

Willetton's Got Talent

AREA 15 STEAM PROJECT: DESIGN A PLAYGROUND

This semester, students in Area 15 have been using the 'SPARC' process to design a new Junior Playground for the school using Minecraft. The project required students to interview students in Area 6 to find out what changes they would like to make to the current junior playground, measure the area and perimeter of the site, create a scale plan, design a prototype in Minecraft to scale and share their final design with Area 6 for feedback. Check out some of the incredible designs below from Jy Jefferey, Alaia Yeh and Micah Catchlove!



THE DESERTED ISLAND

By Corrine.Mckenzie

"Sasha quit messing around and get ready, today's the big day!" said Mum eagerly.

Noooo! Why does it have to be today? I really don't want to swim all the way from Cottesloe to Rottnest Island, I mean that's just crazy right?

"Mum there might be sharks - and remember the swim got called off the other year because of the sharks... sharks, Mum sharks!!!"

"Sasha you have to go," she answered in a serious voice. I knew that once mum was using her serious voice, no matter what I did, I would not win.

I got ready, and went to Cottesloe. I was sweating and my heart felt like it was being squeezed. I heard the whistle, telling us to line up. It was actually starting ...I slumped my shoulders and kicked the golden sand. No one except for Amy, was sweating or nervous as much as me! So I thought maybe the sharks would eat her and leave me alone.

"Ok everyone when I say ready set go you start, ready....setgo!" said the man in front of us . Everyone jumped in the water and swam their hardest. After a while, everyone was worn out, especially me. Some went on the Ferry to have a break.

I saw a rainbow fish and of course I decided to follow it, like any one else would. After a while, I looked back to see the other swimmers but I could see no one. I could only see sharks! (Man eaters). I swam my absolute hardest, luckily I saw a small Island, but this was way too small to be Rottnest Island! It was in fact a dessert Island, ah no, I wished it was. Imagine that it had delicious marshmallows and a sweet lemonade fountain with a lake full of liquid chocolate oh, and a mountain made of ice-cream cake. All that swimming had really made me hungry.. No, this was a desert island, there was nothing here except sand rocks and a few trees.

I searched for some food but none could be found. While I was searching I foundGOLD! Yes GOLD, I found gold. I feverishly smiled until my face muscles hurt. I followed the endless trail of small gold nuggets that were just lying on the ground, collecting as many as I could hold. They lead me inside a narrow gorge and it was inside here that I found a golden key. I excitedly walked on until I came across a large metal door built into the rock face. It had

so many key holes that I couldn't count them all, well I could but was too lazy to. Then suddenly I heard a booming voice...

"Welcome to Dread Island, I will give you two choices leave now with all the gold you can carry or use your key in the right key hole and riches beyond your imagination will be revealed. You only get one chance to unlock the door, and the wrong key hole will lead to a terrible death."

I stepped back and looked at my gold, I didn't trust this guy at all, so I decided to get out of there. I slowly stepped backwards and put all the gold in my pockets.

"Hello?" said the man in an angry voice, he then opened the door and peeped outside. He had cold blue eyes, tattoos all over on his body and red blotches all over his face. The man glared at me. "Hey, come back here you rotten thing!"

I screamed and ran for my life. I squeezed through a gap in the rocks, the shore glistened in front of me. I jumped in the water and started to swim. I glanced back and the man was standing on the shore. I swam hard, but found myself sinking lower and lower into the cold deep water. I realised the gold was too heavy. I knew if I wanted to live, I would have to sacrifice the gold. So I reached into my pockets and turned them inside out. I noticed the glistening gold sinking down to the bottom of the ocean, my eyes released their own sea water, and I could no longer see, so I swam up to the surface.

When I reached the surface I saw a ferry skipping across the water. I swam my hardest to get close and screamed for help. I saw my swim team rushing towards me waving their hands. They helped me up and I realised that mum was also on the boat, they had been searching for me. My mum jumped in front of me and hugged me so hard that my face turned blue!

