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Term 4 Newsletter

Principal's Report

Kaya, what a wonderful term we have had! And a successful year!

We have enjoyed camps, Year 12 farewells, NAIDOC Day, Christmas enterprise market stalls and whole centre assemblies. We also enjoyed the wider community in ways that support our curriculum and encourage our students to fully engage with our school community.

Music Rocks entertained us all year with termly performances, we hope to welcome them back for 2023. Our whole school Fun Day was wonderful way to end the year. Students fully embraced the fun and photos are towards the end this newsletter.

I shall be sending out the national school survey soon and look forward to your feedback! Can I thank you all for your ongoing connection to our centre and thank all my staff for all the hard work and dedication throughout the year.

On behalf of the whole centre, can I wish all our families and carers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We welcome all students back for the new year on 1st February 2023.

Please be safe and enjoy your holiday break!

IMPORTANT DATES

School Support Officers Return	25 January 2023
School Administration Returns	27 January 2023
Teachers Return	30 January 2023
Students Return	1 February 2023
School Photos	14 and 17 February 2023
Labour Day Public Holiday	6 March 2023
Last Day of Term	6 April 2023
School Holidays	7 April - 23 April 2023

Room 1

Room 1 has had a great Term 4! We started the term with NAIDOC week where students celebrated and deepened their understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. We have enjoyed excursions to Kings Park, Perth Zoo and the Old Perth Fire Station. Students have also worked hard to build and decorate a Trojan Horse as we have enjoyed learning about Ancient Greece this semester. It has been great to see students engage with STEM and all the class totems that have been created and placed around the school.

The staff in Room 1 wish to congratulate all the Year 7s for making a great transition into high school at Dianella ESC and all they have achieved this year.

Room 2

Room 2 has had a busy term 4! Students have participated in so many fun activities and worked hard to complete all the tasks required.

This term we have participated in many events such as NAIDOC week and Bushranger Day. Students got to experience and meet lots of wildlife including snakes, koalas and a dingo.

The students continued learning about Ancient Greece this term. They organised an Ancient Greek lunch where they created a meal based off what the Ancient Greeks ate and acted out the roles of the Ancient Greek people.

The students should be so proud of all they have done this year and should be congratulated on a great transition to Dianella ESC. Have a great and safe holiday!

Room 3

Term 4 has been very exciting in Room 3 with NAIDOC week kicking off a great start to Term 4. The students participated in a range of activities celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. Shakira danced in the NAIDOC assembly, followed by a cultural dance workshop with the other Year 7s. Following on from this great week the students celebrated Bushranger Day where they held a snake and joined in a range of art and craft activities.

The students in Room 3 have continued to work on their healthy eating program, creating healthy lunch menus and travelling to the shops to collect ingredients and cook back at school. The students made their very own meatballs and enjoyed getting their hands messy. Congratulations to the Year 7s for a great transition into high school.

Room 4

This term we have been on two excursions. The first one was to Mirrabooka Library where we met Natalie who told us all about the different things we can do at the library- it's not just for borrowing books. They have a really cool STEM room where we got to see how the laser cutter works! We also tried out the bicycle desk and learnt about the new 'Thing Library' that they are starting where you can borrow things like drills and electric guitars- how AWESOME! We had a great time and recommend going there in the holidays!

Our second excursion was to Nostalgia Box with Room 5. At Nostalgia Box we got to play different 'old school' video games. We had SO much fun checking them all out and playing on the games our parents and grandparents might have played when they were younger.

Room 5

In recognition of NAIDOC week, the beginning of Term 4 was dedicated to appreciating and understanding more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Our students were captivated by the Dream Time stories and eager to express their enthusiasm creatively by constructing a totem out of recycled metal depicting Bunjil, the wedge-tailed eagle, watching over the land. Continuing with the theme of Australian wildlife, our students had the opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of Australian animals, including koalas, dingoes, and snakes of all shapes and sizes. Room 5 also engaged in some retro - inspired activities, such as making lava lamps and learning about the history of video games at Nostalgia box.

They say that to 'bake a cake, you need to break a few eggs'. This proverb rung true throughout Term 4, with all our students' demonstrating resilience and determination when faced with the daunting prospect of public speaking. The students overcame obstacles to confidently deliver presentations on their favourite films, games, and chosen career paths. However, the proverb may have been taken a little too literally during the STEM egg drop challenge, resulting in enough cracked eggs to bake a cake worthy of Guinness World Records. Jokes aside, we are tremendously proud of how far our students have come this year and wish them the best of luck for 2023.

