

Kingstown Public School Newsletter

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Term 2, Week 3

3 May 2021

Dear Kingstown Parents,

To all our great mums out there, have a wonderful Mother's Day this coming weekend!

The weeks are gathering momentum and this term is a very busy one.



ANZAC DAY

Firstly, thank you so much to the students who were able to attend the ANZAC Commemoration in Uralla, Sunday past, and especially thank you to Zia and Junior who represented our school so proudly, reading a short poem, "Why we are wearing a poppy today". They were so beautifully composed, articulate and respectful in their delivery in front of a large crowd. Thank you, Zia and Junior.



CROSS COUNTRY



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At the end of last term, we held our Small Schools Cross Country. Well done to all the participants and place winners.

Five of our students were eligible for the Zone Cross Country in Armidale on Tuesday - Ryan, Zia, Flynn, Junior and Benji.

For those students attending the Zone Cross Country please be at Bellevue Oval, UNE in Armidale at 9.30 am in time to walk the course at 10.00 am. A reminder to parents that you will need to organise your own transport as there will be no bus.

What's coming up.....this term

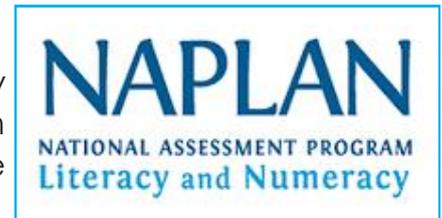
WEEK 3 - THURSDAY 6TH MAY - YEAR 4 CHECK-IN ASSESSMENTS

This Thursday, Year 4 will be participating in a Check-in Assessment for Reading and Numeracy.

These are short, valuable, external assessments that provide teachers with great information about where our students are at and teaching strategies to target areas of need. They really are an online mini-version of NAPLAN, focussed on Reading and Numeracy, with the added advantage that we receive the results and analysis back, very quickly. We are looking forward to participating in these assessments.

WEEK 4 - NAPLAN YEAR 3 AND YEAR 5

Next Tuesday 11th May, Wednesday 12th May and Thursday 12th May, Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN assessments for Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy.

**WEEK 4 - 14TH MAY K-2 SUSTAINABILITY DAY AT KELLY'S PLAINS****WEEK 5 - YEAR 5 STEM WORKSHOP**

Monday, Tuesday 17th-18th May Year 5 will be attending a STEM Workshop (Stage 3) at Rocky River School.

WEEK 6 - FRIDAY 28TH MAY - SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CARNIVAL AT THE URALLA SPORTSGROUND

Rocky River will be hosting the carnival this year. Students always enjoy these days. There will be canteen available on the day.

Please note that the carnival will be commencing at 9.00am and finishing at 3.00pm, so that we are able to complete the program, including the ball games and school relays.

This year there will be no bus to the venue on the day. Parents will need to arrange their own transport to and from the venue.

Please contact the school if you have any problems or need help arranging shared transport.

WEEK 8 - WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE - PARENT ASSEMBLY

A celebration of the term and family barbie! Please come along.

TERM 3 DATES**TERM 3 WEEK 7 - LAKE KEEPIT EXCURSION FOR YEARS 3, 4, 5**

Next term we have put in a tentative booking for the Smalls Schools, three-day, two-night stay at the Sport and Recreation Camp at Lake Keepit. It is a very low-cost camping opportunity for our students to enjoy a range of activities with students from other small schools. Costs will be subsidised by the school. Please let me know your thoughts.

The K-2 students always have a special time when we are away and we will be arranging something extra for them as well.

TERM 3 WEEK 10 - EXCURSION TO MCCROSSIN'S MILL

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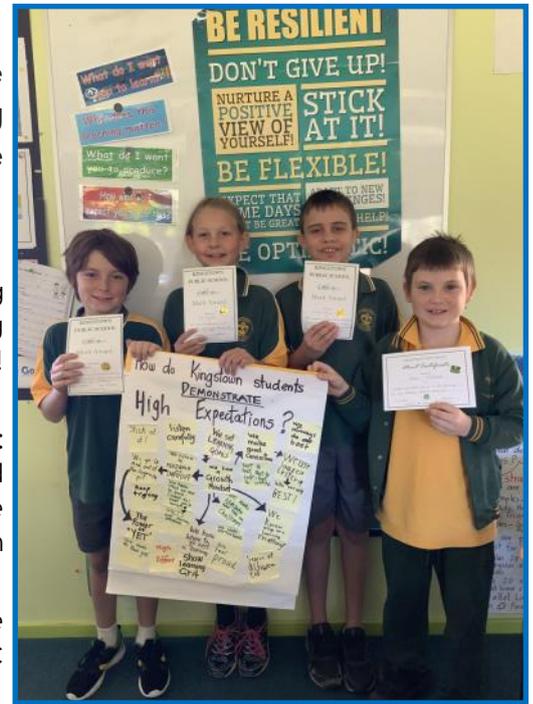


MERIT AWARDS

Merit awards are awarded to students who are demonstrating high expectations in learning, working hard to achieve their learning goals by using the strategies and language of successful learners.

