



Preschool Grapes



Update

Term 1, Weeks 7 & 8

It has been an eventful two weeks for the Green Grapes in preschool!

In Week 7 we left the preschool grounds for the first time - not once, but twice! On the Monday we had our first fire drill and the Green Grapes demonstrated how responsible and safe they can be. On Tuesday we had our Water Play Day over at the main school campus with the Kindergarteners. It was lot so fun, see the attached photo story for more.

Also in week 7 we had our first Library experience and borrowed books. For now we are borrowing from the classroom to ensure the children are in the routine of borrowing and returning books. Next term we will start walking over to the main school Library so they have access to wider range of texts and to strengthen their sense of belonging to the Majura Primary school community. Please bring library books and bags back every Monday. In Week 7 we also explored new artistic materials to make 3D creations using foam pieces and water on card and we enjoyed constructing marble tracks and using water beads, which feel slimy and cool, to run down them as a new sensory exploration. In outdoor play the Green Grapes have enjoyed dressing up as police and ambulance officers and creating imaginative games in the playground.

In Week 8 our next adventure was the visit to CMAG, for the art program "What does an Artist Make". CMAG offers a beautifully run program, which involved some time in the art gallery looking at various artworks with images of Canberra in times past, followed by time spent in the art studio. Each child completed a painting, a collage and a print. The print-making was particularly fun, both because the process was interesting, with a drawing done on a glass tile being transferred to damp paper using a printing machine; and because the result was a beautiful bogong moth. We learned in the earlier part of the day that the moths were part of the navigational system for the Ngunnawal people, who followed their flight paths. We read the book *Penelope the Mountain Pygmy Possum* due to the connection with Bogong moths. The Green Grapes loved the new indoor dramatic play area the Animal Wildlife Rescue center, where they have been vets for injured native animals.

Next week we will be having a shared morning tea with the Blueberries on Tuesday to celebrate the end of term, and inviting a teddy or other soft toy from home. Please keep an eye out for an invitation in your child's bag next Monday.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 9 - 3 day week

- **Monday:** Return **Library** books and bags
- **Tuesday: Bear's Picnic:** bring your favourite teddy bear or other soft toy (pack normal recess for our picnic)

School Holidays: Friday 2 April to Sunday 18 April

REMINDERS

In most cases it is best if toys from home don't come to preschool, as they can become lost very easily. When they do (and I understand that it's sometimes inevitable) we ask the children to leave them in their school bags.