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SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION

NEWSLETTER

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Reminder: 15 Minute Early Bus Pick Ups for the Cluster Day at Dookie on Tuesday 29th May.

Enrolments for 2013 can now be made. Tours of the school can be requested as well.

**Super Heroes Day
31 Sleeps to go !!!!!**

The Information Technology Night has been postponed until later on in the term – June 25th (TBC).

Hi everyone,

We have completed NAPLAN testing and these tasks will be sent to Melbourne this week for correcting. We anticipate that these results will be available for parents early term 3. The children who participated did a great job of staying on task and were well motivated which was great to see, considering this can be daunting at times.

Last week, was one of our busier weeks with the Critters Day, Robotics session, Walk to School Day, Grade 6 Bike Ride and School Photos Day. A huge thank you to all of the people involved during these activities, they were all very worthwhile, enjoyable and fun. Special thanks to Mrs Montgomery who did a great job with this year's Bike Education Program. We have already received some great feedback with this and on behalf of everyone at school we would like to thank Bev for committing herself to this program for our children. This takes a lot of time, effort and planning and we look forward to this continuing into the future.

This week is Education Week and it will be relatively low key although our children will be doing some fun activities outside during recess time. All parents are welcome to come in and have a look at normal classroom activities if they wish and we invite prospective parents to come in for school tours if needed. I have also updated our dates for term 2 and 3 so pencil some of these events into calendars at home if needed.

Karen will be in the office until Thursday this week, if any matters need addressing. I have a meeting with Janet Gill Kirkman tomorrow afternoon and all staff will attend a PD session at Zeerust PS after school on Wednesday also. Our school is very busy this time of the year with AASC on Monday and Tuesday, Soccer training on Wednesday and Netball training on Thursday. **I look forward to catching up with as many people from the community at the Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday morning.** Have a great week everyone and go Blues!!!!

David Brodie – Teaching Principal

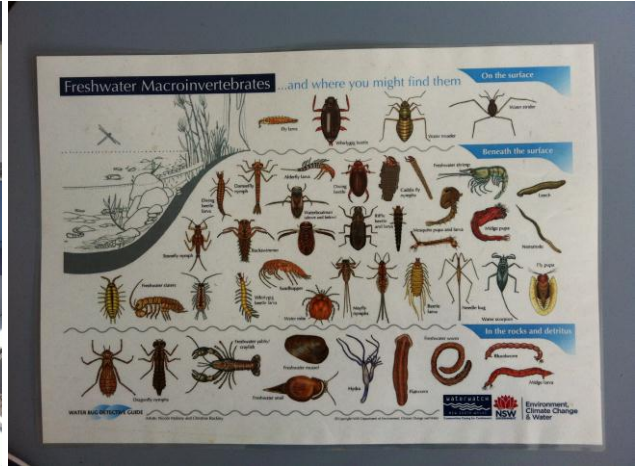
**If you would like to receive this newsletter by email contact our office.
An alternative is to go to our school website.**

Tallygaroopna Primary School Recipe Books

These can still be purchased from the School Office at \$12 each.

Critters Activity Day – GV Water

Last week, we had a visit from Jacinta from GV Water who did a session based on freshwater macro invertebrates. This activity complemented our current Science specialist program which is looking at living and non living things. The day was very hands on and gave the children an opportunity to inspect small critters in the local area.



Grade 6 Bike Ride

Last Friday we finished our Bike Education Program by having a Grade 6 Bike Ride around the local area. Special thanks to Mrs Sidebottom for organising this 15km ride to Zeerust Primary School and back. It was great to have Jamie's Grandfather assist with the ride as well and the skills shown by the children was high class. Well done kids!!!



Walk to School Day

We had a great turn up at the CFA Shed last Friday morning for the Walk to School Day. This was lots of fun and will now become an annual event for our school. Thanks for the support from all of the kids and parents who arrived bright and early on the day.



Robotics Visit

Last Wednesday we had a refresher session with Chris Todd from Modern Teaching Aids regarding our Robotics program. This was an opportunity to revise some information which was gained last year. The Grade 5/6 students participated in this session and were able to constructively use the Robotics software and problem solve to enable their robots to function effectively. We look forward to sharing this information with the rest of the school throughout the rest of the school year.