When we got home I told mum about the deserted island and about the lost gold.

"You are my precious gold and the only gold I need," she said with her eyes watery. She hugged me again, squeezing the breath out of me. I could tell that she didn't believe a word of my story. She must have thought that I had swallowed too much seawater. However, the next day mum came sprinting into my room.

"Sasha, you were telling the truth! I found a piece of GOLD in your bathers!!!!!!"

THE END

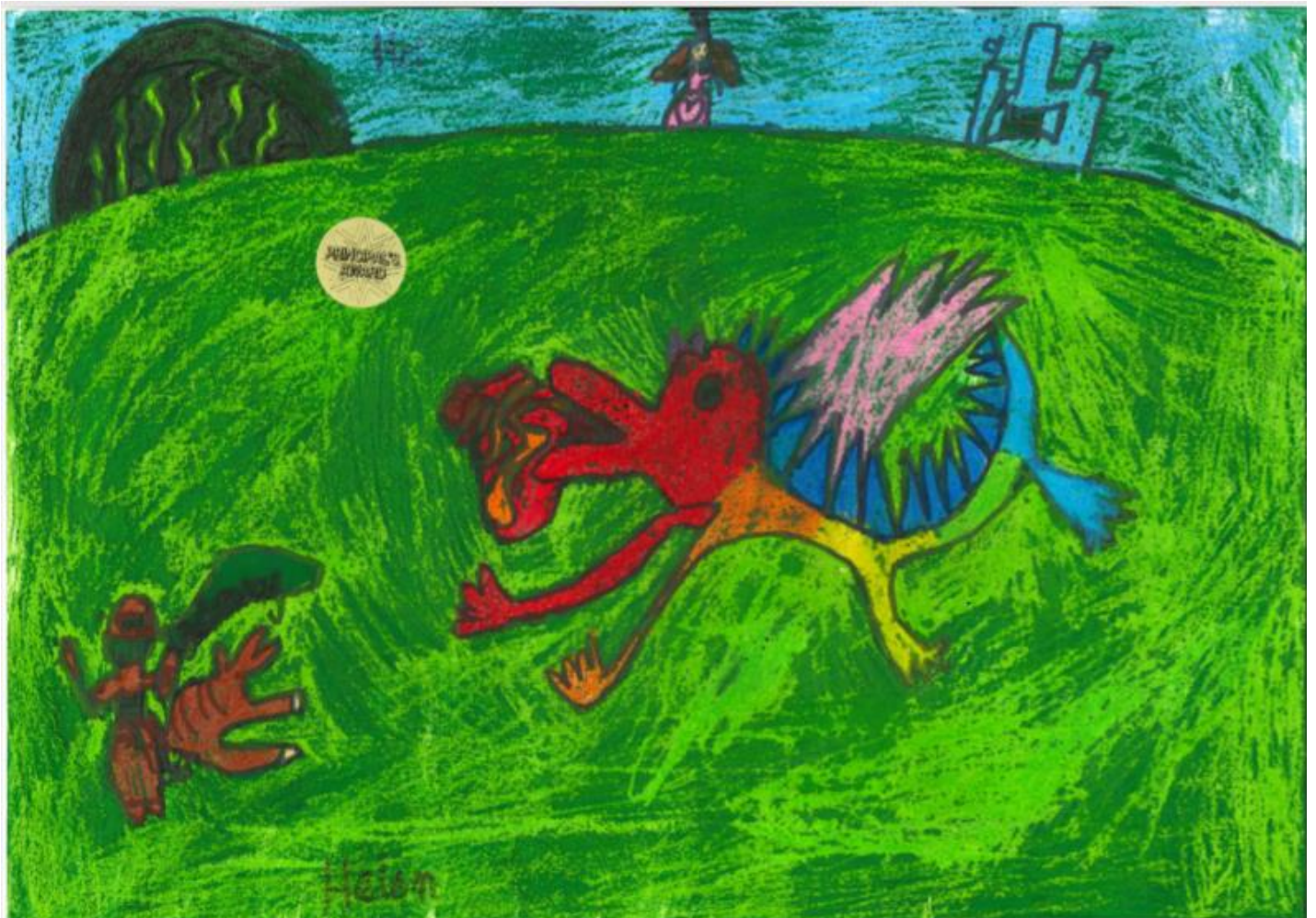


Wow!
Great work
Corrine!



