

Bowden Brompton Community School

Newsletter Term 3 2019

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to congratulate and acknowledge so many people from our school community and I apologise upfront if I miss anyone because we have had a bumper term of awards, recognition praise and opportunities presented to the school. My report is only a summary as the details to follow as you read through the newsletter.



I am so proud and privileged to be the Principal of Bowden Brompton Community School (BBCS), we focus on student's abilities and strengths and when students are willing to take on the guidance and challenges from the fantastic BBCS staff amazing things happen.

Some of the amazing Term 3 highlights include the Kokoda Trek, Focus on Ability Awards, South Australian Living Artist Awards, Camps and Pedal Prix. Congratulations to the all students and staff that were award recipients or participants in these amazing opportunities.

I also would like to publically thank Paul Newman (Education Director) and Rick Perse (Chief Executive) for their support of the school's adventurous journeys, interstate travel and overseas trips which creates opportunities for students to experience success that cannot be replicated from the traditional classroom but can be translated to other aspects of student learning and life.



With the support of the Department for Education, BBCS Governing Council and our philanthropic supporters such as Adelaide Crows Childhood Foundation, Dr Bob Kass, CMV Group, Keith Goulash, Adelaide Appeals Committee, Friends of BBCS and Rotary we have the financial backing to support the innovation of quality education. Supplemented by the commitment of all BBCS staff we have and will continue to present our students with amazing opportunities to experience success and be positive contributors to our community. Special thanks to Jemma McQuinn for her ongoing support through the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

At our End of Term Campus Assemblies we will celebrate success through the presentation of awards and share digital stories of what has been offered over the term. I look forward to talking to parents and caregivers about the highlights and our future plans. Talking about future plans during the holiday break Jason Rowe, John Ruediger, Mark Wasinski and I will be leading a group of 8 students, 5 of which will be representing Australia at the World Kickboxing and Karate Championships in Poland. The international camp will also have a focus on WW2 History as we will spend 5 days in

Germany to acclimatise and visit significant WW2 sites. The selected students will be representing Australia in their age division for kickboxing and boxing. At this point I would like to acknowledge and thank Denele for all the extra work in assisting with the preparation for the Poland Adventurous Journey.

During term 3 we welcomed the following staff to the BBCS team, Uncle Eddie (ACEO Beach), Jon B (Tr Rd Teacher), Kim (Tr Rd Teacher), Meriam (LP Teacher), Jason S (Beach Teacher), Phil (Business Manager), Jemma (Tr Rd Front Office) and Nina (Tr Rd Front Office SSO). Our farewells during term 3 included Hayley, Kim and Jon (to return in term 4). At the end of the term we will also say farewell to Casey. To all departing staff I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your hard work and contributions to BBCS and wish you all the very best.

A special acknowledgements to Aunty Pepper for her Public Education Award nomination and the wonderful work she does in supporting BBCS students and staff.

John Leondarís

IMPORTANT DATES: Term 4 2019

Monday 14th October, 2019: Goal Setting, Learning Agreements

Tuesday 15th October 2019: Timetabled lessons commence

Monday 21st October: PAT Training/Activities Day

Wednesday 13th November 2019: Mid-Term parent/student meetings (Week 5)

Thursday 28th November: Torrens Road Senior School Dinner

End of Term Assembly: TR 10th December, LP (Gateways, Integrate) 11th December

End of Term Assembly: Beach 12th December 2019 Friday 13th December: End of term appointments

DEPUTY PRINICPAL REPORT

Reflecting on term 3 in order to write this report has reminded me how busy 2019 has been. I would like to acknowledge the staff for the fantastic work they do. It is such a pleasure to work with a dedicated team of teachers and support staff.

Term 3 is always a busy term for our students. The Senior Learning Team (SLT) has been a studious class since the start of the year, which has resulted in positive SACE student results for last semester. I hope semester 2 brings more positive results. Most of the senior students have been working hard to complete the set SACE tasks and are helping to develop a mature and self-directed learning culture in the SLT class.

Many of the middle school students continue to impress me with their academic and social growth and one student who I would like to make special mention of is Tyrell W. Tyrell has shown amazing growth and maturity over the last term and staff are very proud of this young man.

This term students have undertaken the Progressive Assessment Tests, (PAT) in reading and maths. The results of PAT will enable teachers to better design curriculum and learning interventions.