Congratulations to:

- **Ryan Wood** - for putting in high effort to achieve his learning goals: automaticity with times table facts, inference in reading and expanding his vocabulary! Learn two new words each day! Well done
- **Junior Shinner** - For applying the strategies of a successful learner: Listening to feedback, working at resilience and persistence and also for his respectful delivery of the short poem with Zia, *Why we are wearing a poppy today*, at the ANZAC Commemoration in Uralla.
- **Zia Guyett** - for her respectful, delivery of a short poem, *Why we are wearing a poppy today* with Junior, at the ANZAC Commemoration in Uralla.
- **Beau McClland** - for recognising when he is in the learning pit and working hard to climb out.

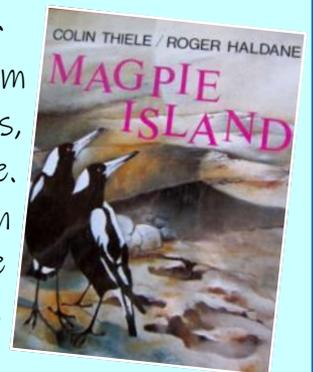


In Ms Ryan's class...

Students have been working hard writing persuasive texts and really enjoyed their last topic – *The Benefits of Drones to our Community*. Students marked their own and a peer's text against the persuasive text success criteria and it is evident that everyone is improving and developing increased confidence with this genre of writing.



We have just completed reading the class text, *Storm Boy*, and will be working on our critical thinking skills, comparing and contrasting two texts by Colin Thiele. We will be also be reading *Magpie Island*, by Colin Thiele, just to drive the theme home! We will then be moving onto the fantasy novel series, *Rowan of Rin*, by Emily Rodda. I have always loved reading these



books. They have such wonderful themes and vocabulary to explore!

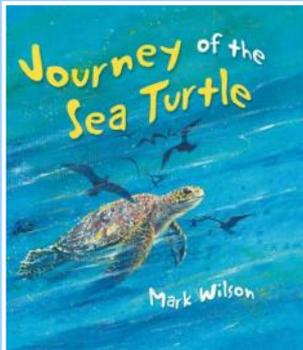
Mrs Mathews has been working hard with the students on developing summarising skills around the bushranger *Thunderbolt*.

Recent numeracy assessments have shown that students are still not confident with their times table facts which need to be answered with automaticity. We are also reviewing reading analogue clock times. It would be great to work together on these areas at school and at home, to help students master analogue times and times table facts, quickly.



In Miss Burton's class...

K-2 Turtle Theme

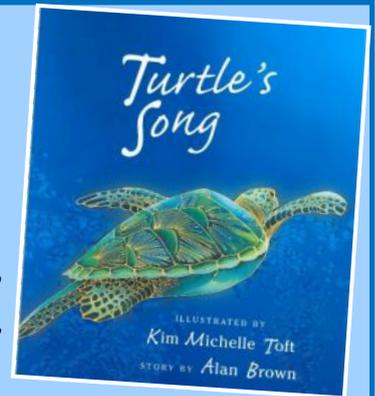


This term Lower Division are diving deep into their learning as they explore our class theme, Turtles.

