**A dream doesn’t become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.**

Colin Powell

We are full steam ahead for Term 4, aiming to reach the North Coast Region Benchmarks, especially in regards to reading, maths and spelling. We have discussed being very focused in achieving these benchmarks and completing all tasks for the end of semester assessment.

**Author and Illustrator—Peter Carnavas visits Theebine State School**

Peter creates picture books for children and grown-ups to enjoy. He writes simple yet poignant tales, accompanied by whimsical illustrations, which combine to create layers of meaning for the reader. Peter’s work has been nominated for many awards, including the Queensland Premier’s Literary Award, The Children’s Book Council of Australia Crichton Award, and Speech Pathology Australia’s Book of the Year Award.

Peter lives on the Sunshine Coast with his wife, two daughters and a scruffy dog that occasionally escapes.

Peter spent 2 days at Theebine SS with a focus on:

- development of ideas to create an interesting character
- creating a problem for your character
- mapping out a story using a storyboard
- writing tricks
- sizzling starts
- strong verbs
- using your senses to write
- chopping out unnecessary words
- use your storyboard and writing tricks to jot down the text for your story

Students then went about writing a story combining this expert information.

The second day was a focus on illustration. This year the year 1’s have been focusing on how Illustrations in picture books also tell the story. The focus was on using:

- colour
- white space
- contrast
- perspective
- sequences

Students chose a page from their story/storyboard and worked out how to use illustration to tell the story. Finally, we put all of this expert knowledge together to make a book!

Peter brought along his two daughters, Sophie and Elizabeth for the 2nd day of the workshop. I took them to Cheraux Park RedClaw Farm and the Dickabram Bridge before they returned home.

**Jack the Superdog— by Arafin Koch**

Jack the dog dreamed of being a Superdog. But he was too clumsy. He tried to fly, but he fell down flat. He tried to capture villain dogs, but they always escaped. He tried to lift a fuel tanker, but it fell on him and exploded. Jack thought he would never be a Superdog. Then he tripped over his own feet and a villain tripped over him! The police captured the villain and thanked Jack the Superdog.
Happy to be Seen by Cheyenne Greentree

John was a ghost. Who couldn’t see himself. No-one could see him. They could only hear him. He tried to colour himself in. He even tried to dress in colourful clothes. But it didn’t work. He sighed. He tried putting cake in his mouth to put some colour in his blood. But, it didn’t work either. He didn’t know what to do. He ran out of things to do. So he had dinner and crumpled on to his bed. And had the best sleep he ever had. He rose the next morning and … He found some colour in his skin. So, he got dressed for school. And when everyone saw him – he was so happy to be seen.

Fluff Bottom—by Liam Spies

Fluff Bottom was a ginger kitten…. With a very soft bottom! One day when he was walking, his mum picked him using her mouth. His mum carried him by the scruff of the neck to the next door neighbour’s house. His mum dumped him in the dining room all alone. Fluff Bottom was frightened. Two soft gentle little hands picked him up. These little hands patted his very soft bottom.

The Cat who Couldn’t Make Up Its Mind—by Oscar Koch

Coco the cat was a ginger cat. Coco dreamed of being a Ninja Cat. His mum and dad wouldn’t let Coco be a Ninja, because he caused too much mess. Coco liked to spin his swords, but they chopped the curtains. Coco liked to karate chop with his hands, but he broke the statue. Coco liked to kung-fu kick, but he accidently shattered the glass table. Coco suggested that he could be a Ninja outside. His mum and dad agreed this was a good idea. Coco decided he now wanted to be a Superhero.

Redback and the Snake – by Rhys Greentree

Red-back was an ordinary spider. Red-back had bad manners. He kept things that didn’t belong to him. One day he found a venomous snake… And he kept it. He spun a web around the snake’s neck and trapped him. The snake was sad and decided to teach the spider a lesson. He opened his jaws and closed them quickly around the spider. The spider was sorry and promised not to keep things that didn’t belong to him again. The snake released the spider. Red-back and snake became friends. They agreed not to bite each other.

Heart of Gold International Film Festival

We were very pleased to be one of the finalists for the student section of the “Young At Heart” film competition. Mrs Schelbach and myself watched all the Finalists on Sunday morning and then I stayed on to watch the adult film entry winners. If you have not been, it was certainly worth it and the calibre of the student animated films was outstanding. We look forward to making next year’s entry. You can see our entry on our Facebook Page. Once again thanks to Graeme Jensen for “My Little Hometown” from his album “Bullocky Road”.

Zombie Movie Making Workshop at Heart of Gold International Film Festival

We were treated to a great morning of amateur film making, creating our own Zombie movie. The Pretend blood (golden syrup, chocolate powder and red food colouring) wasn’t scary at all, but rather, very tasty! Another highlight was having the Festival Ambassador, Wayne Blair (Redfern and The Sapphires) talk to the students about film making as a career choice. You can see our movie on our Facebook Page.

Lady Mayoresse presents Queensland Conservatorium in Concert

Queensland Conservatorium Brass Band
Young Conservatorium Wind Orchestra
Young Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra
James Nash State High School Concert Band

Saturday 24 October at 7pm Olympic Civic Centre Tickets $10

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Arafin goes to “Make-up”
Cheyenne did a wonderful job at directing, but she took the opportunity to edit herself in, at the end of the movie!

Mrs Mac had to get up on stage and talk about why we made our Film. Mrs Mac talked about:

- Always encouraging kids to have a go
- Building community
- Using engaging activities to stimulate learning

Friday Cooking
With an abundance of tomatoes, we made Potato Gnocchi last Friday and our famous Orange Cake

Social Tennis Thursdays 4.45 pm—come and join us!

Student tennis lessons—thanks to Sporting Schools Grant of $1300

Theebine State School has received a grant of $1300 to conduct 5 after school lessons and acquire necessary equipment. We have extended the program to include students who hop off the bus at 4pm.

We have two sessions:

- 2.45 pm for Theebine SS students
- 4 pm for bus students. We have vacancies for both sessions. Mr Matthew Watkins will be coaching both sessions.

Thank you to our valuable community members:

- James Wynn for supplying and cutting board for our volcano models
- Mr John Carlson for donating 10 bales of hay for our permaculture garden
- Mrs Robyn Quinn for the Woolworths Earn and Learn tickets
- Mr Mick Spies (parent) for making our volcano models ready for Paper-Mache.
- Mr Dakin for digging holes with his tractor so we can plant along our front fence.
- Mrs Wynn for our chicken cage.

We hoped you enjoyed our newsletter
Staff and students of Theebine State School