1. NAPLAN Testing

Congratulations to all of the children in Grades 3 and 5 who completed NAPLAN testing last week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Your effort was terrific and we look forward to some positive results in the next couple of months. These results will be distributed to families as soon as they become available. Just remember that they are only a snapshot of academic performance. Staff at Tallygaroopna PS take into account normal classroom performance as well in relation to assessment and reporting. I would also like to acknowledge all of the students in the school who allowed all of the children to complete the tests in calm and quiet classrooms. This year, we decided to conduct NAPLAN tests in normal classroom settings and we believe that this was successful. Well done kids!!!

2. Science Homework Task

In this edition of the newsletter, there are copies of the Science Homework Task which is due on Wednesday for all students in Grades 2-6. This task involves children collecting 2 specimens (1 living and 1 non-living) and they have to bring it to school. A brief description is required for each specimen. Could these all be named and be brought into classes by Wednesday please for this week's lessons.

3. After School Care

Unfortunately, the meeting regarding After School Care for 2013 was postponed last week. Mr Brodie will be meeting with personnel from Stepping Stones in the next couple of weeks and information will be made to the school community and the Tallygaroopna Kindergarten when this eventuates. Apologies for any inconvenience.

4. Education Week

This week is Education Week and parents, grandparents, friends and relatives are welcome to come into our rooms at any time and observe normal classroom activities (Open Days). Our Biggest Morning Tea is on Thursday beginning at 10.30am for the community – feel free to come along and have a look at our school. **We were planning to have an Information Technology Night tonight but this has been postponed until later on in the term (June 25th – to be confirmed). Unfortunately, tonight's planned session clashed with some Information Nights at Secondary Schools – sorry for any inconvenience in regard to this.**

5. School Council / Finance

Our next School Council meeting and Finance Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 6th June. The Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm followed by School Council at 7.30pm. Could any agenda items be in at the office by Friday 1st June. School Council Meetings are open to the school community - visitors or observers can be present at meetings with the agreement of the principal and a decision of council. There are times when the council meeting, or part of the meeting, needs to be closed though.

6. Dance Festival

Students in Grades 3-6 will attend a Dance Festival in Shepparton on Tuesday 26th June. At present, we are doing some rehearsals during P.E. time and the children are currently doing a great job. Students are split into two groups (P-2, 3-6) during these lessons, hence students from Grade 3-6 attending this day at the end of the term.

7. Super Heroes Day

As per normal, we will be having a casual day during the last day of term. On Thursday 21st June, we will be having a Super Heroes Day which will be organised by JSC. Participation will involve just a gold coin donation. This will be a lot of fun and hopefully families have plenty of notice to prepare suitable costumes for the day. Munch N Crunch is held on this day as well so who knows **we may get some parents involved as well.**

8. Beauty & The Beast – change of venue

Next Tuesday 29th May our whole school will be attending the **Community Dookie Centre** to see the performance of Beauty and the Beast - permission forms were sent out last week. This starts at 9.15am, so our bus will be completing pickups in the morning, 15 minutes earlier than normal on this day. We aim to leave school at 8.45am sharp. Could parents make the relevant adjustments please. The cost for the day is \$10 which covers travel by bus and the performance. There will be lunch orders at an additional cost available if needed - these have been sent home and more copies can be collected at the office. Students may bring their own lunch, snack and drink. **The performance will be held at the community centre and we will stay here for the duration of the whole day.** A tabloid sports type activity will then follow before lunch and we hope to depart Dookie by 2pm. We anticipate arriving back at school by 2.45pm. Mrs Wallace and Mrs Brett will be attending this day. Unfortunately, Mr Brodie will be away at a Principals meeting.

9. Young Leaders Day

Corbie Humphrey and Shae Montgomery will represent our school at the Young Leaders Day at Wanganui Park Secondary College next Wednesday 30th May. Mr Brodie will take the students to and from the venue for the day and Mrs Montgomery will spend some time throughout the day with specific activities as well. Both students are in the process of completing a Pre-Conference Task on leadership and they will be assisted with some other peers at school with this. Permission forms will go home this week.

