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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

What a delight it was to see the students dressed up and enjoying themselves for Book Week!

As I've walked through the playground in the lead up to Book Week, I was frequently asked, "Mrs Wheeler, what are you dressing up as for Book Week?"

This was clearly a much-anticipated special College event for them. The students were bursting to share with me what they were planning to wear. It was exciting to witness the day come to life around a love of reading. The rain didn't stop the enthusiasm for Book Week from staff or students. I came as Hush, a little possum from the book, 'Possum Magic', by Australian author Mem Fox.

It was a delight to see students enjoying the day amongst their peers, sharing quality time with visitors in their classrooms and proudly showing their learning to you. I trust your time in classrooms gave you a glimpse into their daily lives as learners. The positive partnership we share highlights our strong sense of community. I saw that in every classroom and it certainly made for a memorable day.

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Reading is for everyone. There is always a book that will appeal to anyone's interest. Reading is a core skill in a student's development. It builds language, strengthens vocabulary, inspires imagination and encourages empathy as students step into the world of different characters and critically explore new concepts. Above it all, it is about instilling a love of reading for life! When I visited Prep on Wednesday, I showed the students a few books I love to read. Story books, books about teaching and the best book of all… the Bible!

This week, we also showcased our Creative Arts Show 'Rock Festival' presented by Stage 2. A big congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 students who brought the energy, talent and professionalism during our matinee and night performances on Tuesday. What a joy it was to see their confidence, creativity and hard work come together on stage. The enthusiasm and teamwork displayed were truly impressive, and it was clear how much effort went into preparing for the show. Thank you to the staff who supported them behind the scenes, and to our families for being such an encouraging audience. Mrs Lianne Brown, one of our Creative Arts Specialist teachers, wrote the show herself; she was supported by a strong team including Mrs Winsome Hollis and Mr Byron Mark. Such talented staff we have at the College.

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Thank you for investing in the spirit of Book Week and attending our Stage 2 performances. It has been a stunning, vibrant week at the College, despite the wet weather!

Have a blessed weekend,

> *Be strong in the Lord and His mighty power.*
> *– Ephesians 6:10*

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