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In this, the last Jerrys Journal for 2015, it’s only fitting that the front page be given over to those students who will be leading their peers in 2016—Alex, Jarrod and Katelyn—and to Anna and Jarrod, who have had such positive influence on all students. The 2015 Dux of the School, Anna, has been a model of commitment to the school values and dedication to learning. This year she has been working at a secondary level in literacy subjects and has been a thoughtful School Leader. Jarrod, who deservedly received the Citizenship Award, has constantly modelled the school values and looks to the wellbeing of all students.

The School’s Student Leadership Team consists of the School Leaders and Class Representatives. The 2016 representatives are: Matilda (Year 2), Clayton (Year 3), Aylah (Year 4) and Shiane (Year 5). The Nichols Family Award for Most Improved Class was awarded to Year 4 this year. Shiane and Sophie (absent) are the full class for Year 4! Jack was awarded the Attendance Award for his diligent attendance throughout the year. We acknowledge all our students for their efforts and look forward to 2016 being a year where we all shine!
Worthy recipients of Academic Achievement Awards were (left to right): Alex (Year 3), Shiane (Year 4), Alex (Year 5) and (front) Connor (Year 1). James (Kindergarten) was absent when the photo was taken.

Some time was spent on reflecting about the year and these are some of the things your children have highlighted:

**This year I learned a lot about:** the Australian gold rush (Lily); maths, plus and times tables (James); Claude Oscar Monet in Creative Arts (Alex); planes (Matilda); books, computers, maths (Jesse); planes and spelling (Kayden); doing work and getting stickers (Shelby); planes and things that fly (Montana); history about Hill End and Jerrys Plains (Jack); P.E. (Katelyn); Science, cooking, Creative Arts, P.E., History (Alex); Spelling and lots of other things (Aylah); parts of speech and spelling, maths, art, science, P.E., cooking and history (Shiane).

**My favourite thing that happened was:** when we went to Arthur’s house (Katelyn); history—I liked the one about Wambo Homestead (Noah); when we went to Hill End (James); when we paint and we get messy (Jayda); doing work (Connor); driving to school (Nicholas); popcorn day (Dean); when we told “The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly” with Mrs Egan (Montana); best friends (William); going to Hill End because it was awesome (Jack); my story (Clayton); Technology Information Report (Jarrod).

**My favourite place in the school is:** the top oval (Alex); Peace Cottage (Katelyn); in class (Noah); sports shed (Anna); playground (Bodie); the library (Matilda); computer lab (Jesse); garden (Elijah); the sandpit (Cody); on the oval doing sports (Aylah); the Buddy Bench (Shiane); in class (Charlie); on the turf (Heath).
Encouragement Awards were received by (back) Clayton (Year 2), Aylah (Year 3), Jarrod (Year 5), and (front) Dean (Kindergarten) and Matilda (Year 1). Sophie (Year 4), Ella and Joshua (Year 6) were absent when the photo was taken.

Jesse (left) was awarded the Writing Award, and Adison (right) received the Premiers Sporting Challenge Medal. The Sportsmanship Medal was awarded to Lilly-Jane Williams, and the Maths Award was deservedly awarded to Ella Bidner, who was also absent.
Morning tea with Arthur...

This year we have followed the construction of Arthur’s house in Pagan Street with great interest. After a site visit, where Arthur shared the plans and the processes for getting the project underway, students designed and drew their own house plans. Arthur invited us back to view his completed home and kindly supplied morning tea. The students were able to inspect the building and came back to school to design an ideal room for themselves. They created a floor plan and developed a mood board of colours, furnishings and accessories. It’s been a worthwhile learning experience. Thanks, Arthur and Rob!

One of our most popular spaces in the school is the playground. We are fortunate to have our dedicated General Assistant, Al, who keeps everything safe and looking good. These comments show that his efforts are much appreciated.

In the playground I: have fun and play (Noah); like to play with my friends (James); play in the sandpit (Bodie); have been flying my plane (Connor); play all by myself (Jesse); go on the slide (Kayden); go on the flying fox and the monkey bars (Dakoda); play with shovels and buckets (Shelby); play Ghostrider with Jarrod and Heath (Nathan); play with my friends (Aylah); like the sandpit because we have fun in it (Clayton); play on the monkey bars (Heath); like running games (Jarrod); like being fair (Alex); am kind to everyone and help people if they have problems (Anna).
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