10. Prep Enrolments for 2013

A couple of weeks ago, we put our enrolment banner out on the school fence again to promote our school and encourage enrolments for 2013. Currently our school is thriving with an enrolment of 53 students and we look forward to aiming to continually build on this over the next few years. **During Education Week (21st to 25th May), potential new families can request a tour of the school if they wish. This may occur at any time from Monday to Thursday with Karen if needed. I am available from Tuesday to Friday from 1pm onwards also. I look forward to discussing the many advantages of our small school.**

11. Beyond Primary

Is your child starting secondary school next year? Would you like hints and tips on how to support your child through the transition to secondary school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's new weekly *Beyond Primary* email.

Every Thursday during school term you will receive an email that will include tips, advice and information on supporting your child to make the transition from primary to secondary school.

Subscribe to *Beyond Primary* at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prepare/beyondprimary/default.htm>

12. Transition Program

Transition booklets for Grade 6 students were sent home a couple of weeks ago. All dates regarding open nights and open days are included. It would be greatly appreciated if we could receive a 100% return of the placement forms by June 5th.

13. Long Service Leave

Mrs Haberfield will be taking long service leave for a 2 week period beginning next Monday 28th May. Kerry Brett will be teaching the Grade 2/3/4 children during this time and normal programs will continue to be implemented. We wish Mrs H a restful couple of weeks.

14. Biggest Morning Tea

The Biggest Morning Tea will be held this Thursday 24th May in the Multi-Purpose Room. All members of the school community are invited and the day will begin at 10.30am and conclude at 11.30am. Entry will involve a gold coin donation which will go towards the Cancer Council of Australia. **Could all families please send along a plate to share.**

15. Earn and Learn Vouchers

We are excited to be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Last year, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you. From Wednesday 9th May until July 1st 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), **you will receive a sticker**. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a **special sticker card**. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box at the front of the store.

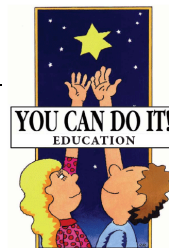
The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more! We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask.

16. AASC Program

The program for term 2 began a couple of weeks ago with Multi Sports on a Monday and Basketball on a Tuesday. **Both sessions start at 3.35pm and finish at 4.35pm.** Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. Andrea Walker will be our school supervisor on Monday's and Jill McFarlane will fulfil this role on a Tuesday. Special thanks for Gill O'Brien for filling in last Tuesday. Last week's free icy pole voucher went to Cerrie Cason.

17. Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week last week.



Term 2 – Week 5

P/1 – The Rock N Roll Kids – Liv Burgess and Leah Collins for the great leadership role they display within the classroom. They always strive to do their best and never give up if they make a mistake. Thanks girls for all the help you give me too.

2/3/4 – Mrs H's Brainy Bunch – Kelsie Dempster for the awesome way she has settled into our classroom. She has been using her fantastic getting along skills in the playground and classroom to ensure her first few weeks have been fun and enjoyable.

5/6 – The Grade 5/6 Rebels – Corbie Humphrey for his responsible and caring manner at school and for the effort that he has continually shown at school.

All students receive a certificate and a Nando Voucher.

18. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Dates for TERM 2/3 are:

May 21st – Education Week
May 24th – Biggest Morning Tea
May 30th – Young Leaders Day –Shae & Corbie
June 11th – Queen's Birthday Holiday
June 21st – Munch N Crunch – Super Heroes
June 25th – Information Technology Night – **TBC**
June 27th – Parent Teacher Interviews – Pupil Free
July 16th – Term 3 Begins
July 26th – Christmas in July
July 27th – London Olympics Begin
July 31st – BMX Begins (AASC) - **TBC**
August 1st > 3rd – Grade 3/4 Camp Curumbene
August 20th – Subzero School Visit
September 5th – Finance & School Council 6
September 8th – Community BBQ (Bunnings)
September 19th – School Production

May 21st – Information Technology Night – **Postponed**
May 29th – Performance at Dookie PS
June 6th – Finance & School Council 4
June 19th – Region Cross Country
June 25th – Reports Sent Home
June 26th – Dance Festival (Gr. 3-6)
June 29th – Last Day of Term 2 – dismissal at 2.25pm
July 18th – Parents Club Meeting
July 27th – Interschool Footy & Netball - **TBC**
July 30th – Taekwondo Begins (AASC)
August 1st – Finance & School Council 5
August 20th – Book Fair
September 2nd – Father's Day
September 7th – School Disco
September 10th > 14th – Swimming Program
September 21st – Last Day of Term 3

Come and join the fun at Billabong Ranch! Children will learn how to safely handle and ride horses in a fully supervised and controlled environment.



