The Arts

It has been a wonderful first semester in the Arts! Firstly, thank you to the Good Shepherd community for welcoming me so warmly. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students, staff and parents.

The F/1 and 1/2 classes have recently enjoyed watching the movie "Fantasia 2000", as part of a 'Moody Music' unit. We have discovered how music affects our emotions and that different instruments, tempo and volume can create different moods. The students will share music they enjoy that also helps lift their mood. In Visual Art, the F-2 students experimented mixing colour and seeing colour change. Eric Carle is a wonderful children's book illustrator and his many works inspired the creation of collage animals and bugs that are on display outside classrooms.

Earlier this year it was great to witness the growing confidence of many 3, 4 and 5 students as they participated in drama games to encourage voice development. They took part in an interview as a convict character and described the horrid conditions aboard ships of the First Fleet. Poor Charlie even suffered splinters the size of toothpicks! From their research, they imagined what it felt like to be a newcomer to strange Australia.

We have investigated Visual Art 'rules' about colour, perspective and value. The students have practised some tips and techniques to create realistic and 3D drawings. Look out for these displays soon!

After completing 'Waterworks' posters to encourage others to value water, painting house banners and making poppies for an ANZAC Day wreath, the 6/7s had a go at human beat boxing. After learning some techniques and common sounds, we recorded some rhymes and Dr Seuss raps with our own beat box riffs. Many skills and (sometimes strange) sounds emerged from the class!

I look forward to the rest of the year’s learning with the wonderfully creative bunch of students at Good Shepherd!

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