled with pigs and ducks and other animals running all over the clock!!!! Oh how things have changed!!

The STEM expo was exhilarating. The children were wearing virtual learning head gear (worth $5000 a piece) supplied by Monash University and looking at holograms and other 3D phenomenon while walking around moving their hands in the air but making amazing things happen in the 3D virtual world. There were intelligent robots and electronics that added to a world of possibility and creativity that one day will be part of everything we do. What an opportunity for students who visited the expo to glimpse the future.

I could go on and on but pictures are worth a thousand words... please enjoy this special edition newsletter that is dedicated to Education Week 2018. I hope it remains a memento for your children as a way to capture the memory of what is possible, how much can be achieved when working in teams and how fabulous we all are in our own innovative ways.

Happy reading!!

Sandra Bishop
Acting Principal
Students started Education Week with an array of wonderful and engaging activities. All activities were carefully planned by the dedicated staff at Doncaster Primary School. Through these various activities students were able to access important mathematical concepts, skills and knowledge which will be used by them in their daily lives.

Level 3 students used their place value knowledge to play ‘First to 100’. They enjoyed the challenge!

“One Hundred or Bust” was an activity in the upper year levels. It provided students with the opportunity to practice place value and addition.
Level 1 students were learning all about money. They then set up their own mini shops in class.

Level 4 students were completing addition and subtraction number sentences.

Prep students sorted the shapes in front of them and described the groups they created. They then used the shapes they had to create a picture.

Prep students are playing a dice game called “Get out of my house”. This game allows student to revise and practice the concept of addition.
It was great to see such a variety of differentiated Literacy activities at DPS throughout Education Week. Here are some of the activities the students at Doncaster were able to participate in.

- SMART Spelling
- Blackout poetry
- Snapshot Writing
- Handwriting
- Songs and role plays
- Reading Eggs Online Program
- Read and retell
- Character Analysis

And for the very first time Doncaster Primary School participated in National Simultaneous Story time where all students listened to the story *Hickory Dickory Dash* at the same time along with 1,062,230 other Primary School students in Australia.

*Aaron T (2E) was excited to participate knowing that his little brother was doing it too.*

*Scarlett B (2E) was excited that so many other kids were joining us and listening to the same story.*

*Chris (2E) said that the story was sort of like a book he’s read before called *Hickory Dickory Dock.*
All of the Prep students joined together to listen to Hickory Dickory Dash.

Students having fun writing creatively.

Our whole school SMART spelling program in action.

Level 6 students creating blackout poetry.
Wednesday was dedicated to the Arts. Whilst Levels 3-6 were at House Athletics, Prep, Level 1 and 2 were exploring performing and visual arts, as well as music and dance.
STEM THURSDAY

Doncaster Primary students enjoyed a fun hands-on day where they were involved in a range of learning tasks including toothpick towers, galaxy jars and paper plate marble runs.

“‘I liked the day because you used your mind to build things.’ (Bradley 3L)

“I liked working with my partner to make a marble paper plate run.” (Karim 4G)

“I liked how we made the galaxy jars.” (Jack 5B)

“I liked getting along with my group.” (Fay 2P)
The STEM EXPO that afternoon was an outstanding educational event that took place in our new and exciting STEM Space. We had two special guests visit our school: Mr Frank Di Guilio, Chartered Accountant and Mr Roland Gesthuizen, Lecturer from Monash University. Some students enjoyed wearing the Science lab coats during the expo. It was a great event to showcase the latest technology and for the school students to be exposed to people who work in the STEM field and demonstrate the exploration that occurs in our Thursday after school club. We thank our guests for volunteering their time. Doncaster Primary School students were very lucky to have such a fun and educational experience.

“The teachers are passionate.” (Margaret, parent)

“I would like to see more STEM in the curriculum.” (Yulan, parent)

“The STEM Expo was great.” (Jae Ho, parent)
Finally, to end a big week of celebration the students of Doncaster Primary school participated in a range of activities that focus on mental health and wellbeing. There was a school wide mindfulness session, Circle Time, art therapy and, lastly, a superb values education session ran by our Level 6 students.
Values
Education ran by the Level 6 students

Learning Intention:

Sometimes life can go off track, which is normal, but you can always ask for help.

Success Criteria:

To identify the people we can ask for help and the things that support us in our lives.
On Thursday 24th May, parents, staff and the community came together to support the Cancer Council’s Australia’s Biggest Morning tea. As we sampled the delicious cakes, biscuits and snacks, we were fortunate to listen to some of our very talented students play classical music. Owen Perks and Isobel Michael played the piano, while Ricky Cao played the violin. The Manningham Leader’s photographer was there to capture the moment, and we look forward to seeing our talented musicians in the newspaper. Together we raised $475 toward cancer research, prevention and support services. Thank you to everyone who assisted with this event, as well as for the generous donations.
Last week, Level 6 students truly demonstrated just how exemplary they are. They role modelled leadership and put themselves forward as ambassadors of our school. They all took on responsibilities that showed how competent they are and they cared for each other and all students in the school.