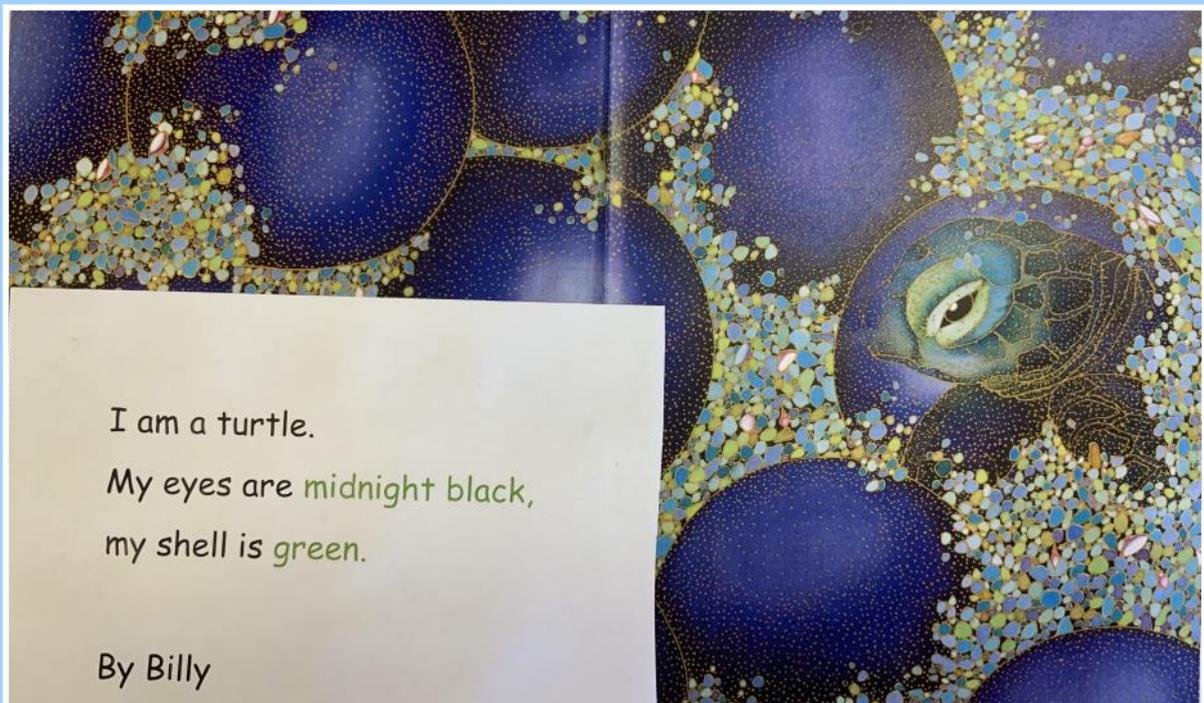
We have already started to read some wonderful texts as we learn about turtles and other marine creatures. Students have transformed a page from Turtle Song, to create their own descriptions. We

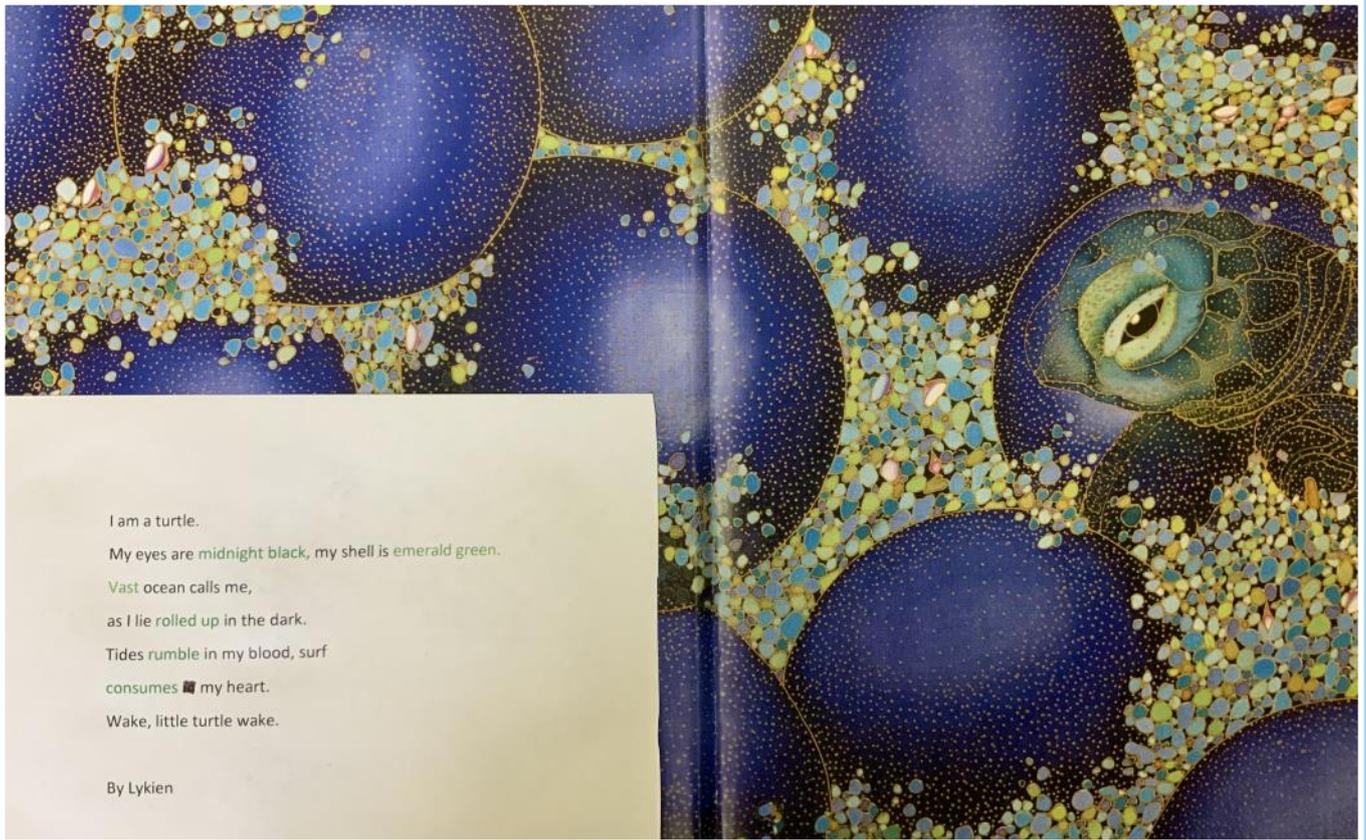
will now be focusing on comparing imaginative, informative and persuasive texts as we look at threats impacting sea turtles.