Successes and highlights have been numerous over the term and I would like to mention just a few...

One of the biggest highlights this term has been the 2019 Kokoda trip. BBCS staff and students successfully completed the Kokoda trek. These students learnt a lot about self-awareness, self-management, teamwork and leadership, all key Australian Curriculum General Capabilities defined under the Personal and Social capabilities. Their positive story was also aired on the ABC's 730 Report. Well done team and a big thank you to all.

Bailey R was successful with his short film, winning the state division of the *Focus on Ability* short film competition. Bailey went to Sydney to the national film event and came away with the "best actor" award. Bailey heads off to the USA as his prize. Amazing Bailey! I wish you all the best with your trip.

The BBCS art students won a South Australia Living Artists (SALA) Award. There were some marvellous artworks shown and if for those of you who are interested, most of the art works are for sale.

The school ran a small but strong team in the term 3 Pedal Prix competition, with students across all BBCS campuses coming together to compete as a crew.

The Torrens road staff has again continued to advance its pedagogy by building and continuing with the Learning Sprints.

This term we have continued our relationships with service providers such as Metro Youth Health, the City Of Charles Sturt services and health and immunisation programmes and Mobile Dental Care SA. I would like to say thanks to them for their ongoing support in assisting and improving the educational, health and social outcomes for our community.

Again this term we have worked with Connected Self. Mel and her two therapy dogs, Ruben and Chloe, have been visiting us each Wednesday. In the short time we have utilised the service, students have demonstrated growth in understanding around the difficulty in following instructions when you are "wound up" just like the dogs. This programme has had a very positive effect on everyone at the Torrens Road campus.

On a sad note, we lost some staff this term. The front office SSO Hayley, left mid-way through the term. Hayley was my right-hand front office person. No job was too hard or time-line too tight. Hayley will be missed and I wish her all the best. Also, Casey will be leaving us. Staff and students are very sad about this news, as Casey has become one of the family here at BBCS. I would personally like to thank Casey for the energy, vitality and enthusiasm she has brought to the school. I wish you all the best.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Torrens Road staff and SSOs for keeping the machine working. See you all in term 4.

Tason Rowe

TORRENS ROAD CAMPUS

Congratulations





Bailey Richards has won Best Australian Student Actor at the Focus On Ability Film Festival Red carpet event. This is the 11th year of the Focus on Ability Festival and is supported by major sponsors Screen Australia, Nova Employment and Kia.

In week 7 Bailey, John L and Rowan took a flight over to Sydney to attend the event at the famous Concourse Concert Hall in Chatswood. Upon arrival Bailey met with the Film Festival Spokesman Ryan Goodwin and was interviewed on the red carpet about the making of "Teen Builds A Real Lightsaber". The event was broadcast live on Facebook across the world, and fortunately Baileys film won the major prize of 2 return tickets from Sydney to Los Angeles, for 3 weeks, meeting with Talent casting agents, attending Actor workshops with free tickets to Universal Studios and Warner Bros.

We are so proud of Baileys achievement and now the award of a real opportunity in the acting industry.

If students and parents in the community would like to know more about the festival, and are interested in developing a project for next year please speak with your home group teacher and Rowan Pullen at Torrens Road and let's develop a digital literacies plan and get film making.

Please take a look at the film with this link: https://www.focusonability.com.au/FOA/films/1866.html







The Kokoda Trail winds its way, North-South, 96km through the Own Stanley Range in Papua New Guinea. For adults walking the Kokoda trail represents one of the most physically, emotionally and spiritually rich and challenging journeys of their life; for our BBCS Students it is a feat of a lifetime.

The Track is a living breathing monument to Australia's history and identity creation. You walk in the footsteps of the soldiers, you see the scars in the land and the remnants of the war; from fox-holes, to ammunition. You feel the mud, you hear the jungle and you experience what it would have been like for our young soldiers.

Our seven students and four staff did an amazing job and everyone made it through the challenge, demonstrating great heart and strength. An amazing thanks goes out to Justin Clark, Nick Millar and Casey Taylor, without their sacrifice and effort the trip would not have happened. Well done to Aidan Cook, Jackson Ross, Piper Bosworth, Tayah Nelson-Sunman, Dom Tidswell, Gino Tibruzi and Bayley Powell, the whole school community is proud of you!