Room 6

This term in Room 6 the boys have been hard at work improving on their survival skills including bike riding, tent set-up, fire safety and orienteering. Room 6 continues to be a leader in STEM and we've continued to work on numerous projects around the school. We have built a replica of Dianella ESC in Minecraft and used it to create a master builder competition for the whole school to join in. We have started construction on an art space outside our room which includes a blackboard made out of recycled materials and some refurbished deck chairs.

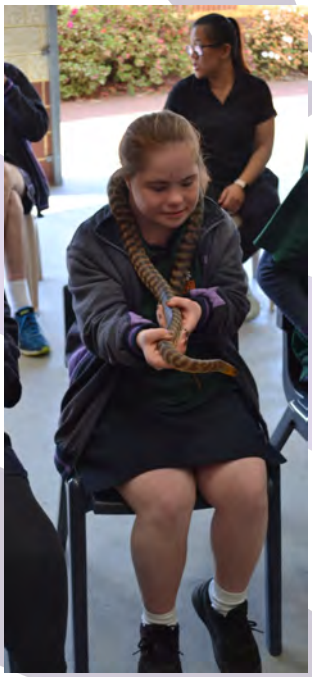
The boys really enjoyed Bushranger Day especially getting up close and personal with native animals. Another genuine highlight was our cultural awareness celebration of Japan. Students learned about traditional eating practices and etiquette, built paper cranes and had the opportunity to wear a kimono.

In a brilliant result, Riley, Brock and Phoenix represented Dianella ESC at the Lego robotics competition. We came in first place against schools from all over the metropolitan area.

Room 8

What an exciting and action-packed final term we've had in Room 8. The students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in whole school events such as NAIDOC Week and Bushranger Day. The students also enjoyed venturing out to the Resource Recovery Centre with Room 11 to learn about how our waste is recycled. Logan and Reuben had the opportunity to take part in the Try-a-Trade program which was held at Balga Tafe. We all enjoyed finishing the year with our day camp at Woodman Point, the end of year fun day and our Christmas class lunch. From all of us in Room 8, we would sincerely like to thank all the parents for their amazing support throughout this year. It has been a fantastic year!

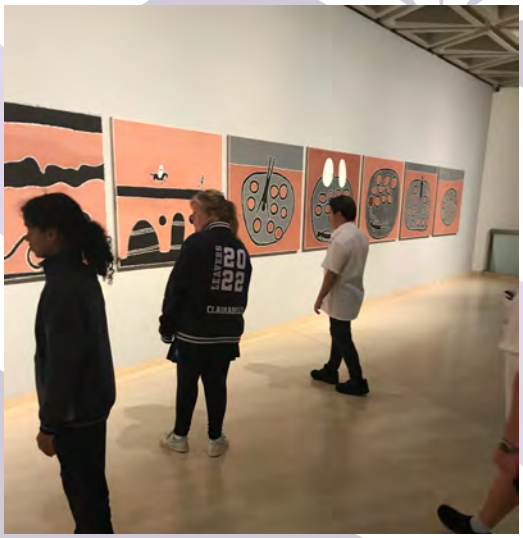
Congratulations to Logan for receiving the class award this year!

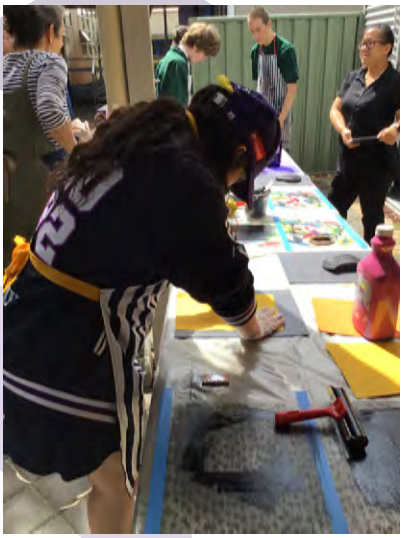


Room 9

Thank you to everyone for an amazing term and year. The term begun with NAIDOC Week where students completed art activities around the school celebrating Aboriginal culture. Room 9 students visited the West Australian Art Gallery and took part in recreating traditional toys using straw and wool. Room 9's Year 12s graduated and enjoyed a bevy of activities to see them out. These included the graduation dinner, muck up day,class party and graduation assembly. Year 11's have also had their last assembly for the year winning awards and their farewell BBQ.

