

# Middle School News

There's some exciting learning opportunities taking place in the Middle School this term. This week, Year 4 is thinking of the students in Years 3 and 5, as they all tackle NAPLAN. Keep it up, guys!

## Year 4 Spelling Program

We're trying something different in Year 4, opening up the doors between classrooms to learn and revise some fundamental spelling patterns and principles. The students will experience a range of whole-class instruction, hands-on activities and small revision groups. A special thanks goes to Mrs Pepper and Mrs Dugosija for helping the Year 4 teachers with the planning and implementation of this targeted program.



## Sustainability

The middle school is enjoying sinking its teeth into the St Joseph's inquiry topic, '*Head, Heart and Hands: Our Sustainable Earth*'. Eliza Dunphy in 4D put her ideas on paper, constructing this beautifully descriptive poem...

### PLANET EARTH BY ELIZA DUNPHY

Skies of perfect blue,  
Just there to amaze me and you.  
Animals that roam the land,  
And some shells buried in the sand.  
Birds soaring away up high,  
Far away in the beautiful sky.  
Natural lights in the north,  
Shining pink, blue and even more.  
Dinosaurs extinct years ago,  
Let us not forget them though.  
There is just enough to go round,  
So let's not waste even a pound.



## Year 3 CERES excursion

Year 3 visited CERES Environment Park in Week 3, to participate in its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders program. The program focused on ways to live off the land, sustaining life using its natural resources. Some highlights of the day included:

- Walking along the Merri Merri creek
- Recreating the dreamtime story of Tiddalick the frog, who drinks so much water his belly bulges (made especially funny when Mrs Daperis convincingly played the lead role, belly and all)
- Enjoying some of the edible treats during the Bush Tucker Walk

Year 4 will have its turn to experience the interactive program in Week 5.