We teach a wide range of skills & disciplines and cater for novice to advanced riders PLUS have a whole lot of fun and make new friends along the way!

Our beautiful horses are carefully selected & specially bred for their quiet temperaments and trainable natures.

10am to 3pm - \$66 per child (Includes Lunch, Horses, Helmets & Instruction)

PLUS every new Saddle Clubber gets a **FREE** Billabong Ranch Gift Bag, jam packed full of goodies!

Don't forget about our School Holiday Horse Riding Camp! 8th to 14th of July, \$525 per child fully inclusive

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the Horse Riding Industry and is fully accredited with: HORSE SAFETY AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION, BETTER BUSINESS & TQUAL.

Tallygaroopna Auskick

The Tallygaroopna Football Club is conducting an Auskick program at the Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve commencing on Tuesday, 29th May at 4pm. You can pick up a registration form at the school Office which needs to be filled out and returned to the school by 15th May or you can register online. The cost of the ten week program will be \$60, made payable to the Tallygaroopna Football/Netball Club. The Club will cover all other relevant costs. For enquiries contact Neville Montgomery on 0439 614 464 or a/h 5829 8526

Northerners Soccer

Under 7:

Under 9: Northerners lost to Guthrie St 1-2. Great team playing by all. Keep up the good work. Goal kicked by Kyle.

Netball Results Under/13

Round 5 vs. Mooroopna Cats

Another tough game, playing against older and a more experienced team, but to the girls credit they kept giving it their all. This week sees a new draw, so let's give it 100% girls and I am sure a win is not far away.

Score: 3-22. Award: Jess Bell (Congupna)

Northerners Football Results

3rd game of the season

Northerners 3 1 19 defeated by Mooroopna Blue 3 5 23

Goals: Reece Bartels 2 Jordan Gee 1

Best: Brodie Poole, Connor McNab, Reece Bartels, Corrie?

We are getting better as a team and improving each week, if we keep working as we are we might get a win soon. Great effort well done boys

Parents' Club

Could all families please send along a plate to share for the Biggest Morning Tea to be held on Thursday, 24th May in the Multi-Purpose Room. We are expecting the Cookie Dough tubs to be delivered on this day also, thank you to all families for your support of this fundraiser.

Pie Drive

Our second major fundraiser for the year will be a Pie Drive with Higgins Bakery of Shepparton. Please find a pie drive order form attached to the newsletter. Money and order forms need to be returned to school by Tuesday, 12th June and delivery will be Thursday 21st June, Pick up will be from the Multi Purpose Room between 12:00 and 4:00, if you cannot pick up your order, please arrange for someone to pick it up for you. Please make cheques out to Tallygaroopna Primary School. Any queries contact Bev Montgomerv on 0400 914 464

Parents' Club Expression of Interest

The Tallygaroopna Football President has asked if the school would like to cater approximately 60-70 meals maybe one Friday a month. If anyone is interested in co-ordinating this venture or helping and assisting in anyway, please contact the school asap.

CRS AUSTRALIA MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Are you a parent on a Centrelink payment and need training to get back to work?

Do you have a disability, injury or health condition and want a job?

CRS Australia can help by connecting you with training programs that meet a diverse range of needs. Courses are nationally accredited and cover a broad range of industries.

To be eligible you must be:

- a person with the care of a dependent child aged less than 16 years of age
- in receipt of a Parenting Payment Single, Parenting Payment Partnered Newstart, Youth Allowance (other) or Special Benefit.*

To find out more call **Helen Phillips on 5833 4500**.

*Additional eligibility criteria may apply

Cross Country Season 2012

The 2012 Cross Country season has begun and we are asking if any new/current members are interested in coming along and joining in the fun.

