



VISUAL ARTS IN JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Auditorium foyer currently has a display of K-2 artworks, as part of the Creative Arts Night showcase, with the theme of 'The Toy Box'.

A collection of Teddies visited the Art room and sat very still while Year 1 students observed and drew them. A select number of these unique drawings were faithfully upscaled and students collaborated to create their brown fur coats. Year 1 students have been learning how to use the primary colours of red, yellow and blue to create tertiary colours. The range of browns they mixed with acrylic paints were torn and glued to make collage artworks.



Year 2 wove the picnic rugs for the Teddy Bears' Picnic. Students learnt about complementary colours, which are opposite on the colour wheel. They noted the vivid effect created when using complementary colours as the warp and weft for their paper weaving. To complete the picnic, Year 2 students drew tea sets from observation and added colour and pattern with Posca markers and pencil.





We were inspired by music and verse as we listened to Henry Hall's somewhat creepy 1932 recording of 'The Teddy Bears' Picnic':

*If you go down to the woods today, you better not go alone.
It's lovely down in the woods today, but it's safer to stay at home.
For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain because
Today's the day the Teddy Bears have their picnic.*



The Kindergarten students' paintings are an exploration of colour, shape, mark-making and printing, with each class focusing on a toy that matched their song performances. We hope you get the chance to visit the display to see the vibrant toy trains, cars, dinosaurs, teddies and jack-in-the-boxes that our youngest artists have created.

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