Room 9 staff include myself (Mrs Spackman) Ms Rocque, Ms Nenson, Ms Cale, Ms Fitszimmons and Ms Farrell. We would like to thank everyone for a wonderful 2022 and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas Everyone!!





Room 10

This term has been incredibly busy with plenty of learning and events. Well done to all the students for the efforts throughout the term. On Thursday 17th November we said goodbye to the class of 2022 at the graduation ceremony. A day before, they participated in muck up followed by communal lunch prepared by our Year 11 students. We would like to congratulate the class of 2022 for their achievements, perseverance, and resilience and wish them all the best for the future.

This term students were also involved in Danjoo STEM activities where they had to construct their class totem using recycled materials. The students constructed a snake depicting Noorn (Noongar word for snake). Noorn represents an alliance between humans and other living creatures. It tells of how protective relationships can be nurtured by care and respect. They used papier-mâché, wood, nails, and bush clippings in their environment to construct it.

NAIDOC Week and Bushranger Day were other exciting events with our students taking part in various activities like Yulunga games, Rock Art and tool making, dream time stories and learning about wildlife habitats.

Thank you to all the staff for the continued and ongoing support of the students. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Room 11

This term has been a blast! It started with a full week of NAIDOC activities to remember and celebrate Aboriginal history and culture. The students played modern versions of traditional games, tried their hand at throwing boomerangs and listened to a local elder recount his first-hand story of the Stolen Generation. This was closely followed by Bushranger Day where the students wove bracelets, created a native animal stamp art activity and enjoyed an amazing interactive reptile talk.

Our students participated in a recycling excursion in Week 3 where they were able to see how plastic, glass, and paper are recycled and what types of bins we can use to help the environment.

The highlight of the term had to be CAMP. The three Year 9/10s went on day camps to Woodman Point and Hillarys for some fantastic activities including beach clean-ups, sustainable fishing, team building, and a lovely lunch to practice social etiquette.

We wish you all a safe holidays.

Room 12

This term has been full of outdoor events with the weather clearing up. On Bushrangers Day the students learnt about recycling water, preservation of native animals and they got to interact with some live reptiles such as snakes and turtles. We celebrated NAIDOC week with our Australian Indigenous Education Officer (AIEO) teaching us how to weave bracelets along with painting boomerangs and snakes. The students of Room 12 have been endeavouring to complete all tasks and did very well in all the activities.

Room 13

During Term 4 in Room 13 many of the students were busy finishing their certificate courses. Throughout the year retail students practised their customer services and POS skills operating the Black Friday Enterprise Stalls. They set up displays, restocked merchandise, operated the cash register, EFPTOS machine and packaged sales. Students provided the customers with product knowledge, suggesting the items best suited to their individual needs. Afterwards, they self-reflected, coming up with strategies to further improve their communication and customer serviced skills.

On Bushrangers Day a visit from the Perth Reptile Company was a huge hit with students being able to get up close with our Australian native reptiles. Students really enjoyed the end of year water activities during Muck Up Day. All the Room 13 students will be deeply missed and we all wish them all the very best for their post school ventures. Let's hope they pop in from time to time to say hello.

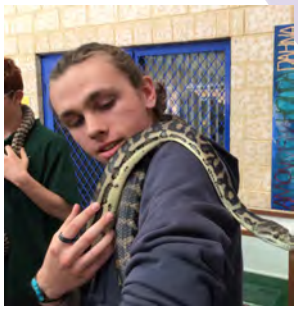
Room 14

Room 14 has worked to its peak in Term 4 achieving many student personal goals. Trint achieved his Certificate II in Warehousing at GMS and students continue to make progress in their Certificate courses and do great work at various work placements.

All students have passed ASDAN photography! Students used their photos to create magnets for Enterprise Shop and selected photos to be framed and displayed in the school admin. Congratulations to Luke Barrett and Lucas Oswald who were awarded 1st and 2nd place in the Chevron Focus Environment Photography Competition for the Year 11 - 12 Focus on: Sustainability in WA Category.

NAIDOC Week and Bushranger Day were highlights for Room 14. Many students were able to hold reptiles from the Perth Reptile Company and learn about their habitat.

Congratulations to all our students on your Year 12 Graduation.



Room 15

We can't believe it is the end of what has been an extremely busy but fun year in Room 15 where the students have created many special memories. Along with finishing off Certificate work and Workplace Learning, the students enjoyed going out on their final Community Access excursions for the year. This term they went to different places in the community such as the movies, WA Museum, Fremantle and Varsity Restaurant in Morley. Also finally, a huge congratulations to Jacob, Andreas, Amir, Christopher Barrows, Ibrahim, Christopher Wallis and Kye who graduated this year.

