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## FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR OF TEACHING & LEARNING

### **Let's focus on learning gained rather than learning lost**

Working in the classroom this week with 5D, students were offering evidence for their opinions using quotes from the novel being studied – “Holes” by Louis Sachar. It was wonderful to see the progress that these students have made throughout the year, and to celebrate learning gained rather than focus on ‘learning loss’ that we hear about after lockdown. This progress has been seen across many, many rooms at Thomas Hassall this term and the teachers and students are celebrating these moments of success.

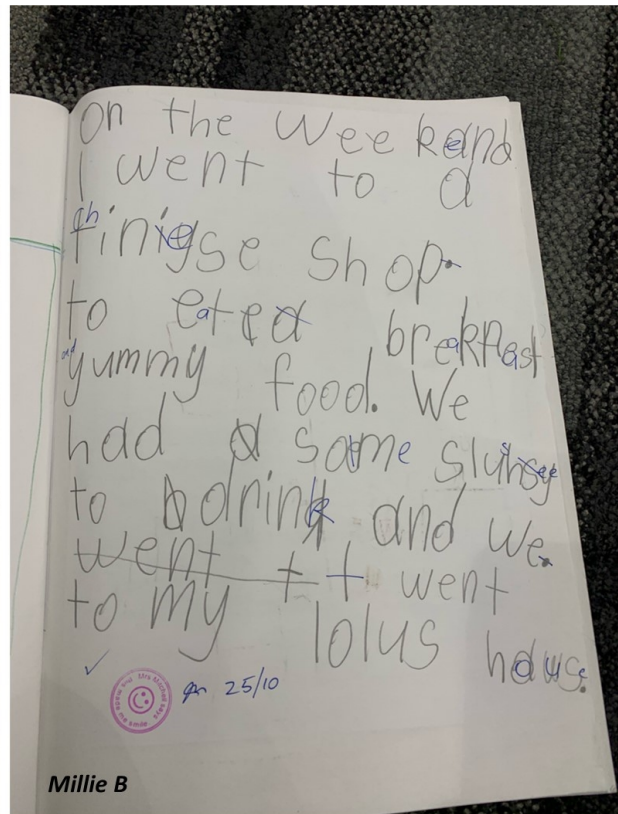
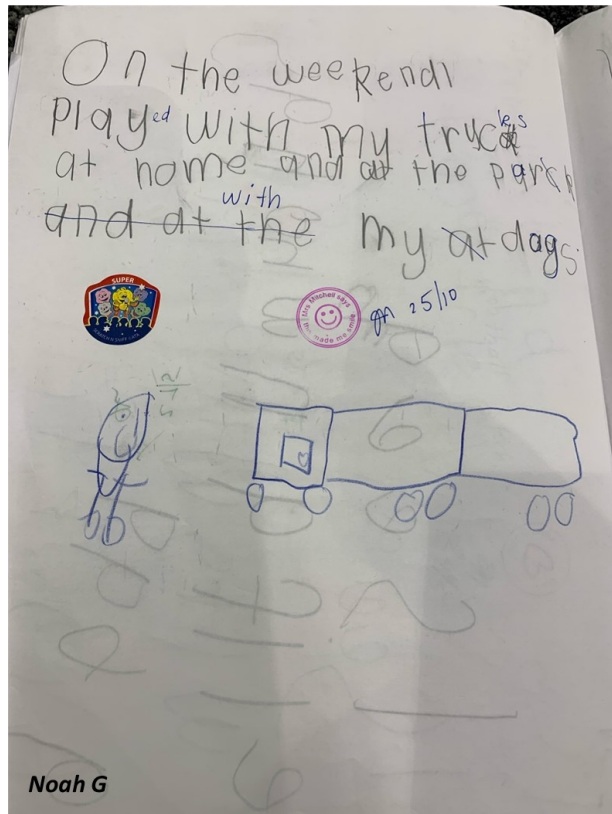


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Ask your children what progress they have made throughout the year. It may be in art, reading, working with others, writing, playing happily in the playground or in any of the learning opportunities that students experience throughout the day. Help them appreciate how far they have come in their learning, and celebrate with them. Support your children as they mention ways they can progress even more as they approach 2022, in academics as well as learning behaviours.



In 2022, staff will be working hard to implement the new NSW K-2 English curriculum. This document, released earlier this week, provides an opportunity for the staff in the Junior School to consider how we teach English; to focus on what we do well and plan what we can do better.

We are excited to support your children as they aspire to be better learners and members of the THAC community as we all work towards growth and progress.

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