In Area 2 we looked at the story The Knight and the Dragon by Tomie dePaola. We were inspired to draw our own version of this beautiful story of a knight and dragon who eventually











Summer is Totally 200% Better than Winter

By Amrut



Look outside, the beautiful, golden sun is shining, with not a single cloud in the sky. It's a nice, warm day, in fact, the first day of summer! Some people out there are in tears, while others are celebrating. How atrocious! Not just some people, but EVERYONE should be counting down the days left until summer. In summer, you can enjoy marvellous weather, cold treats like ice-cream, much better health and also going to parks, beaches and pools and also theme parks like Adventure World.

Think about this, would you be happier on a nice and sunny day or an overcast, cloudy day? No wonder, you'd definitely be ecstatic on a beautiful, sunny day. Do you know how many homes each year are completely washed away or written off by catastrophic floods? All those poor people have to live in extremely low quality homes, in a terrible underclass called poverty, or even out on the streets,



in the severe wintery weather! In summer, there are never any floods, and much less severe weather, like gales, immensely high tides and storms. Plus, who doesn't like a delicious ice-cream on a hot day? In summer, you can have all these cool treats that you can't have in winter as much without risking falling sick and then having to spend days miserable. Although in summer, there are lots of bushfires that terminate hundreds of people and burn right down to the ground thousands of homes each year, firefighters can still control these things if people report them before they become so bad that people have to evacuate.

How would you like to fall sick with the cold/flu? I bet you would hate spending miserable, lethargic and boring days with watery eyes and sore throats. Well, in summer, you don't get these things as much, which means that you can enjoy much more days out in the sun, having bucket loads of fun. Everyone knows that 2 fruits and 5 vegetables a day will help you have a happy and healthy life. And how many fruits you know grow in winter? I'll tell you, maybe some multi-



LEARNING AT SCHOOL IS BETTER THAN HOME SCHOOLING



How do you write a persuasive text again? I'll just go and ask the teacher. Oh, I'm at home. Never mind. That can happen a lot when you don't have a professional to ask. Fortunately for me, I'm now at school again, which means I do have a teacher to ask, and friends to discuss with. When you're at home, you don't get all these benefits. Of course, parents are wonderful teachers too, but there are a lot of other important lessons to learn, and not just academic ones. Sometimes, you need to solve your own people problems. After all, you wouldn't usually find anyone but your friendly family at home. Now, let me go and see if it's time for art yet...



A lot of people have special talents. Well, everyone's good at something! The problem is, not everyone has the materials at home to do some special activities. Time to do that art now, oh wait, it's the weekend. How am I meant to get the wires for my sculpture now? Well, if you go to spectacular school, it would have all the materials and great projects for you to do – and it's not just materials. At school there are also special tests to discover your secret talents and your numerous needs. Although at home you get a lot more attention than you get at school, and don't have to pay money, where will you play, and more importantly, who will you play with?



Who do you have lunch with? On wonderful weekdays, I have lunch and recess with my BFFs (best friends forever) every day. Wait, don't tell me, you don't? Don't worry, all you need to do is find the school you want to go to. True friends happen over time, and who are you going to meet at home? Not a lot of people. Friends are not just fun, but important. No one wants to be lonely, and everyone needs someone their own age to be able to trust and tell their troubles to. People without friends miss out on a lot! But just remember, there are some snooty sneaks out there that you really should try and avoid!