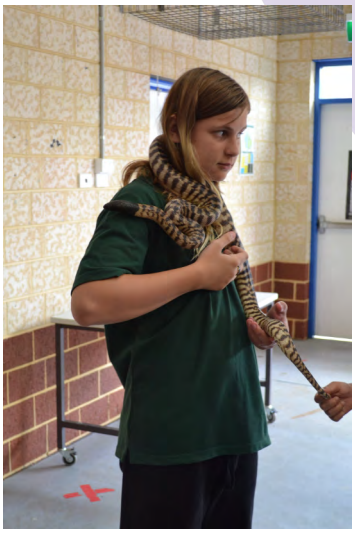
Bushranger Day 2022

Reptiles, water conservation, weaving and animal art

Our annual Bushranger Day is always an enjoyable event for our students. The entire day was full of exciting incursions. The Perth Reptile Company brought many reptiles including a Carpet Python and Bobtail Lizards. The students were given an opportunity to hold the reptiles and have their photos taken.

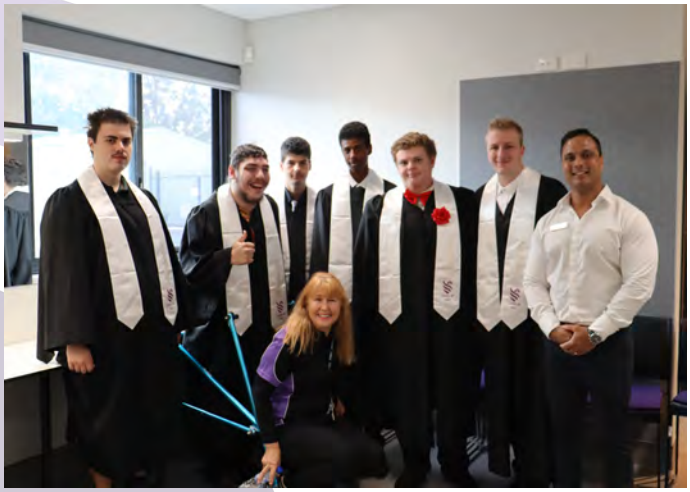
Chantelle,our school AIEO , demonstrated how to weave bracelets. The students had fun learning a new skill. Niamh from SERCUL spoke to the students about water conservation and the need to protect our waterways. Vanessa from Little Arthouse and Emma Bainbridge worked with our students on creating native animals prints on paper plates to use as bunting. Then the students were treated to a sausage sizzle lunch.

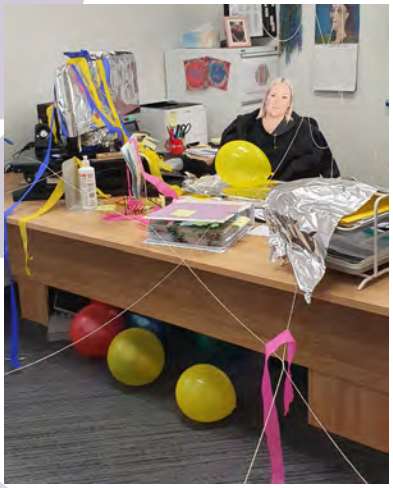
Thanks to all staff and students for making Bushranger Day a memorable one.



Year 12 Graduation

Term 4 is a busy time for our Year 12s. As they prepared to graduate we celebrated with a number of events including a graduation dinner, muck up day and the graduation assembly. Everyone here at Dianella SC ESC wishes you all the best for your future.

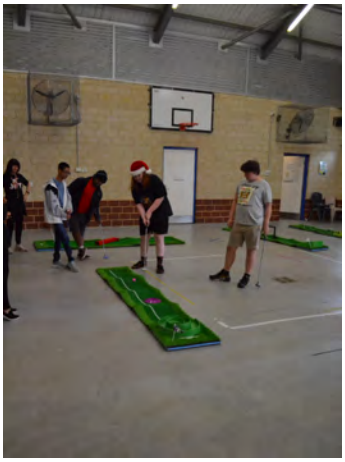




Camp Room 8, 11 and 12

Fun Day

Students look forward to the Term 4 Fun Day at Dianella SC ESC for the whole year. Unfortunately the weather and a broken games trailer forced us to change plans at the last minute but the students still had a great day. They all had the opportunity to play mini golf; dance their heart out at the silent disco; compete in a quiz against their class mates and watch part of the movie Elf whilst eating popcorn. Thank you to all of the staff that worked hard to plan the day. It was the 'Best Day Ever' according to one student.



