The Junior School has been focusing on Science for their Term 3 inquiry topic. Each class has developed an interest in a particular aspect of Science and students have constructed projects to showcase their learning at The Junior School Science Expo. Students have explored chemical science, earth and space science and physical science. We loved sharing what we learnt and made with the whole school community!
Rugby Gala Day at Casey Fields!

Last Thursday River Gum students competed in the Rugby Gala day at Casey Fields. It was a very competitive day for all teams with lots of highlights with big tackles and tries. The year 5 and 6 boys played with a lot of spirit by having a few draws and a couple of wins. The highlight of the day was the girls touch team winning the Billy Slater Rugby Gala Day. In term 4 the girls have the opportunity to compete at state level. The students who competed want to thank Miss Field and Brendan for coaching their teams. Well done everyone on a fantastic day.

Reading Tip Of The Week

Strengths and Weaknesses?

Everyone has things they don’t do well. Just because your child reads a few levels behind their peers doesn’t mean they’re behind in all ways. It doesn’t mean your child isn’t able to read, won’t be able to read or doesn’t want to read. It means you’ll have to find ways to use their strengths to help work on their weaknesses. The things that interest them—their talents and passions—provide another way in to learning. It’s not always easy to see what your child does well when you’re so focused on areas in which they struggle. A good start is to take a step back and list the things they’re good at and that makes them happy. The next step can be trickier—figuring out how those good points can be used to help them learn.

Aphrodite Vantarakis, S.W.A.N. Foundation & Juniors Reading Recovery Teacher

Happy Reading
On Tuesday 15th September and Wednesday 16th September River Gum Primary students performed in the Kaleidoscope Concert Extravaganza! Thank you to all our staff, pre-service teachers, students and parents who made the night such a big success. The excitement on the students faces was wonderful to see.
Middle Senior C welcomes all the student teachers from Monash University who are working hard in our classrooms and busy learning how to become teachers. Here is what some of our students had to say about it:

We have student teachers in our class and their names are Mrs Lechte and Mr Packham. I think they are very cool. What I like about Mr Packham is that he is fun and cool and Mrs Lechte she is cool too and awesome. They like to help out the students. I read to Mr Packham and when I didn’t know a word he explained it to me. It’s awesome to have Mrs Lechte and Mr Packham because I get more help. By D’Angelo.

We have a student teacher and his name is Richard. He is here to learn how to be a teacher. In class he helps people if they get stuck. He works with small groups, he explains things to us and helps us out if we don’t understand. It’s amazing having him in our class because he is funny and helpful. By Ella R23

In our class we have student teachers called Sam and Hamed. They help us in class. If we get stuck on our maths they come and help us work it out. If we are by ourselves for ‘Maths with Someone’ they come and play with us and help us. When we are reading they explain what a word means and how we could use it in our writing. It great having extra teachers in our class because there are more people to help and we get help faster. By Gurkaran R26

Mr Packham is a one of a kind teacher. He is a great helper in my class as well as a teacher. He is also very, very nice. I like Mr Packham because he is such a good helper and he is a kind person. Mrs Lechte is also a very helpful teacher. She is awesome and amazing to be with in different ways. She is also very organised. I like Mrs Lechte because she is intelligent and a nice person that’s why I like having her in my class. By Tanajah R24

Middle Senior C very much appreciate the effort and extra help we receive from our student teachers and we hope they all enjoy their placement with us and learn lots in our classrooms.