School doesn't just have academic lessons. It has a lot more than spiritless spelling tests and boring benefits. Have you ever experienced an endless problem? Perhaps a perfidious and pesky person. Well, that's just life, and all you can do is ask an adult to help you. Hang on, there's something wrong with that sentence. Did you notice it? I did. Of course all you can do isn't just ask for help! Sometimes you need to solve it yourself. Think about that pesky person again. Often, what someone is doing is very mean, but no one can see it. When that happens, lively life can turn into miserable misery. Then again, fortunately for us humans, we have been gifted with big brains, meaning we can do a lot of smart thinking. Everyone has to learn to deal with hardships, but if you work from home, you would never get to use, and teach that big brain of yours to handle bad bullies. This is why learning from ~~home~~ ^{school} is the obvious option!



School is totally better than home schooling! From needs, friends and lessons, school has a big impact on every one. Your friendships affect your personality, you learn lessons for life, and specialist classes can help you meet your own special needs. At home schooling you may get some more attention and time, but at school you have more educational activities. Choosing a classroom instead of your bedroom will result in amazing advantages, so go for spectacular and sensational school!

By Dia



Bikes are Better then Skateboards Francesco



Bikes are absolutely more efficient then an ordinary skateboards. Bikes can do more things like going on different surfaces unlike skateboards am I right? Bikes are also easier to handle then a skateboard with cool features right? Bikes are a lot safer then a skateboard since you can use training wheels on bikes and not skateboards!!

Bikes have extremely good handling skateboards not so much. You have handle bars on your bike and not on a skate board it would look classic (laugh) wouldn't you !!? Riding a bike is basically sitting down peddling and on skateboard standing. Peddling makes a chain move which make the wheels move but on a skateboard it's completely different. You might need more evidence how bikes are better than skateboards?

Who knew when you go fast enough you can ride on many different surfaces. You can do many different stunts on different surfaces. You can ride up hill if you go up fast enough hill and on different steepiness. You can ride on dirtish roads and grass but not tall grass. Convinced now or maybe you need more tension for bikes are better than skateboards!!

Bikes are a lot more safer than skate by miles or maybe not!?! You don't need much equipment so you can save money to get a bigger bike. Despite that children's bikes only have front brakes but skateboards have no brakes! You don't put your body close to the ground with bikes and with skateboards you do. Which one is safer bikes or skateboards?

Firstly are you with me or not probably you are right? Now you know that it is easier to handle with bikes then skateboards. You can easily ride in all terrains at different speeds. Bikes are safe

Board Games are better than Video Games

Do you know all the people out there that choose to play evil video games than exciting board games?! Board games can protect you from cyberbullying, inappropriate videos and can help boost your excellent educational skills.

Playing Board games can help improve your education skills. Learn in a fun way. Board games such as chess, checkers, Monopoly can help improve your mental adding and thinking skills. Don't you want to be smart? You can learn all sorts of things. Even though you can play educational games on your devices, an inappropriate video can pop up and can hurt you in many ways.

Did you know some people are going anarchy because of looking at inappropriate videos or pictures? I know what I'm saying sounds crazy but It's true people spend too much time seeing inappropriate things. When you play board games there aren't any inappropriate things to see. I know that you can still see inappropriate things when playing board games but you can still cover up your eyes if it hurts you inside. You can cover your eyes when looking at devices too but you will be addicted to seeing it regularly and be an ignorant person that hacks other people.

Many people all around the world get cyber bullied and it's not their fault it's video games that destroy humans' lives. Playing video games allows deplorable people to glitch your game, steal your passwords and hack into your account. They can also steal money too!!! When playing board games no one can hack you, you can just play peacefully. Although playing board games people can cheat but it's not like it's the end of the world. You can fix that but not online hacking where stealing money. You can see how the person looks like and report the police but when online you don't know anything about this anonymous arrogant person.