As part of the unit, Lower Division will be joining K-2 students from our school alliance to take part in a Sustainability Day 14th May 2021 at Kelly's Plains Public School. A permission note will be sent home later this week with further information.



Student work - I am a Turtle

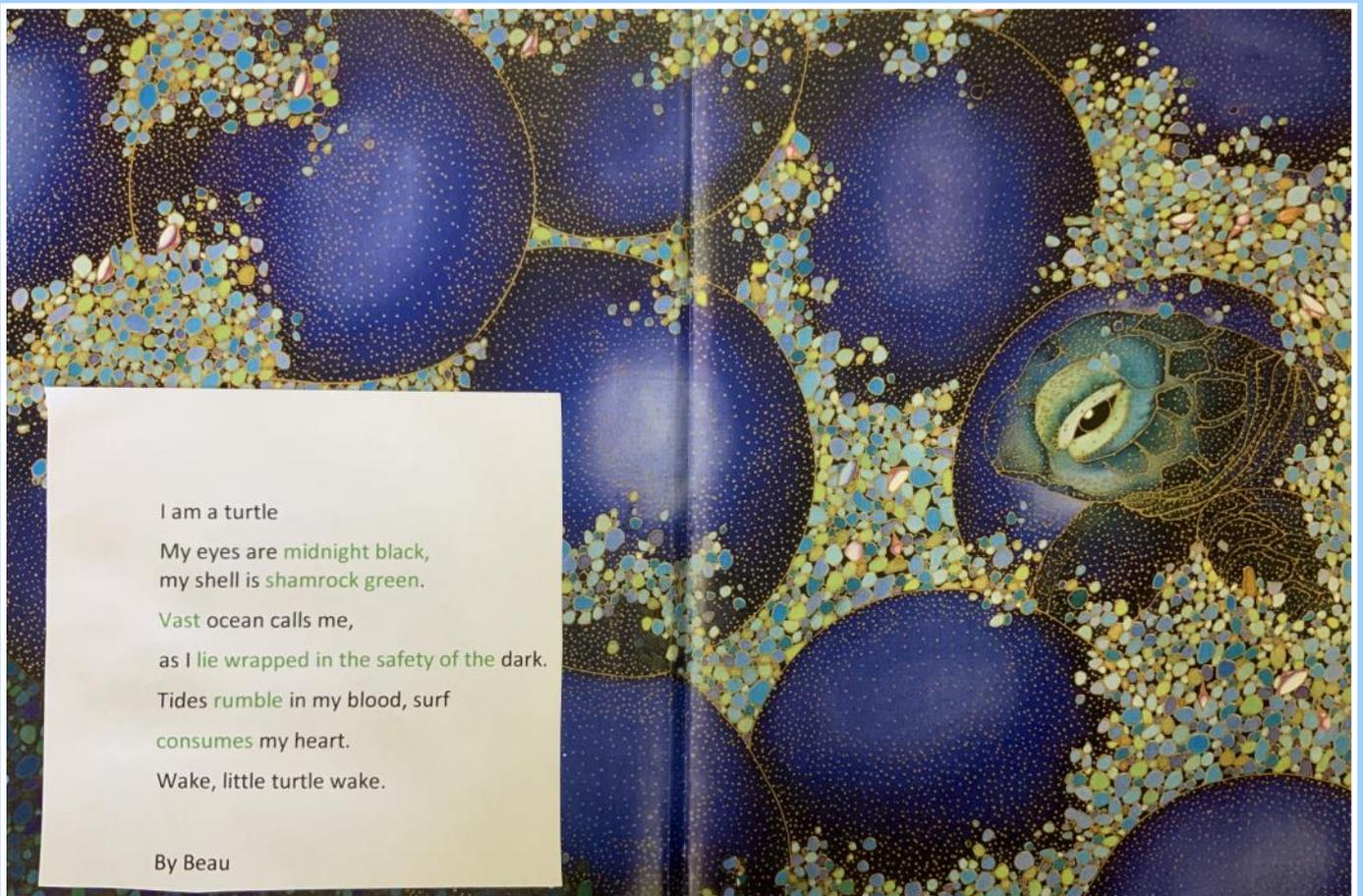




I am a turtle.
My eyes are midnight black, my shell is emerald green.
Vast ocean calls me,
as I lie rolled up in the dark.
Tides rumble in my blood, surf
consumes my heart.
Wake, little turtle wake.

By Lykien

I am a Turtle



I am a turtle
My eyes are midnight black,
my shell is shamrock green.
Vast ocean calls me,
as I lie wrapped in the safety of the dark.
Tides rumble in my blood, surf
