Slowly but swiftly he pranced into the sky as if without a care in the world; looking down on the world like a king ruling over his kingdom, ordering us, commanding us, punishing us. Showering us with rain as if it burned like fire and hot coals. Moving south restlessly and constantly like clockwork. His colour threatens the rest of the sky of rain and orders them to make a path for his army.

He rains. He rules. He is the grey cloud.

By Isabella Craig

A very big, sad cloud was tumbling across the sky. It was sad because it couldn’t rain. It mooped over the sky each day. It has a name but every time it tries to say it it’s heart breaks and it’s words stumble; it’s too hard. It really, really, really wanted to rain so he could be realised from this world. His face looked like he had never smiled in his whole life. He looked like an old marshmellow left in the sun for too long.

By Tyler Thorp Grade 6

The Grey Cloud
An angry grey cloud was stamping around in the sky throwing knives towards the ground. A helicopter went up to investigate. Next thing we know its falling towards the ground. ITS GONNA HIT THE STATUE OF LIBERTY! NEWS FLASH: the statue of liberty is damaged badly, the head is on the ground with 39 people dead, we must fight back. As we speak, military helicopters are searching for the attacker. The military helicopters have found the attacker, it’s a Grey Cloud. SHOOT IT DOWN!! The Grey Cloud was very scared. He flew away as fast as he could. But the helicopters shot a homing missile and the Grey Cloud was no more. All there was left was a tiny puff of Grey Cloud left.

By Sascha Marchionna
Dear Parents,

The 2016 Franklin Primary School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday 19th May.

The Carnival will run from 11.00am – 12.45pm approximately and will involve all classes. BBQ sausages are available to order for lunch. Please order by Tuesday.

Due to wet weather and the condition of the oval the venue has changed this year. A cross country route has been planned around the School grounds.

We are looking for as many parents as possible to help out on the day with running the event and the BBQ.

If you are able to help please let your child’s teacher know or contact the school office.

Students are reminded to bring a large drink bottle and warm clothes. It would also be a good idea to bring a spare pair of shoes and socks in case the ground underfoot is wet. I look forward to seeing all students trying their hardest throughout the day!

Jordan Lilley
HPE Teacher

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**NUMBER BAGS**

YOU MAY NOTICE YOUR CHILD BRINGING HOME AN EXTRA BAG!! INSIDE THE BAG ARE A VARIETY OF GAMES COVERING AREAS IN MATHEMATICS SUCH AS COUNTING, PLACE VALUE, MULTIPLICATION, ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION. THE GAMES INCLUDE ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO PLAY, AND ARE IDEAL TO SHARE AND PLAY AS A FAMILY. MANY OF THE GAMES REQUIRE COMMON ITEMS LIKE CARDS AND DICE, SO THEY ARE EASY TO CONTINUE PLAYING AT HOME AFTER THE NUMERACY BAG HAS BEEN RETURNED TO CLASS FOR THE NEXT PERSON. THESE BAGS ARE DEVELOPED THROUGH THE SCHOOL LIFT PROGRAM, WE HOPE YOU ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT MATHS WITH YOUR CHILDREN.

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**The Alien Story**

On the moon there were two astronauts. One was called Jamie and the other was called Jeff. They went to place down the flag. They shouted "Yay!" They disturbed the aliens. Then the aliens took the astronauts into the atmosphere.

The astronauts got attacked by the aliens and the spaceship came to pick them up. The aliens took them out of their ship and placed them in their home. The astronauts ran outside and called for their spaceship on their radio. The spaceship came to pick them up and took them back to the moon.

When they got to the moon, the aliens took the flag. The spaceship bumped into one of the aliens who was holding the flag. The alien dropped the flag and then Jamie the astronaut put the flag back. The astronauts took their ship back to the space station near the moon. The aliens came back again! They tried to make the astronauts their friends.

By Jamie Kennedy
TMAG VIRTUAL PATTERNS

We had some very excited Grade Prep/One and One/Two students who went on a virtual tour of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery on Wednesday afternoon (without leaving our school)!!! John, from TMAG, took our classes through the Patterns In Play Exhibition. Children learnt about tessellations, camouflage and patterns all around us. On Thursday Grade 3/4 also experienced the virtual tour. This was a fantastic way to use technology to link with the 'outside world'.

Mother’s Day raffle winners

Congratulations to the prize winners of our Mother’s Day Raffle last week: Bradley Paul, Rosie Hansen, Brooke Vanderlaan, Bridget Schoeman and Amelia Newbon. Thank you to everyone for donating the prizes and for selling/buying raffle books. The proceeds of the Raffle will be a great benefit to the school. A big thank you to Janita Kean and Lesia Williams for organizing and running the Stall, and to everyone for contributing gifts to the stall.

GOOD LUCK AND Farewell

Franklin Primary School Staff and Students would like to wish the Kwan family all the best with their move to Launceston.
Dear Franklin Community:

- Do you have an interest or skill you could share at Franklin Primary School?
- Could you give an hour of your time to share your skills with a group of children?

In the past we have had parents/carers/grandparents/volunteers sharing activities such as rope tying, cooking, African drumming and science experiments. Some more ideas could be pulp paper-making, stitching, wood-working, art and craft, how to mend a puncture or any other idea you have.

If you know of someone or can volunteer an hour of your time, please contact Bernadette Dean (LIFT Coordinator) to find out more.

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