Now, what are you thinking about? Instead of playing video games play board games. Also when I mean 'Board' games I don't mean 'bored' games. Board games help you get smarter, no inappropriate things and no cyberbullying. Stop playing video games for your own good!!!

By: Amritaa Ashok



COUNTRY LIFE

Reagan Wenn



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have heaps of space and lots of land? If this is exactly what you want the country is the place for you! Most people are always complaining about small blocks and houses. The city has all those artificial lights making it impossible to see the stars and with all the noise and traffic wildlife go and hide far away. Doesn't knowing that there are millions of stars in the sky that we can't see give you the urge to go somewhere where you can see them?

In the country there are colossal amounts of stars to see. Wouldn't living there be exceptional? To go to sleep with the Milky Way above you would be such a magical experience that you want to live there for ever!! As there are no artificial street lights it would just be you and the moon. There are certain apps that you can download that show you where all the constellations are in the sky. You can even find out what your star sign is, (Did you know that there are 12 different star signs?) whether it is Taurus, Aries or many more. You and your family can have a huge bonfire under the stars.

Having more land would defiantly decrease the amount of fighting in the family as you would all have your separate spaces. Having a bigger house would mean more land which you could use for many different things such as buying a car for your kids and when they're older they can learn to drive in a big paddock. You could also use a paddock to grow your own food or crops that way you don't have to go out to the shops every second day. If you have a huge amount of land then you could fill it with trees but every now and again you trim those trees making big piles of branches and leaves. A solution would be to have a bonfire every month.

The wildlife in the country is extraordinary as there isn't any traffic or noise. Waking up in the morning in the city just isn't the same as waking up in the country. All the car horns that wake you up are very unpleasant while in the country you can wake up to the beautiful blue birds singing! In the Australian country you are surrounded by bush. The bush can be beautiful but extremely dangerous as there are some of the most poisonous snakes in Australia. Bushwalking is a favoured activity here as there is lots of land to do it in. While you are bushwalking you can spot all the magnificent wildlife that there is.

The country is an amazing place to live. With lots of land, millions of stars and wildlife galore for you to enjoy!! You can probably see now that the country is just about the best place that you could ever live. Surrounded by bush and stars, there's nothing else you could ask for is there?





Summer is better than Winter

The the harsh cold and the icy cold winds of winter vs the fantastic beautiful bright sunshine of summer this is a easy computation. Summer is better than that nasty Winter even a toddler can choose the winner. It is obvious that Summer is 100% better you get lots of healthy sun shine from the golden sun in Summer other than horrible cloudy sky from Winter. Summer is the best opportunity to play with your family.

Summer is a golden opportunity to play with your friends and family or just hit the beach or just the local pool. Summer filled with fun and laughter other than staying at home because of the rain and the horrible cold in the nasty Winter. You can do something fun like going to the water park or just go to the park it's very easy but in winter it's just boring and cold.

In Summer there's a lot of sunshine and in the sunshine there's a load of vitamin D, so you're body is getting a great energy boost. Your more healthy and your also more energetic its great and more fun than staying inside like your isolated. This is a great time to play anything you want. You are more happy and relaxed more calm. Way more opportunity's because water parks and pools are open.

The rain in the winter is atrocious and cold you can't do anything at this time but in the summer it might be hot but why not cool of in the pool or just take a refreshing cold drink. In the winter if you go to the pool or just eat a delicious scoop of ice cream you might get a cold, but in summer you can have that great felling you always have when you just take a sip of icy cold lemonade and you feel like your in your own world with peace and quiet, nothing can go wrong. Isn't this how you want to spend your time?

Now do you believe me? Summer isn't just better than winter it's the best season out of all seasons. It's fun and it's mostly warm so no cold, none at all. That's why summer is way better than winter and all the seasons.

By Tom



Country side is better then city side!

By Taylah.

