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AROUND THE CLASSROOM

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Richard Cotter

KD/1K This term 1K have been studying a range of Dr Seuss books. Students have been looking at rhyming words and creating wonderful imaginative texts based on what they have read. Students are working hard to edit their own writing and are using adjectives to make their writing more interesting and descriptive.

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Students have also been busy creating class books which are great fun to read with a friend.

Both Kindergarten and Year 1 are creating some fantastic artwork which I encourage parents to come and see next time you’re visiting the school. Kellie Divall

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5W students have been learning about Indonesia during their HSIE lessons with a particular focus on Bali. Recently Mrs Baillie came to speak to all Year 5 about Indonesia and showed them some interesting costumes, musical instruments, art works and photos.

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When: Saturday March 28

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Time: 12:30pm - 1:30pm

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