Dear Parents, Friends and Family members of Class Three, Lady Spring has certainly been tiptoeing around for the past couple of weeks and she has now finally arrived. Our gardens are being decorated with colour and new life!

Now the sun is beginning to shine a little brighter and the days are warming up, children are becoming thirstier and will require a water bottle at their desk. School jumpers are coming off and are often misplaced. Please label all jumpers clearly with your child’s name so they will be returned.

Fruits with a high water content in lunchboxes certainly make sure your child is properly hydrated even if they forget to have a drink at break times. Please remember that sweet treats such as lollies and chocolates should be home foods. Nutritious foods really do support your child’s focus and sustained energy whilst at school.

**SPRING**

Now daisies pied and violets blue,
And lady-smocks all silver white,
And cuckoo buds of yellow hue
Do paint the meadows with delight,
The cuckoo now on every tree
Sings cuckoo, cuckoo.
Shakespeare
Classroom Celebrations!

Main Lesson

Our Money Main Lesson was certainly one to remember! Children explored the historical context of money and trade during biblical times and this created the perfect foundation to flow into developing our very own classroom-trading centre.

Children then designed their very own coat of arms that represented the land they had come from. This was the banner they flew at the front of their stall.

Following that the children designed what their stall would look like and wrote a request to the Queen for materials.

Children wrote and made a money/sales record book, which they were to present to the queen at the end of the market.

Each member of the classroom kingdom received an allowance from the queen to start up their trading. The currency was signed with the queen’s royal signature and could only be used in her kingdom!
Market Day Arrives!

With much anticipation and excitement, market day finally arrived. Children worked busily setting up their stalls and waited eagerly for the trading to begin.

The queen declared the Market place open and the market place had life breathed into it! Children set off to each stall, buying goods and selling their wares.

Some of the items for sale at various stalls were: origami swans, felt bookmarks, silk crystal pouches, finger knitted bracelets, paper fans, paper aero planes and beeswax sculptures.

Some children were spruiking their wares and others were bartering prices of products. One student even bought a giant fan and stood in the centre of the classroom selling one minute of fanning for a dollar with the fan they had just purchased!

For almost two hours the children happily bought and sold their wares, all the while recording their sales in their record book.

Some stalls ran out of their product so they wrote an order to purchase materials from the queen using their profits.

There were visitors from a far away land to our classroom kingdom market (Class Two Children and Leanne!!!!) but they did not have any of the currency to use to purchase anything from the market. The visitors left to think of a way they might be able to purchase some of the market wares. When they returned they put a straw basket in front of themselves and started to sing melodic songs! Watching my children taking their own money that they had earned as well as using the products they had bought or made and fill that basket to the brim, made my eyes well with tears. The queen was very proud of her generous people. Such a beautiful atmosphere to experience and sight to see!
The market bell rang and all stallholders approached the queen with their record books. The queen was enjoying the prosperity in her kingdom and decided to tax each group just to ensure her wealth continued to grow!

Some market stallholders spent all of their money and could barely pay their taxes, whilst others calculated pure profit and shared it

This Main Lesson created such a rich learning environment that the children learned and practised not only Numeracy skills but also expanded and developed social, emotional, cooperative and problem solving skills.

The children enjoyed this Main Lesson so much they wanted to do it all again!

The children experienced earning money for themselves, which was fantastic but now it is time to learn the gift of earning money to give to others. The children will be making popcorn and setting up a stall after school to sell after school snacks. The proceeds will go to a local charity of their choice! Hope to see you there next term supporting our wonderful children!