

STEM LAB NEWS

Term 1 3rd edition

Congratulations Hollie

This week we welcomed Hollie from Year 6 who proudly received her badge this week as **STEM captain 2017**. Hollie has already proven to be a fantastic leader. She checks in each day to complete tasks such as watering our plants and shrubs, checking on our class tanks and along with some friends helped prepare the elements for the “scarecrow” activity planned for Wednesday Garden club activity. She is a fantastic ambassador for our STEM program. Thanks Hollie!

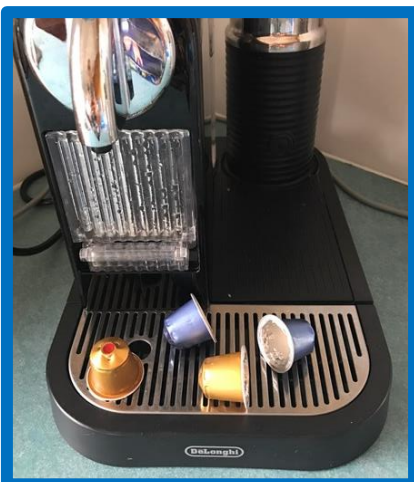


Thanking You

Once again I would like to say a huge thanks **to everyone who has donated** such items such as newspapers, cardboard rolls, trays, straws, cotton wool, and containers. Today I had a visit from **Darian and his Mum, Allison**, who have kindly donated **3 very colourful goldfish**. He is now thinking about some great names for the three new members of the STEM room!

Please continue to donate:

- corks
- newspapers
- straws
- sponges
- craft sticks
- pool noodles
- foil trays
- duplo or similar building blocks
- veggie oil, honey (for Science investigations)



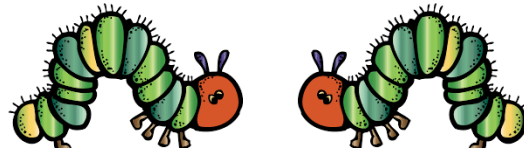
Attention:
Coffee drinker
Please save your used pods (washed out) and drop into the STEM lab.



The Science Team



To further improve and nurture Science in our school in 2017, each year level now has a staff member who has become part of a **Science team** focussed on supporting others in our goal to engage students in the **Science Inquiry Skills using a hands on approach**. The teachers are Mrs Stevens (Prep), Ms Grace (Y1), Miss Barany (Y2), Mrs Smith (Y3), Mr Deeth (Y4), Mrs Hamilton (Y5), Mrs McIntyre (Y6).



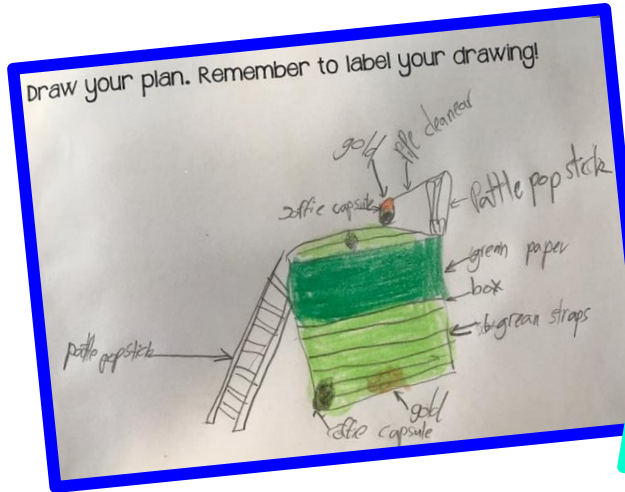
This week in the STEM lab....

Year 6 Remember the Year Sixer's goal for Week 3?

Reach a grove of fruit trees to ensure the groups survival on STEM Island. WOW! They have shown off their collaboration and problem solving skills to design then build some amazing structures. Check them out!



With St Patricks Day just around the corner the budding engineers in **Year 2** have done some research, brainstorming and design plans to catch any wayward Leprechauns they may just try to get up to mischief in the STEM lab! Constructions begins next week.



Year 4 used the Engineering design process to make a Launcher for a rainbow pom-pom. There were lots of successes and a few failures! (and.....that's great.)

FAIL= First attempt in learning



Garden Update: The Butternut pumpkins are loving this warm weather. We have spotted 8 pumpkins hiding in the vine so far. →

