



# Sinai News

September/ October 2019 5780

## What has been happening at Sinai College?

### VALUE OF THE MONTH

### COURAGE

30 August

*Prep /Year 1*

*Year 2/3*

*Senior Class*



6 September

*Prep /Year 1*

*Year 2/3*

*Senior Class*



13 September

*Prep /Year 1*

*Year 2/3*

*Senior Class*



*1 November*

VALUE OF THE MONTH

MAKING THE CORRECT CHOICE



*Prep /Year 1*

*Year 2/3*

*Senior Class*

THANK YOU - STUDENT COUNCIL

Dear Students

What a wonderful surprise to find out that you held a cupcake day and that the funds you raised have been donated to MICHA, an organisation in Israel that we at National Council of Women of Australia, Brisbane Section, support every year.

So many children are born without hearing or with minimal hearing. Not only are these children needing very expensive equipment such as hearing aids and cochlear implants, but they and their families need support to learn how to hear, how to manage hearing loss and how to cope in society. Your contribution will go towards the funds MICHA need for these families.

Thank you for the wonderful donation. I'll be sure to mention it to the National Conference that I'll be attending this weekend in Melbourne.

Well done to all of you.

Best wishes and Shabbat Shalom

**Sheila Levine**

President, Brisbane Section

**National Council of Jewish Women of Australia**



## OUR TRIP TO THE HONEY AND GINGER FACTORY



It was with much excitement that we boarded the busses on Wednesday 18 September. After a fairly long drive we arrived at the Ginger and Honey Factory. We had our morning tea and then went to learn about bees, their hives and the different kinds of honey that is produced.

We then learnt how ginger is cleaned and processed. We were all given a ginger lolly to taste... some found it to be quite a harsh taste, while others enjoyed it. Thank you to Bruce and Ross for taking us.





A visit from JNF.

## EXIT POINT TERM 3

### Prep and Year 1

#### **Green Fingers**

Our focus was to learn what plants need to grow. We learnt about the different parts of plants and the different parts of a plant that we can eat.



#### Myths and Legends

We read and learned about some myths and legends we can learn more about the people and the cultures who created them.

The lessons we learned from Daedalus and Icarus is that we need to listen to what our parents and elders tell us.

King Midas taught us that family is more important than possessions.

We learned that 'where there is a will, there is a way' in the Trojan Horse and that we need to think 'out of the box.'

This term our topic is 'All dressed up'. We had great fun 'dressing up' in class.

Clothes are an important part of our lives. They can keep us warm (or cool). We can wear different colours and designs and change them for different occasions, we can follow the latest fashions – and even make them ourselves!



### Year 2 and 3

#### **The Nature of Life Exit Point**

At the end of Term Three, all Year 2 and 3 students were eager to share their learning over the term. They were able to explain the skills, knowledge and understanding they had gained through a variety of subjects including Science, Design Technology and English! It was lovely to see so many family members and friends come to see all of the hard work each student had completed through the unit.





### Living Together Entry Point

For our new unit this Term the students will be developing their understanding of a community and how to respect, support and work with other people to become valuable contributors to the communities that they are a part of. To grasp the pupil's interest in this they began by taking part in a team-building activity, where they were set multiply challenges. These challenges required the children to work together and co-operate to achieve success. By completing the challenges, the children learned about the importance of teamwork, trust and support.





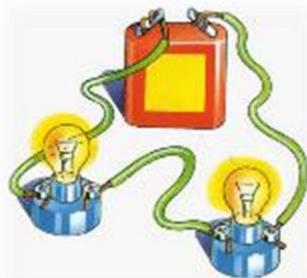
### Seniors

Year 4/5/6-

The Senior class have enjoyed a busy start to Term 4. We have been planning, constructing and testing bridges made of recycled materials. Judging criteria included bridge strength and creative design.

Our next unit will see us looking at weather and climate. We will also be learning about circuits and electricity.





## ROSH HASHANAH



Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is a time for reflection and a time to wish everyone a happy, healthy, sweet new year. The concept of Rosh Hashanah is talked about in the Torah as a special day to blow the shofar (Leviticus 23:24, 25). On both days of Rosh Hashanah, we go to the synagogue and listen to the sound of the shofar. We ask forgiveness from people we have wronged, and we nullify vows that we were unable to complete.

## SUKKOT



Sukkot is a weeklong Jewish holiday that comes five days after Yom Kippur. Sukkot celebrates the gathering of the harvest and commemorates the miraculous protection G-d provided for the children of Israel when they left Egypt. We celebrate Sukkot by dwelling in a foliage-covered booth (known as a *sukkah*) and by taking the "Four Kinds" (*arba minim*), four special species of vegetation, an *etrog* (citron), a *lulav* (palm frond), three *hadassim* (myrtle twigs) and two *aravot* (willow twigs). On each day of the festival (except Shabbat), we take the Four Kinds, recite a blessing over them, bring them together and wave them in all six directions: right, left, forward, up, down and backward. The sages of the Midrash tell us that the Four Kinds represent the various personalities that comprise the community of Israel, whose intrinsic unity we emphasize on Sukkot.



## JEWISH STUDIES

What a wonderful month of Chagim- festivals we have just come from, now it is time to start learning the Torah right from the beginning!

We have been learning about **ששת ימי בראשית**-Six days of creation, learning how Hashem created the world in six days and rested on the seventh day, which He gifted to us as a day of rest **שבת קודש**-Shabbat Kodesh.

We learnt about the wrong choice that Adam and Chava -Adam and Eve and how they were punished. We spoke about how we should always try to make the correct choices, and to keep from the **נחש**-snake, which is the Yetzer hara-evil inclination within each of us.

Noach was the buzz in the classrooms this week. We learnt about the Mabul-Big flood that covered the entire world, the Teiva-Ark which took Noach 120 years to build and the Keshet-rainbow Hashem showed to Noach as a promise that He will never flood the entire world again.

After learning about the rainbow and the bracha-blessing we recite when we see one, the senior students tried their hands at a science experiment. We created a rainbow effect using milk, food colouring and dish soap, creating a beautiful rainbow by exploring surface tension and colour blending.

The junior class have been working on the concept of Ba'al Tashchit- not to be wasteful, look out for our creative posters in the coming weeks 😊





## MUSIC

This Term in music we are focussing on our special end of year Chanukah performances for Awards Night!

The Prep and Year 1 class will be presenting a Chanukah story called 'Sammy Spider's First Chanukah' this will be performed through the use of shadow puppetry, song and expressive storytelling.

The Yr2-3 class and Yr4-6 class have come together to rehearse a stage play called 'The Chanukah Story'. All students have been given scripts, please encourage your child/ren to practice their lines at home as we do not have long left until the performance. It is an action packed Chanukah adventure not to be missed!

You can also expect an amazing choir performance of a newly released song called 'We All Belong' by popular Jewish group, 8<sup>th</sup> day. Feel free to check out the link below to hear the song.

<https://www.hidabroot.com/article/196912/8th-Day-We-All-Belong---Official-Music-Video>

You will be able to catch these amazing performances and more at our school Awards Night held on Wednesday evening in week 10.

Musically Yours,

Mrs Tassan



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday, November 8-** Swimming lessons start

**Wednesday, December 11-** Awards evening (Details confirmed closer to the event)

**Friday, December 13-** Exit Point/Student Led Conferences. Reports handed out. Last day of school for 2019.

**Sunday, December 22,** Chanukah in the City. Reddacliff Place, Queen Street Mall. 5pm - 8pm.