In the following weeks we will have a weekly run held on Sunday mornings at 10:30am at various locations around Shepparton and Mooroopna (weather permitting). Please see program below for details. The Little Athletics Victoria State Cross Country Championships will be held at Lardner Park, Lardner on August 5, 2012. No qualifying rounds. Please see program below or visit the Little Athletics Victoria official website, lavic.com.au.

The Cross Country registration is included in athlete's 2011/2012 full season registration. However 5-15 year olds, who are not already registered, can register for the Cross Country season only, at \$45.

Weekly Schedule

Run Starts @ 10:30am (unless otherwise stated)

May

Sun 6th Murchison Fun Run @10am

Sat 19th Seaford Open Day

Sun 20th Aquamoves

Sun 27th Ferrari Park (Mooroopna)

June

Sat 2nd Casey Open Day

Sun 3rd Kidstown

Sun 10th Benalla Open Day

Sun 10th Kialla Lakes

Sun 17th Broken River Drive

Sun 24th Princess Park

July

Sun 1st Aqua moves (holidays)

Sun 8th Ferrari Park (Mooroopna) (holidays)

Sun 15th Kidstown (holidays)

Sun 22nd Kialla Lakes

Sun 29th Broken River Drive

August

Sun 5th State Cross Country Lardner Park, Lardner (Warragul)

U7 - U8 - 1000m (invitational)

U9 - U10 - 1500m

U11 - U12 - 2000m

U13 - U15 - 3000m

Sat 11th State Road Relays (Geelong)

Sun 12th Princess Park

Sun 19th Aquamoves

Sun 26th Kidstown

Program will be updated with further information on Road Relays, Open Days & Fun Runs through the Season.

Sarah Alman - Cross Country Co-ordinator

Shepparton Little Athletic Centre Ph. 0401 267 060

Prep for Parents: More About Reading

As parents we know how important it is to read regularly to our children. But how often is best? Experts suggest reading with your child every day, but this may not always be possible. So, as a minimum, try to read with your child at least four times a week.

Reading with your child can create a love of reading and help develop and expand their reading skills.

So what more can you do?

Choosing books

- Actively involve your child in selecting the books you'll read together. Helping your child select their own reading will give them a sense of anticipation, especially if the story is interesting to them. It will also give them ownership of the stories they'll read with you. Your child's teacher or your local librarian can help you and your child to select books that meet your child's reading ability. A few of your old favourites could liven up the mix.
- Look at the cover of the book with your child. Look at the title and the illustration. Ask your child what they think the book will be about. Talk about the book and who wrote the story. If you've read other stories by the author, share your thoughts and memories about them.

Supporting your child's reading

- Listen carefully as your child reads. Hear how they are saying the words. Hear how confident they are, how fast or slow they are reading, and what words they are stumbling over. Be patient and try not to rush your child while they are reading aloud.
- Help your child with words that are difficult. Ask your child to sound out the word or to try and guess the word by looking at the pictures or what is happening. Don't be too concerned if they don't get the word right the first time. Tell them what the word is after they've tried to work it out themselves and then move on with the story. The more confident they are in trying new words, new sounds and new phrases, the better they'll be at reading.
- Encourage and praise your child for their efforts at reading aloud. The more they do this, the better they will get. Take turns. Read a paragraph and then have your child read the next one. As your child becomes more at ease with reading aloud, take turns to read a full page.

Stretching your child's reading ability

- Reading more difficult stories will help expand your child's interests and tastes, as well as expose them to new words and ideas. Begin by reading stories to your child that they can't read themselves; then try taking turns.
- Point out interesting words to your child while reading together. Imagine what the word might mean – even if you know, let your child 'discover' the word's meaning by using their imagination or guessing. After story time, you and your child could look the word up in a dictionary to see if your guesses were correct.
- Serialise longer stories, reading just one chapter or one part of the book each night. You can begin by asking your child what they remember about the story so far. At the end of story time you could ask your child what they think is going to happen next.

Talk about reading

- Encourage your child to talk about their reading, telling the story in their own words and in their own way.
- Show your child that you value reading by reading yourself and telling your child about what you are reading. This can be reading lists, notes, cards, letters, newspapers, magazines, novels, or web pages.

