**Geometrical Patterns and Time**

This week we interviewed Tasman. Tasman and Ben were partners and they made a hexagon pattern and they put the data into a table and described it in words.

Tasman was enthusiastic about time and so was the rest of the class. We also learnt about analogue, digital and 24 hour time and had to write down 12am to 12pm.

![Tasman and Ben’s maths work](image)

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**Swimming Carnival Report**

On Monday Week 3, years 2-6 went to Mittagong pools for the swimming carnival. Before everyone could start racing everyone had to complete a test which included slipping into the pool safely, walking 5 metres swimming 25 metres and treading water for 1 minute. Congratulations Lauren who won all the 11 years girls races, including the individual medley. Also congratulations to Louise who came second in the 11 years girl’s races. Congratulations to all 5J students who got in the water and had fun either racing or playing in the novelty events. Well done to those students who were selected to attend the district carnival.

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**TECHNOLOGY**

Thank you Mr Stanger for fixing 5J’s SMART board. The SMART board is really helping us a lot. Miss Pryor is very thankful for the SMART board being fixed.

We also made some very colourful tray labels on Microsoft Word in the computer lab. We have been doing research on rainforest plants, and have discovered lots of interesting facts about rainforest plants.

We have been doing Maths and English on the SMART board.

*Here’s a little joke!*

Knock, Knock
Who’s there?
Miss Pryor
Miss Pryor who?
Miss Pryor went crazy at the SMART board.

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**West Tigers Come To Colo Vale**

On Tuesday the 31st of January the West Tigers came to Colo Vale Public School & we got their signatures. They came to give us a message of what we should eat to stay healthy & to try to get us into sport. This is who came. Liam Fulton, Mitch Brown, Joel Reddie, and a new guy from orange. Blake Hunter won a hat.
Science and HSIE

In 5J this week we watched a rainforest movie and we found out about animals that live in the rainforest. We also did some science to do with photosynthesis and found out that plants need light to make their own food.

JUNGLE JOKES

Q. WHAT DO YOU CALL A MONKEY AND A FROG?
A. A WOOLLY JUMPER.

FUN FACTS

In the rainforest you can hear ants walking. Their nests are big enough to hold a fully grown man.

REVIEW REVIEW

This week at 5J we wrote comics because we were comparing the structures of a narrative in prose and in comics. Everyone chose a topic of their choice and wrote a comic about it. Everyone had fun, and it inspired everyone to write funny, happy, and sad comics. Everybody loved it!

CREATIVE ARTS

This week in art we turned our classroom into a tropical rainforest. To contribute to this we made bird of paradise and we also drew pink and red rafflesias. Now our class is full of vines.

We also made motivating Italian Contrade Shields to help us get through the year. We chose some motivating slogans to write across our shields and they look really impressive.

Think Positive    Embrace Opportunities
Tackle Big Things  Don't Give Up    Believe in Yourself

SPELLING

In spelling this week we have been learning about letter blends making different sounds like bossy ‘E’, soft ‘G’ silent ‘H’ and short ‘U’.

CHECK OUT THE SPELLING FIND-A-WORD THIS WEEK!!

CRITICAL THINKING

LONELY HELL OF A FORGOTTEN MAN (FROM THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH)

In week one of term one 5J read an article on Mr Stephen Slevin. We read some things that were disturbing and interesting, we even learnt some new words. The author Rachel Quigley wanted us to think of this prisoner in a positive way. Most of 5J agreed with this and felt that he was indeed treated inhumanly and that Mr Slevin should not have been handled in such a way because he did not do something bad enough for that kind of punishment. 5J also believed that he should have been taken care of like any other prisoner and not left sitting in a tiny gaol cell, drifting in and out of delirium (the cause, lack of human contact and medical care). We debated and came to the conclusion that Mr Stephen Slevin did not deserve what happened to him in gaol, but he still deserved to be in gaol because he committed a crime.