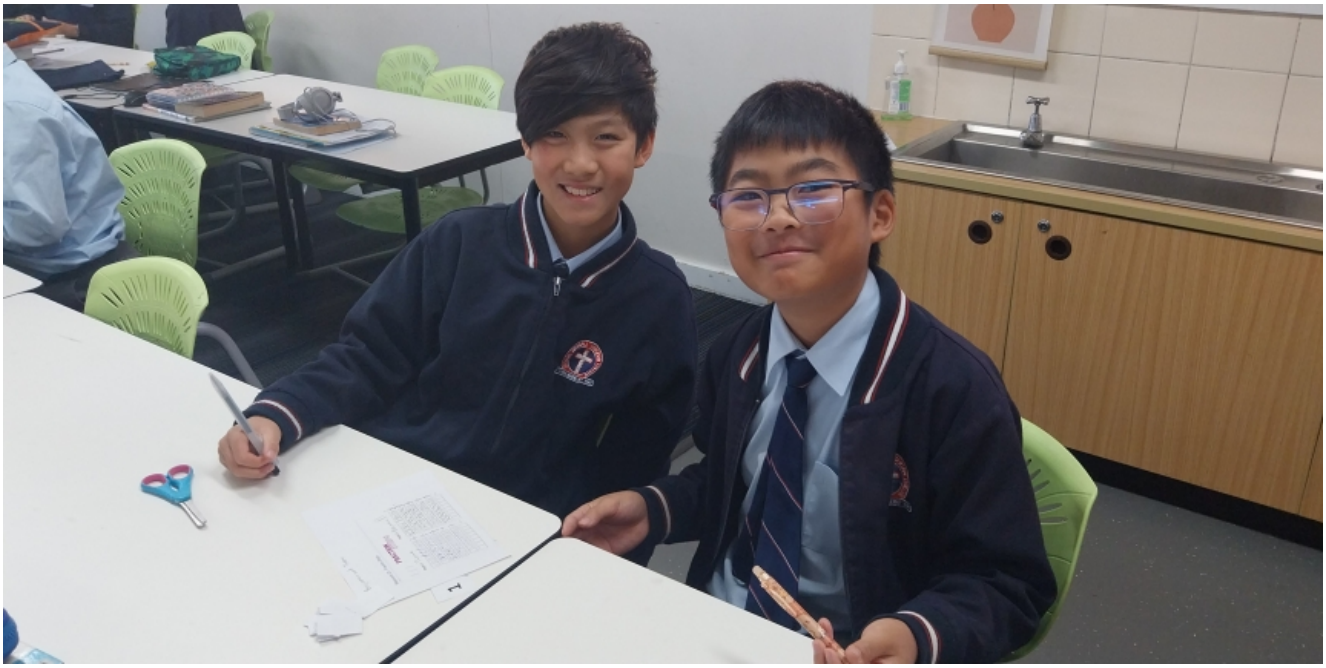
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CHANCE AND PROBABILITY

Year 5 Maths Learning – Chance and Probability

Do you know the origin of the term “Buckley’s chance”?

This week, Year 5 students have been learning about ways to represent probabilities in Maths. This has involved playing a number of chance games, using cards, dice, spinners, and random generators. This has certainly been a fun way to learn! We have also talked about everyday language used to describe chance events.

Mr Stroud told us the story of William Buckley, an Australian convict who escaped from his colony and fled into the bush in the early 1800s. He was given a very small chance of survival. However, he was accepted by a local Aboriginal tribe and lived happily with them for about 30 years. “Buckley’s chance” has come to mean “no chance”, but in William’s case, he survived against all odds. What a great link between our learning in Maths and History!

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