What was the best part of this year?

Camp - Sam H.

Silent Disco - Tom P.

Excursions
- Lincoln G.

Bounce on camp
- Shakira Q.

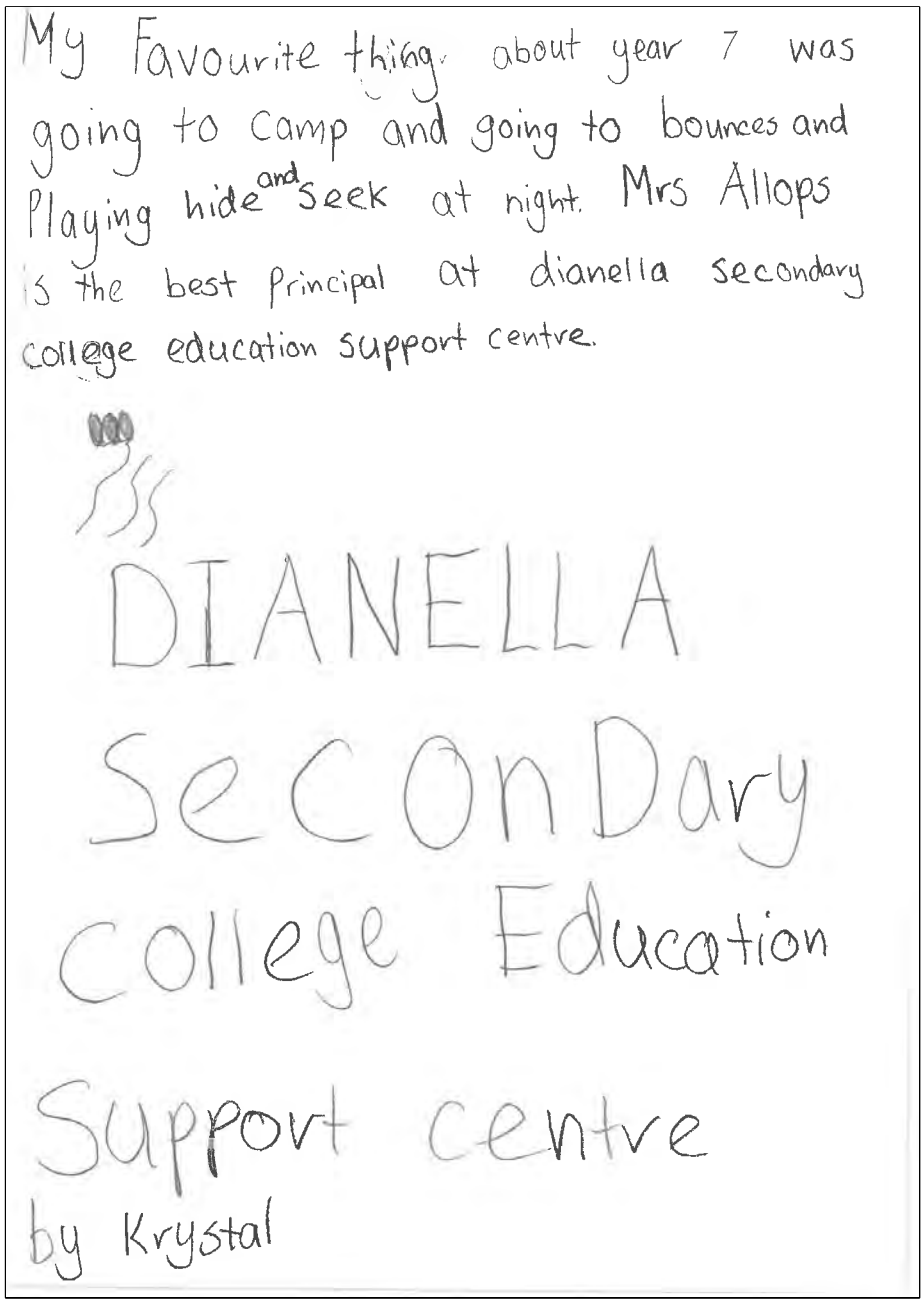
Fridays - Savannah T.

Cooking - Gareth P.

Swimming and Camp - Lucas B.

Camp -
Thomas M.

Getting to know new stuff- Logan B.



What was the best part of this year?

