Discovery in Term 4
In term 4 we are learning together about ‘Our place in the World’. We have begun to look at the Barwon River, how the Waurn Ponds Creek connects us to this river and how we use and impact our environment, including local river systems.

The children have been very excited to learn about our place in the world and have been pondering what it might be like to build an amazing treehouse (just like in the 13 Storey Treehouse book by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton) on the Barwon River. If you get the chance, stop in at the Barwon River or Waurn Ponds Creek with your children to get a first hand experience of these prominent local features. What are they like? How do people use them? What impact have people had on the river and creek and how have they affected us?

Our excursion to the Waurn Ponds Creek has certainly helped fuel our learning and given us a fresh perspective on our place in the world...
Waurn Ponds Creek

“Where are we on the map?”

“What can we see and hear?”

“Where does this water come from?”
"I am an old tree! Am I dead or alive?"

"Would I build a treehouse by this creek?"

"What impact would a treehouse have on this environment?"

Check out the J Pod Blog for MORE GREAT PHOTOS !!!

Our weekly learning...
We have been placing a sign in our window each week communicating the learning that we are doing. We hope this has helped informed parents and carers more about what goes on in the J Pod. If you haven't seen it, have a look and if you have any suggestions let us know!!

School Concert
The school concert practise has started again and it is fantastic to see the students learning new skills, learning to follow complex instructions and develop a sense of achievement as the weeks go on. It is always a valuable experience and a wonderful night! Please prepare the costumes for the ‘Peter Pan’ theme (eg. Peter Pan, Wendy, Captain Hook, The Lost Boys, Tinkerbell, Indians, Pirates) and let us know if you are having any troubles!

Intensive Swimming Program
Our Intensive Swimming program will be held from Monday 17th November –Friday 28th (10 day program). Payment of $80 and the permission form needs to be sent to school by the end of October.
If your child has changed swimming levels from last year, please send a note in your child's diary and we can place them in the correct group for the commencement of the program.
Thank you to those parents who have already supplied this information.
If your child will not be attending the program we require a note with this information ASAP.

Homework
This is a great time of year to consolidate learning and reach goals so continue to encourage and help your children to practise their reading, counting goals and spelling.

All students will have maths counting goals that they are working hard to reach over the next few weeks as the end of the year draws near. Please encourage and help them to achieve these and finish off the year strongly!

Mathletics Live 1 (on the Mathletics website) is an exciting learning tool to sharpen foundational number knowledge whilst challenging other students around the world and Reading Eggs is also great value.

Term Dates
- October 13th, 2.45pm: Whole school assembly
- Friday 24th, 4-8pm: October: Spring Fair - Twilight Fair. Please contact Jenny or add your name to a 'Fair Help Roster' (in class/at the office) as help is always needed and very much appreciated!
- Wednesday November 7th, 2.45pm: Junior School Assembly
- November 17th - 28th (W7 & 8): Intensive School Swimming Program at Leisurelink
- December 4th, 7.00—8.30pm: School Concert @ The Arena, North Geelong
- December 17th: End of Year Excursion - You Yangs
- December 18th, 2.15: Final Assembly / Reports home
- December 18th, 5.30-7pm: Family Picnic evening
- December 19th: Last day of school (finish at 2:30pm)