If you're interested in seeing more please watch the story from the ABC 7:30 report: https://www.abc.net.au/7.30/students-who-were-kicked-out-of-mainstream-schools/11473296





















WELCOME TO BBCS





Torrens Road has a new baby rabbit for our students to care for. Studies show that caring for pets in schools are showing a range of benefits including:

Increase in school attendance, gains confidence, decreases in learner anxiety behaviours resulting in improved learning outcomes, such as increases in reading and writing levels.

Positive changes towards learning and improved motivation, and enhanced relationships with peers and teachers due to experiencing trust and unconditional love from a therapy pet. This in turn helps students learn how to express their feelings and enter into more trusting relationships.

We welcome Hop and as you can see from our photos he's fitting in just fine and loving the attention.

Photos taken by Tayla Sitte





We have had some very cold mornings in the garden and the caterpillars are out and nibbling on some of our greens.

We have been doing some soil testing and learning about the PH levels that different plants prefer and how we can adjust the PH in the soil.

Our parsley is booming and we are letting some lettuce go to seed. It won't be long until we will be digging up potatoes and planting native plants for butterfly habitats - stay tuned.















VGratitude Wednesday at BBCS

Gratitude Wednesday is by far the greatest day of the week.

It's a day where we celebrate what we are grateful for by writing it on paper hands and hanging the hands on our gratitude tree.

We also sing a song and do a dance to celebrate Gratitude Wednesday, sounds pretty cool hey!

Practicing gratitude is a fantastic way to improve the outlook you have on life.



It can help change your perspective from a negative one to a positive one.

So come one, come all, join in and write a hand for the gratitude tree.





Wood Tech









Another successful wood tech lesson for Term 3.

Excellent work produced by all students as you can see in the pictures.

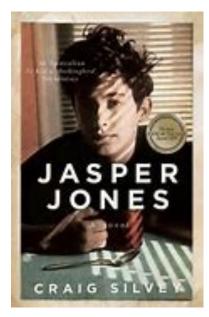


Bike Program! What a strong standing subject. Bike Program gives the students a great opportunity to improve their BMX and mountain bike riding skills as well as learning how to have positive interactions with members of the community.

This term we went on Mountain Bike Camp to Fox Creek where we rode some mad trails and got a visit from the one and only, Ryan Lloyd.



We finished the Bike camp off with a quick run down Cobblers Creek. We all had a blast! I think its safe to say The Bike Program at BBCS is still as popular as ever and we all have so much fun!



Many students at Bowden Brompton Community School have read Jasper Jones as a shared class novel.

Students saw a powerful performance of Jasper Jones at the Festival Theatre which addressed many confronting issues set in an Australian

rural town in the 1960's. If students would like to borrow a copy of the novel please see office staff.

Why not share a book with your child?

Ask to see our school book collection or join your local library - it's free.

Find your local library

here www.libraries.sa.gov.au



Animal Therapy program - animals visit the old folks

In the last week of term 2, middle school students from Torrens Road organised to visit Bene St Clair to showcase our Animal Therapy program. The people at the Aged Care Centre really enjoyed the interaction with the animals as well as speaking with the students.

The students (Jordan, Blake, Luke, Anthony and Gino) were able to tell the old folks all about the animals and tell them what we do at BBCS. There were positive reviews from both sides and we hope to continue to visit Bene St Clair in the future.











Skateboarding 101

We missed Josh a lot this term due to a footy injury but he'll be back on board in no time. We have been excited to learn of local governments investing more money into skate parks as the sport is recently included in the Olympics.

We checked out the new upgrade to our local Churchill Rd park which has attracted some great skaters and been fun to watch. Shout out to Sebastian who gives his all every lesson and challenges his skills each week.

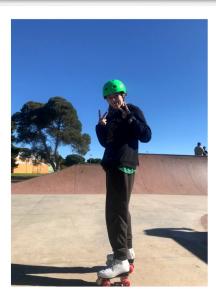
Bring on the warmer weather!



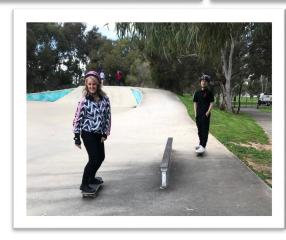














S A SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LIVING ARTS FESTIVAL 2019

Students from Bowden Brompton Community School attended the SALA festival and showcased their art work. It was truly a wonderful experience as they met with Grant Strawbridge (CEO, Credit Union SA), John Koerber (Executive Manager of Digital & Member Insight Credit Union SA), Isobella Caruso (Partnerships Manager, SALA Festival) and Kate Moskwa (CEO of SALA festival).



















