Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the wonders of Science and Technology came to life as our students donned their lab coats and participated in a range of experiments lead by the specialist team from the UNE Discovery Bus.

Thank you so much to the P&F for sponsoring this fantastic opportunity for our students. The team from UNE were highly professional and created great excitement surrounding this new learning for our students and staff.

This week students across Stage 2 participated in an excursion to Sea Acres in Port Macquarie as a part of their learning in Geography. Special thanks to Mrs Holdt for organising this experience and to the Stage 2 Staff who assisted in leading this learning opportunity for the students. They had a great time!

Today during our Assembly we stopped to reflect and consider the many servicemen and women who have represented our country through the armed services at a special Remembrance Day Liturgy. We continue to keep in our prayers those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to try to create peace in our world. We continue to pray for our world leaders that they may find new ways to reach true peace across the globe.

Next Monday morning our Year 6 students set off for their excursion to Canberra. Special thanks in advance to the Year 6 Teaching Team and support staff who will be adventuring to places such as the War Memorial, the AIS and Questacon. We look forward to hearing of their adventures and we bless them and keep them in our thoughts for a safe and happy journey.

All the best for the week ahead.
Many Blessings, Melissa Turner
This week The UNE Discovery program visited St Joseph’s. The aim of the program is to inspire students to capitalise on their natural scientific curiosity and existing knowledge of the environment that we live in, and cultivate scientific confidence. A special thank you to the P&F who funded the program for our students.

William Kane KB
We caught ants in the playground, they were really hard to catch because they move really fast. We got to look at them under the Microscope.

Jasmine Toomey KB
We dug through the sand and found the bones to a bunny. We searched just like the scientists do.

Lucy Judd KH
I liked the balloon experiment because when it popped it made a loud noise.

Ruben Brown KH
I liked the bubbles experiment because when he lit it, his hand was on fire.

Jaxton Buckley KH
I liked the volcano experiment because it overflowed.

Charli Delforce KH
I liked collecting the ants and looking at them with the microscopes.

Bindi Leadbeatt and Roxy Hofman 5D
We visited the Palaeontology Science workshop with Siobhan from UNE. We went digging through kinetic sand for bones that were 50-60 years old. When we found the bones we examined them and matched them with a photograph of a skeleton. It turns out the bones were from a rabbit.

Ben Muir 4G

Here are two examples:

**ELEMENTS**

*Fire, as you flick your red tongues, I feel your hot flames warming me.*

*Water, like a fun park that hydrates me, you cool me when I’m hot and save me from heat.*

*Earth, as we all walk you carry us. You are rocks and trees, we would fall into a void of blackness without you.*

*Air, you give us yourself so we can live. You cool us, if we didn’t have you we wouldn’t exist.*

**RAINFOREST**


Auditry Collins 4D

This term Year Four are studying poetry. Each week we have been focusing on a different types of poetry and constructing our own poems.

**UNE DISCOVERY PROGRAM**

**YEAR 4 POETRY**

We liked the Dynamic Bodies activity because the Scientists from UNE timed how fast we could run over 15 metres and compared our times to other students, taking into account the variety of body types and sizes that might influence our speed.
This week, Joey’s Juniors enjoyed playing with the Bee-Bots. Bee-Bot is an exciting little robot designed for use by young children. This colourful, easy-to-operate, and friendly little robot is a perfect tool for teaching counting, sequencing, estimation, problem-solving, and just having fun!

They also visited our school library!
“The Inquisitive Mind of a Child”

Why are they selling poppies, Mummy?
   Selling poppies in town today.
The poppies, child, are flowers of love
   For the men who marched away.
But why have they chosen a poppy, Mummy?
   Why not a beautiful rose?
Because my child, men fought and died
   In the fields where the poppies grow.
But why are the poppies so red, Mummy?
   Why are the poppies so red?
Red is the colour of blood, my child
   The blood that our soldier shed.
The heart of the poppy is black, Mummy.
   Why does it have to be black?
Black, my child, is the symbol of grief
   For the men who never came back.
But why, Mummy are you crying so?
   Your tears are giving you pain.
My tears are my fears for you my child,
   For the World is forgetting again.

(Author Unknown)