Have you ever had cars driving by in morning and you just can't get back to sleep? That's why country side is better then living in the city. All the traffic and all the noise it's annoying really. When your in the country side you can explore and run and be free. It is also really cheep too which means you are saving money. That's also good when you live in a massive house.

People say when living in the country it's bad but not when it comes to me. I think it's awesome and really beautiful. Imagine the massive house and the room that you will have the birds that will wake you up. If you live in a massive house you will probably have a helper that dose the washing and making the beds. You are most likely to be homeschooled because it will take a while to get to school. Nature, trees, birds and of course flowers. You will be able to explore and climb and make awesome things with the nature. On Saturday I will go on a walk and and go through the bush and research the animals and plants and go back and write in my diary. Just imagine the tooting and honking in the city.

HoNk HoNk!! That's what it would sound like in the city. When you live in the country side that wouldn't happen because you would live in your own little world with the amount of land that you have. Not only is the noise it's the traffic even worse. You can just drive out of your long drive way and off you go your on the road before you know it. Well if we have a look on the city side this is what they would be doing for example: let's go hope in the car and vroom vroom. STOP!! We nearly crashed now we are stuck in traffic. That's what it's like. In the city people are touching things and then so many germs spread and you get sick and all that. That's why in the country people are much more cleaner and healthier. It's like they live in there own world which isn't a bad thing. You save a lot more money.

Not only do you save money you can grow your own food. That means you know that it's fresh and what you grew. When you live in the country side you don't have to drive 2 hours to get food or any thing. You can create your own vegetable patch that would be reticulated from the damp. Within the fields of the farm you have cows , pigs, sheep and horses. Within the damp there are yabbies that live in the fresh water. Chickens are also beneficial because they lay eggs. Country living in my opinion is greater because you have all your food and vegetables on the farm. There for you wont have to drive many kilometres to purchase any food.

We all now that the country is the best place to live in right? You are in your own little world and you can't hear a thing when you sleep. You can have your own vegetables and fruit. Remember it will be a lot cheaper than living in a small street. Yes you will probably see your friends but it wont be everyday. This has really changed my mind about living in the country and it has for you too!!



Living in the Cityscape is Better than the Countryside

Joshua

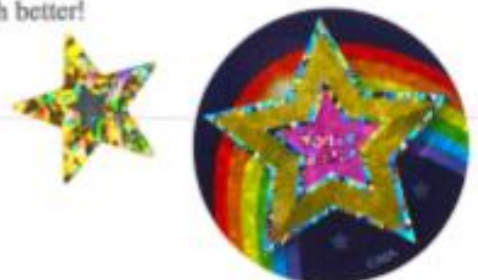
Isn't the cityscape a wonderful place to live in? It is so modern and clean. It is the complete opposite of the atrocious and dirty countryside. It is much more easier to get to places in the cityscape than a long drive every single day to and from the countryside! It is so hot in the countryside suffering from fevers and droughts!

Don't you like to talk to friends? Well in the cityscape, there are more people living there than the dreadful countryside. It is so hot and no one would ever want to go there. You will have no friends to play or talk with. Although the countryside is terrible, people might want to have some privacy to talk but no one would wants to go there because of the horrible weather.

Do you know how hot the weather is in the countryside? It is so hot that your ice cream would melt in seconds! You will get sunburnt or get skin cancer due to the terrible sun! You will also suffer from a drought because of the dry weather in the countryside. But in the cityscape it is so cool and relaxing . Despite the burning sun, people could be prepared and bring bountiful supplies of water and food. But there is nothing out there to explore because it is such an empty land.

Do you like to explore new places? Because in the cityscape there so many places to explore! When you need exercise, you can go to the gym. When you're low on supplies, you can go the the shops. You can go anywhere at anytime. But in the countryside you can't because there no shops nearby. But however, you can go on a few hour drive to the cityscape shops everyday when you're low on supplies but that would be ridiculous!