Well done to Sabrina, Issac, Bailey, Peter and Zali.





Rock Climbing in Pics









LITTLE PARA, INTEGRATE & GATEWAYS CAMPUS

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Firstly, it will be bitter sweet to farewell Gateways teacher Kylie George at the end of this term as she takes time off to have a baby! Kylie's work with the seniors has been exceptional and her talents and hard work will be missed. We wish her all the best, and bless Kylie and her baby with a safe delivery and good health.

There have been some great highlights to share with everybody this term but probably my personal favourite was science week. The kitchen became a makeshift science lab and students made predictions, recorded observations and learnt about chemical equations during a demonstration of chemical reactions. Luckily nothing exploded!

The students were also guests at the Dry Creek train depot. Teacher Mario, previously worked at the facility, and was able to gain special access for the students to tour the areas that control and monitor all the trains and train stations across Adelaide with hundreds of CCTV cameras. Students were amazed at the coverage of the surveillance systems and realised that anywhere on the public train system, even in the elevators at the stations, somebody is watching you!

Rachael Hubbert did herself and the school proud by being a finalist in the "Focus on Ability" film competition. Rachael worked under the guidance of teacher Tom to create the only animated film in the competition and were rewarded when Rachael was invited to the red carpet event in the city to view all the finalist entries. Well done Rachael!

Well done to Jackson Ross who completed the Kokoda trail with his peers this term. A fantastic effort! Good luck to Jackson Ross and Brayden Ashton who are off to Poland in the holidays to participate in the World Kickboxing Association junior world titles. Good luck boys!

Lee Van Der Hoek

Pational science weekloss









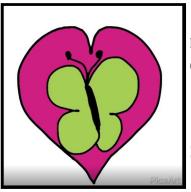
Thanks to a grant won by the school we were able to start our very own butterfly garden at Little Para.

A butterfly garden is filled with plants that attract both butterflies and moths.

As you can see, lots of work still to be done next term....stay tuned.

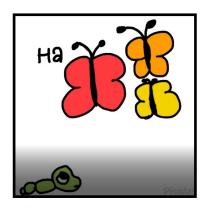


THE SAD CATERPILLAR



Rachael has worked hard this year on various Art projects. Her most impressive project was her Animated entry "The Sad Caterpillar" to the Focus on Ability film contest.

Her film had a theme of healthy relationships and anti-bullying. Rachael was invited to attend the screenings in Adelaide and Sydney. Her film was the only animated entry in her category.





LP3 ALL STARS!!

This term has been another busy term in LP 3 with students participating in a lot of learning and meeting some of their goals.

Students in LP 3 have enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities within the school ranging from Gardening, Network Games, Bike riding and the Martial Arts Program.

During class students have been learning about Time- seasons, months, days, working with local train timetables and solving problems with 24 hour time. They have also been looking at money and everyday addition and subtraction problems, ensuring they receive the right change when they purchase goods at a shop.

In literacy students have been continuing to work on daily reading and improving their comprehension skills. Students have developed some strategies to assist them summarise texts and verbalise and write reviews.













We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to an exciting term of learning and new adventures in term 4.

LITTLE PARA CLEAN UP!

Little Para student Rachael Hubbert is very passionate about animals and her local environment. Whilst venturing around her favourite local area, she found that there was an enormous amount of rubbish and pollution to the waterways, affecting local flora and fauna.

In order to combat this, Rachael decided to have a "Clean Up" day where she cleared and cleaned an area of the Little Para River. In addition to this, she aims to design posters to be displayed within the local community around the significance of littering and discuss her concerns with the Salisbury Council.



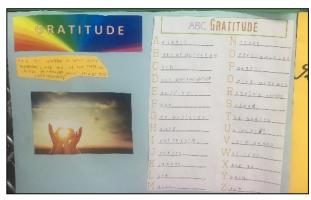


Gratitude Project at Integrate

Over terms 2 and 3, Integrate students have taken part in `the Gratitude Project.'