consumes my heart.
Wake, little turtle wake.

By Beau

I am a turtle.

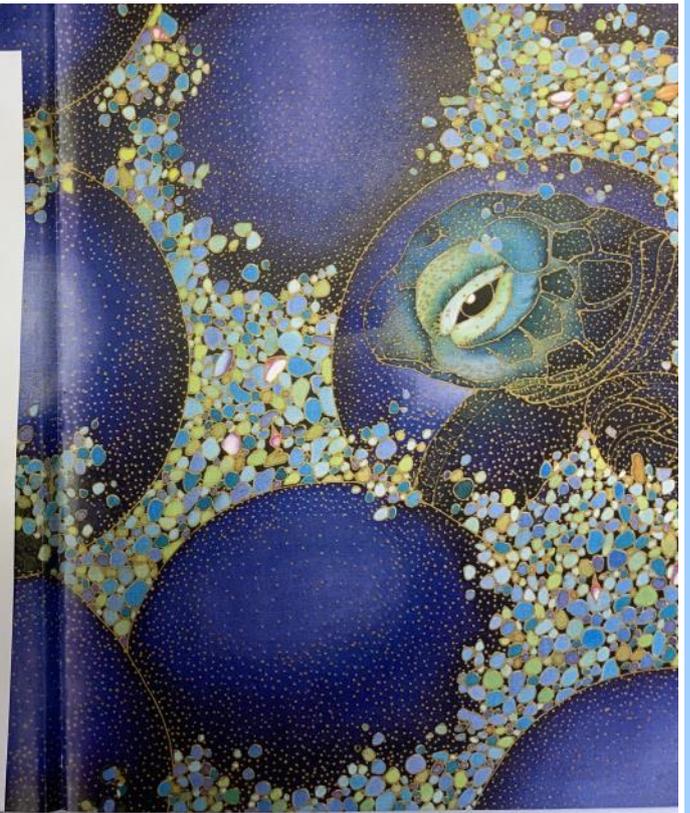
My eyes are jet black, my shell is emerald green.

Endless ocean calls me,
as I lie tucked up tight in the
warm deep dark sand.

Tides race in my blood, surf
drums in my heart.

Wake little turtle wake.

By Flynn



2021 CALENDAR - TERM 2

MONTH	WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
May	3	3	4 PSSA CROSS COUNTRY	5	6	7 CHECK IN ASSESSMENTS YR 4	8	9
May	4	10 Scripture	11 NAPLAN YR 3 & 5	12 NAPLAN YR 3 & 5	13 NAPLAN YR 3 & 5	14 K-2 KELLYS PLAINS	15	16
May	5	17 STEM WORKSHOP YR 5	18 STEM WORKSHOP YR 5	19	20	21	22	23
May	6	24 Scripture	25	26	27	28 SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS	29	30