Helping your child succeed

If your child selects a book to read, that's a sign of success. If your child reads aloud, that's a sign of success. If your child finishes one book and asks for another, that's a sign of success.

Remember, every child learns to read at their own rate. You should talk to your child's teacher if you have any concerns about your child's reading or you want more information about what's happening in reading at school. Encouraging your child's reading ability; supporting their attempts and celebrating your child's skills will help your child become a reader who enjoys reading for life.

Science Homework Task – Grades 2-6 (Due Wednesday)

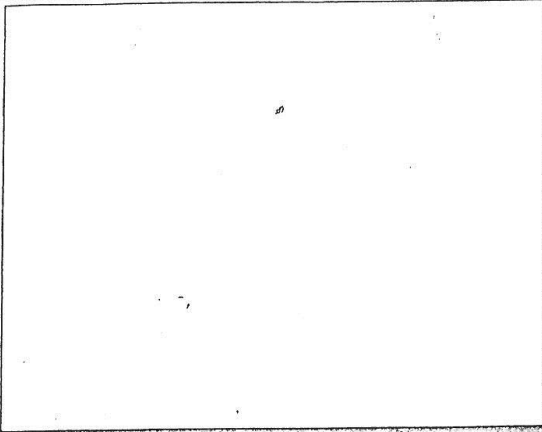
Feathers, fur or leaves?

Home explorer's journal

Name: _____ Date: _____

Location: _____

Specimen 1



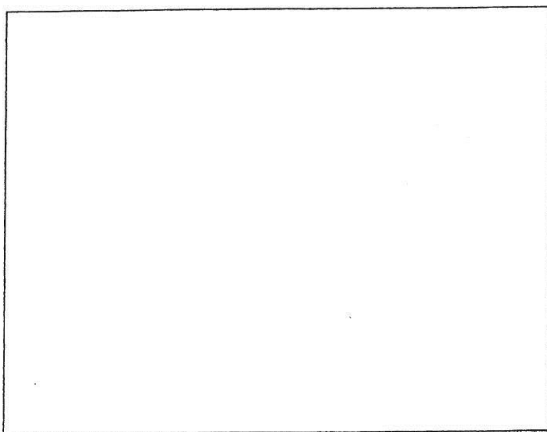
I think this specimen is
living because:



Name: _____ Date: _____

Location: _____

Specimen 2



I think this specimen is
non-living because:

Science Homework Task – Grades 2-6 (Due Wednesday)

Mr Brodie

Feathers, fur or leaves?

Tallygaroopna

Information note for families

Introducing the 'Home explorer's' project

This term, our class is studying how living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things. Students are asked to explore their home, garden and/or surrounds and choose:

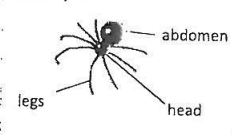
- Something that is non-living (eg stone, plastic bag, toy car)
- Something that is living (eg goldfish, dog, caterpillar).

Students are asked to write a journal entry for each one on the provided 'Home explorer's journal' sheet.

Each entry should include:

- Their name
- The date
- Where they found it (location)
- A labelled diagram of the specimen
- Whether it is living or non-living and why they think that.

Students are also invited to take a photo and/or, if appropriate, bring the specimen in to school to share with the class.

Name: <u>Veronica</u>		Date: <u>9 June</u>
Location: <u>On the tree in my backyard</u>		
Specimen 1		
Title: <u>Spider</u>		I think this specimen is <u>living</u> because: <u>it can run and it can eat.</u>

Work sample of 'Home explorer's' journal

Code for caring

The class has established a 'Code for caring' to help students search carefully without disturbing the search area. This includes:

- Replace stones and logs after searching under them.
- Leave all plants and gardens undisturbed.
- Leave all dangerous animals alone.
- Wear gloves to avoid bites and stings.
- Use spoons and damp brushes when picking up small animals to avoid crushing them.
- When observing animals, keep them in a labelled container that has air holes and after a short time return the animal to where it was found.

If students find something that they are unsure of whether it is living or non-living, they are encouraged to complete a journal entry about it for discussion in class.

Students are asked to bring their completed journal entries and specimens to school by:

Wednesday 23 May.

science Rosalie Thomas
Class teacher