They have created their own word wall of what Gratitude means to them, and the people, animals and things in life they feel thankful for. As part of this project, they have been researching and visiting organisations which have formed to help those less fortunate. This has included visiting the Hutt St Centre (learning about homelessness and appreciating their own homes) and The Salvation Army. Many of the organisations are run by volunteers, and the students saw firsthand the ways in which volunteering and gratitude are linked.





They volunteered at BackPacks 4 SA Kids, packing backpacks full of lovely donations and clothing for children who, for a variety of reasons, have had to flee their homes. At the Gorge Wildlife Park, they learnt about organisations which care for endangered species, and spoke with a koala carer who also began her career as a volunteer at the park.









Integrate students have been a credit to the school during these visits, asking relevant questions, demonstrating respectful language and open mindedness. Well done Integrate, for your excellent participation.

Integrate class

Animal care - written by Tom Harris (student)

This term at Integrate Liz came in with the animals every Tuesday. She tells us about them, like what they eat, how old they are, and where she got them from.

Liz brings in rescue animals like kangaroos, chickens, lambs and a lot more. She tells us what's wrong with them, brings them home and looks after them.

I like how she brings in rescue animals and you can see them get better every week.

Community sports - written by Billie Secker (student)

This term during Community Sports, the Integrate campus and the Little Para campus joined together every Monday. Majority of the time we went to Parafield Gardens rec centre to play basketball or soccer. Going to Parafield gardens rec centre is a good way to get out of the class and get some exercise. During community sports we all got portions of exercise which is good for the brain - it increases the heartrate which pumps more oxygen into the brain.

Cooking - written by Jackson Ross (student)

On Mondays we cook pasta, like creamy spaghetti pasta and spag bowl. On Tuesday we have toastie Tuesday's, Wednesday we make wraps for fishing, and for Thursday we have noodles and sometimes cheese and ham toasties. On Friday we make stir-fry, and other good things like ham roast and chicken. What we have learnt is no matter if you fail you keep trying your hardest at something and give it your best shot.









Fishing - written by Jaxon McNulty (student)

This term has been wonderful with fishing (if you know what I mean). Every Wednesday, Integrate and Little Para go out to different locations and attempt to catch a fish. Last week we went to St Kilda and it was a decent time even though we don't catch anything - it's a good experience to have for when you do go out camping or something.

Most of the time we think we have got something when it's really just seaweed. It gets you hyped up, but when you think you got something and pull the rod in its just seaweed, but at the end of the day it's all about the fun and learning something new.

Integrate class

Martial Arts Therapy - written by Brayden Ashton (student)

This term at Integrate we again did MAT program. At MAT program we learn how to kick, punch and use mits. The aim of the program is to have fun, improve our fitness and being able to defend ourselves, as well as develop self-discipline.

Students from Gateways and Torrens Road also do the program with us, which makes it more fun having more people there.









Scooters & Skateboard's - written by Jordan Howard (student)

Every Tuesday after animal care and we go with Gateways to different skate parks every week with Tom, Tilly, Tammy and Mario. All the students love going there to learn new tricks and trying new things out in the community. Tom the gateways teacher he helps us learn new tricks out on the ramps.

This term during Scooters and Skateboard's we went to Regency Skate Park for the first time.



Drumming at Integrate



This term Integrate students have been lucky enough to have our own Holly teaching drums on Friday afternoons.

They have made amazing progress, learning bass and tone beats, rhythms and playing both *piano* (soft) and *forte* (loud).

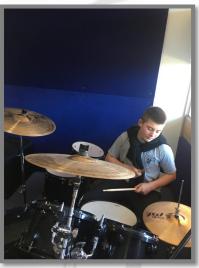
They are working towards an end of year Assembly performance, watch this space! Thank you Holly, for giving up your time for Integrate students.













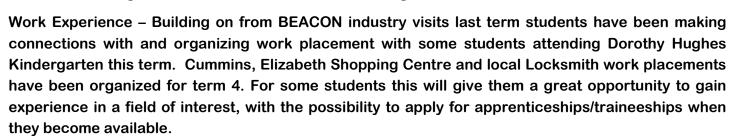




Gateways has been a fun and successful term. Martial Arts has gained popularity with most of the class attending at least one session a week, working on fitness, technique, meditation and respect.