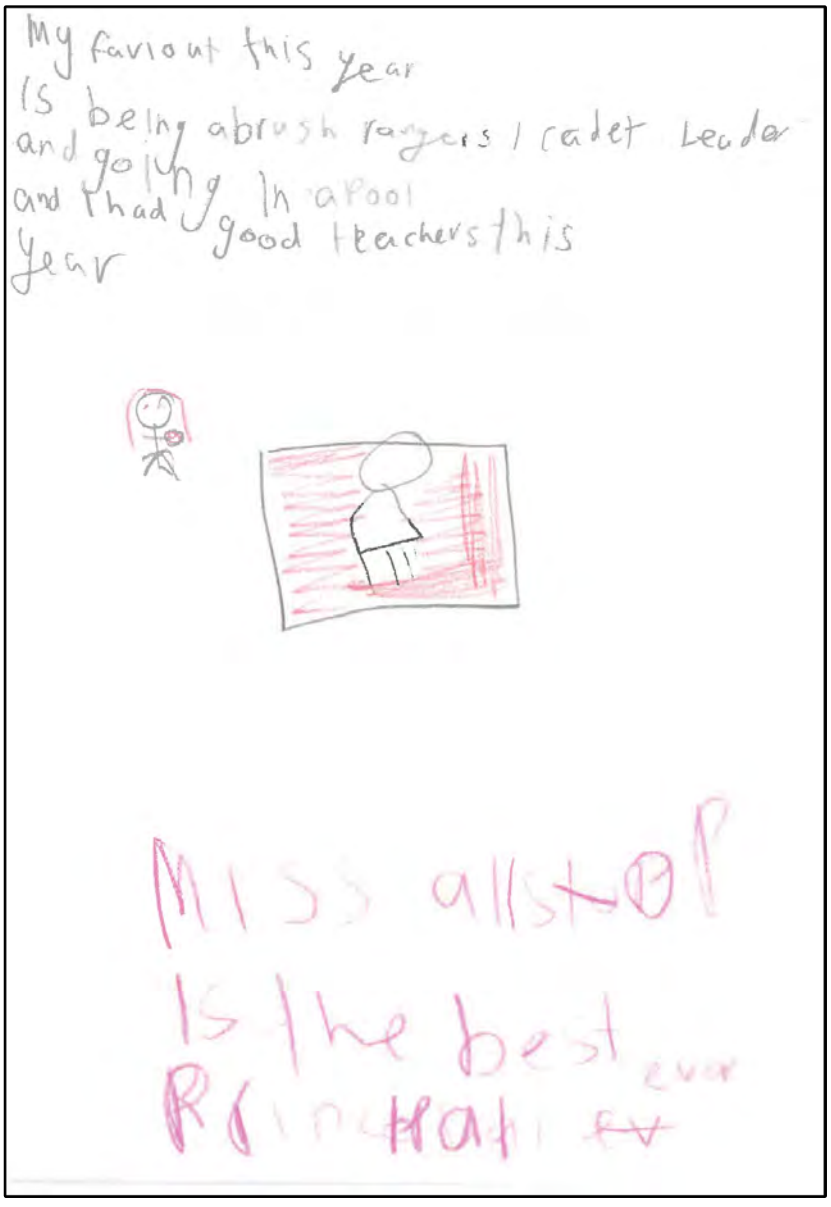
Camp - Roshan J.

Old Shanghai Restaurant on excursion - Rhys D

The flying fox and canoeing at camp - Jamie T.

Fun Day, the disco was so cool - Sarah J.

Landsdale - Andre.



Silent Disco - Ryan H.

Camp - Leon L.

Winning lunchtime chess - Yahia M.

Drawing - Chloe P.

What was the best part of this year?

"This year has gone well. I see a lot of students cool with the year they have had. A lot of my peers are well adjusted to high school which is a hard thing to do. My favourite part of this year was NAIDOC Week, because it shows growth in Australia and schools have been getting better at Indigenous stuff. I appreciate that we did more than just dot painting. I'm looking forward to Year 8!" - Taiawhio H.

Art - Mark A.

Silent Disco - Deegan E.

My class - Emilie P.

Camp - Max O.

Camp - George Y.

Landsdale - Kyle C.

Bike Rescue - Reuben H.

Day 2 of camp - Ali B.

Footy Carnival - Jai L.

Talking to everyone - Ashutosh B.

Getting Support from Teachers - Christian I.

My class - Jamie O.

Camp - Liam S.

Camp - Aaron

Camp - Phoenix T.

Bowling - Mylo

Camp - Isabella

Camp - Riley W.