The country-side is an awful place to live in because there is no one to talk with, the weather is hot and dry and there is nothing to explore but a empty flat land. Stop living in the countryside so you can stop deaths from skin cancer! That is why the cityscape is much better!



Low on Oxygen

By Mitch Griffiths, Athena Hu, Alec Murray and Abbey Payne

"Hooray!" screamed Betty. Finally, it was vacation time for the Jones family! Months of planning had paid off as they sailed out to sea in their new houseboat. Mum, Dad, Bob and Betty had all worked hard to master scuba diving for their great ocean adventure...

Excitedly the family searched for a suitable spot to stop and scuba dive. Finally, after hours of sailing, they found the perfect place to anchor. Under the blazing sun all they could see was the sparkling blue sea.



"We'll set the time for 11:30 to be back on the boat!" demanded Mum who was clearly the boss!

"Alright!" the obedient family all said at once. Off they went down to explore looking for shipwrecks. In the distance Bob saw an unusual creature out of the corner of his eye and decide to follow it without telling his family...

It was finally time to surface! Everyone gathered around to share their amazing experience. "Wait! Where is Bob?!" "I haven't seen him in ages!!" screamed Betty with panic on her face. Bob must have drifted off exploring! In a flash, the distressed family realized he might run out of oxygen!! "What should we do?!" wailed Betty.

Meanwhile, in the murky water, Bob saw a mysterious shadow. Suddenly a neon, multi-coloured stingray that looked amazing came out of nowhere and rescued Bob! It felt like he was gliding as fast as a dolphin but he was running out of oxygen!! Bravely, he took one last breath, dropped his oxygen tank and in the nick of time Bob was at the surface. All of a sudden, the frantic family saw something bright and shiny in the distance and sailed towards it...

Published by Mitch



WILLETTON'S WIDE WORLD OF SPORT

New in 2020

Wow! Week 5 of Term 2 already! Time flies when you are having fun! Everyone has done exceptionally well in Olympic Handball and Basketball. The competitiveness and sportsmanship during class has been fantastic.

We have just started a new Step Challenge at Willetton Primary School. If you have a smart watch or step counter, you can participate in this challenge. Navigate your way to Connect, find all the information in the Health and Physical Education folder and go into Step Challenge. There will be weekly prizes for the top steppers!

Do not hesitate to ask me any questions about the Step Challenge.

Mr Gotti's Workout Planner

If you want to improve your fitness at home, head to the Health and Physical Education page on Connect to find a variety of exercises or sporting videos.

I will award prizes if you complete all exercises for that week.

Sydney Opera House



Fitness Challenge

This week we have begun our journey to the Sydney Opera House! It will take 3,862,000 steps. If we work together, we can get there much quicker. Make sure you go to Connect, Health and Physical Education folder. All the information and logbook can be found there.

Ask Mr Gotti for any information!

Getting to Know Your Faction Captain

Name: Sophie Lee

Hobbies: Playing Cello, Volleyball and drawing.

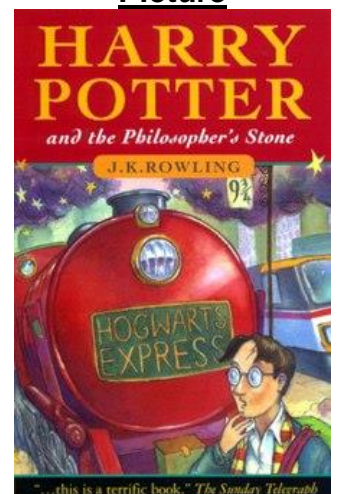
Favourite Food: Indian food, Japanese food and Korean food

Favourite Book: Harry Potter

What is the best way to describe yourself? I am funny, kind, weird, crazy and quirky.

Favourite sport? Volleyball and Soccer.

Picture



Sophie Lee

WILLETTON'S WIDE WORLD OF SPORT