As a class students are preparing food for the school on Wednesdays Lets Do Lunch Program. All students were required to complete the 'I'm Alert Food Handling Certification' through the City of Charles Sturt.

We have also had a handful of students complete offsite courses including Learners Permit, White Card Training and Cert 3 in Fitness.





As a class this term we have been reading Jasper Jones, an Australian mystery drama. We had the opportunity to attend the State Theatre production of this novel at the Dunstan Playhouse. Students really enjoyed the production, especially the comedic spin put on the story. Already knowing the storyline and having their own ideas around how characters looked and acted, students were drawn into the show which created great discussion afterwards comparing both the book and performance. Students stating that it was... "Epic", "Wonderful", "Really enjoyed seeing it in real life", "Didn't follow the book as much as I would of liked."

Gateways Program were involved in idea development for a

Community Arts Project with Salisbury Youth Council, the City of Salisbury and Artist Shane Mankitya Cook.

The mural has been painted at Salisbury North Skate Park and has a positive theme of healthy relationships.

We look forward to Term 4!



BEACH CAMPUS

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The term at Beach Campus has been a busy one, with students involved in international travel, offsite learning programs, courses and a range of community engagements.

We have welcomed back teacher Jason Stumer this term, who has been teaching in the Senior Class with Rob while Deb is overseas, and we have also welcomed a new Social Worker (Alicia Tuffin) and Aboriginal Education Worker (Uncle Eddie Peters) to the campus to provide additional student support services. The new staff have settled in well and have really value added to our team – helping students to stay on track and supporting their wellbeing and sense of belonging.

This term we have also welcomed Lixia Sun (Flinders University Social Work Student) who has been completing her professional placement with our resident Youth Worker (Kyza Thomasson). Lixia is an international student from China and I have been pleased at the way our students have welcomed her and shown a genuine interest in learning about her culture and helping her with her English Language development.

This term we had two students from Beach (Aidan and Tayah) who travelled to Papua New Guinea to walk the Kokoda track. These students were involved in months of preparation and training to complete the gruelling two-week trip; including many weekends hiking the Mount Lofty Range. Special mention goes to our dedicated staff Nick and Justin who volunteered to be away from their families for two weeks to make the trip possible and to Duncan Henderson for planning the trip and sourcing significant grant funding so there was no cost for participants. The experiences they shared will last a lifetime!

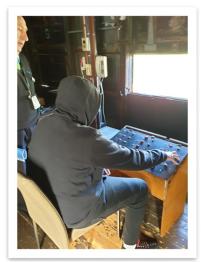
We have had several students (Chris G, Joe and Chris S) who sat their Learners Driving Test and began driving lessons supported by the school student funding, while a number of other students have completed Working at Heights, Elevated Work Platforms, Confined Spaces, White Card and First Aid Certificates; showing once again how BBCS continues to support students to meet their vocational goals.

Josh J and Aidan C attended the Governor General's Residence with Ed in week two as part of the Ice Factor Program Presentations to meet dignitaries and represent the program. We have a strong Ice Hockey team with several new players (Zeek and Falcon) from Beach who are attending regularly and working hard to improve their skills.

In closing I would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing term break and thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support. I am always proud when I talk about the fantastic work that BBCS staff do every day and when I see our young people achieving success and meeting their goals.

Thanks to all Beach staff for your hard work and dedication to making our school a great place for kids. Jason Stumer is sadly leaving us next term to take up a position at another school. We wish him well and hope that we will see him back at BBCS soon. Rest up and we will see you all in Term 4







Beach students visited various museums around Adelaide this term. This included Maritime, Aviation, Railway, migration and National Museum in the city. They also visited the Art Gallery with the highlight being a tour of Adelaide Oval.



Rolls ready to handout....

Students from Beach helped out in catering for walkers in the 50Km walk for Hutt Street, as part of the Walk a Mile in my Boots fundraiser.

The students were at McLaren Vale Primary School for a 6am start loading the trailer with packed lunches to hand out at Darlington. Hot Pumkin soup, prepared by the 'Master Chef' class was also available to keep the walkers sustained for the long day walking.









This term in Masterchef students have been busy preparing dishes from around the globe. Paella from Spain, Fresh Pasta from Italy and Spring Rolls from China.

A lot of the amazing dishes that we are able to prepare are made possible by the very generous donations of Oz Harvest for which we are extremely grateful.



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