On Thursday the 7th of February, the grade three and four students attended an incursion called PLANKS. The incursion involved using small, flat wooden blocks to construct many different structures such as walls, buildings and cities. The students learnt about gravity, balance, design and cooperation and had a fabulous time both building their creations and dismantling them.

“We used planks to build cool stuff. I built a very tall castle. It was taller than me standing up!”  – Jennifer

“We, Jake and Harry made a big city. It had a tunnel, buildings and a haunted house.”  – Amiru

“I had lots of fun at the PLANKS incursion.”  – Katya

“My group made a big tower. It was bigger than me! I loved it!”  – Leila

Reminders:

- This is a reminder that FRIDAY 21st February is a PUPIL FREE DAY. Staff will spend the day with Adam Voight from Real Schools, learning about Restorative Practices and how this will benefit our school. Click on this youtube link to find out more: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u7x8z8Jztqc. Children are not required at school.

- School Fair is on Friday the 21st of March.

- Parents club is selling unlimited ride passes for $30 for the school fair.

- We are looking for parents to assist with the school fair, if you are able to assist please contact your child’s classroom teacher or return the fair notice.
Each Monday your child will be given a list of spelling words and a homework sheet. The homework sheet is divided up into three sections as follows: spelling, literacy and maths.

The homework sheet will give clear instructions on the requirements and will be discussed and explained when handed to your child.

Children are not permitted to write in pen other than red pen for headings and margin, textas are also not be used. Writing is to be done in grey lead or coloured pencil.

Students can also complete assigned activities on the Mathletics program related to the concepts being taught at school. As well as this they can complete any activities on the program.

Students have access to Reading Eggspress at home and can complete any of the reading based activities using the username and password supplied.

Your child will be provided with a take home reader and will be expected to read this book nightly. Nightly reading is to be recorded in their diary and returned daily with their reader to school, to be checked the teacher.

In the 3/4 area we are working on our writing with the help of VCOP—Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. We use these to up-level our writing and make it more interesting and engaging. Here are some examples your child can use in their writing:

- Suddenly
- Immediately
- Shimmering
- “whack”
- At last...
- dangerous
- glisten
- explained
- glance
- flutter
- ?