Congratulations GEPS on a very busy and rewarding Term 3. Students have been provided with many valuable learning opportunities throughout the term.

This term we have seen the Wakakirri Dance Group, led by Miss Alison and Miss McLellan, perform at the entertainment Centre and the Senior Choir, led by Miss McCoy and Miss Mihas, perform at the Opera House.

Mrs Crowshaw organized a week full of exciting activities for Book Week which included Reading Relays, The Book Fair, Book Week Parade and a visiting cartoonist.

The whole school participated in our fantastic Musical Mayhem Celebration Day and many visitors joined in our celebration. All students and staff members are to be commended on such superb performances.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 have had weekly participation in the Speechies Program.

Stage 2 attended the performance “Emily Eye Finger” and participated in a Waste Wise presentation from Parramatta City Council.

Stage 3 successfully conducted a whole school Peer Support Program.

The Gold Badge Assembly held in Week 5 and another to be held in Week 10 are a celebration of student achievements and provide us with the opportunity to recognise the skills and talents of a range of students.

Thank you to the P & C who organised a Father’s Day stall and Family portraits.

Congratulations to Mrs Kohary who has been selected as a K-6 Numeracy Consultant for South Western Sydney Region in Term 4. Mrs Kohary will be replaced by Miss Amesha Nagalogendran.

Have a happy and safe holiday and be ready for an eventful Term 4 starting Monday, 10th October, 2011.

V Wallace
Relieving Principal
TOOL BOX PROJECT

A big THANK YOU to Mr Ross who has conducted a lunch time project where students have made their own tool boxes.

Don’t they look handy! The tool boxes were generously donated by Bunnings Warehouse Villawood—Thanks Bunnings and Jodie.

Horror In The Harvest!
Murder Under The Microscope

Last term our Years 4/5/6 Gifted and Talented group participated in the online scientific investigation game, Murder Under The Microscope.

Students conducted environmental experiments and extensive research in preparation for the game. Then for three weeks students checked the Catchment Headquarters website daily for clues and information. A victim (a plant or animal), a crime site and a villain had to be found before the murder could be solved! I am proud to report that our G&T group solved the murder correctly, after much teamwork, investigation and discussion during our group time and via our Blog.

The poor Superb Fairy Wren was murdered by the Red Imported Fire Ant at Murray River-Renmark. Phew! Case Closed! Well done 4/5/6 G&T students.
Musical Mayhem
Chess Champion Visit
On Monday our Chess Club students had the amazing opportunity to be coached in chess by Brett Tindall, the current NSW Chess Champion. Brett is a FIDE Master of Chess and has over 20 years experience as a chess coach. Students learnt new strategies to improve their chess playing, including the Four Move Checkmate and even the World’s Fastest Checkmate (two moves)!

Our Chess Club students thoroughly enjoyed the session and were able to ask Brett many intelligent questions about chess strategy. This experience is sure to have greatly improved everyone’s chess game.

Well done, Chess Club!

This half of the term, all of Stage 3 have been learning about poetry. These are some of the poems that 5/4I have written about themselves using metaphors and personification.

Me, Myself and I
I am Michael Jackson dancing the troubles away
I am frozen ice-cream ready to be eaten
I am a Mum taking care of children
I am fizzy solo ready to be drunk
I am a woollen jacket keeping out the cold
I am Lego Land people building dreams
I am a happy bird tweeting in the trees
By: Romanus C

My Life
I am the yellow sun that’s shining in the sky
I am a DJ that keeps on rapping out a rhyme
I am a delicious pizza with beef on top
I am bubbling coke with big ice cubes
I am the beautiful Queensland sitting on the beach
I am the happy ice-cream man playing a tune
By: Mahdi B

Guide to Know Me
I am a colourful rainbow that lights up the sky
I am a country singer on a farm I don’t sing
I am an Awafi chicken BBQ’d not fried
I am my Mum with the highest rate of love
I am water refreshing and cool
I am ice the brands are hot right now
I am Movie World—double the excitement
I am a surprise feeling jolly enough to be
By: Mya

Me
I am Michael Jackson dancing the troubles away
I am frozen ice-cream ready to be eaten
I am a Mum taking care of children
I am fizzy solo ready to be drunk
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