



HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

It has been a rich and rewarding term in our Junior School, filled with wonderful learning experiences that have strengthened both student growth and our shared sense of belonging.

Our recent Cross Country event was a highlight, with students showing admirable perseverance as they tackled longer distances. It was not simply about speed or finishing place, but about effort, determination and the willingness to keep going even when it was challenging. These moments are powerful in shaping resilience and character in our young learners.

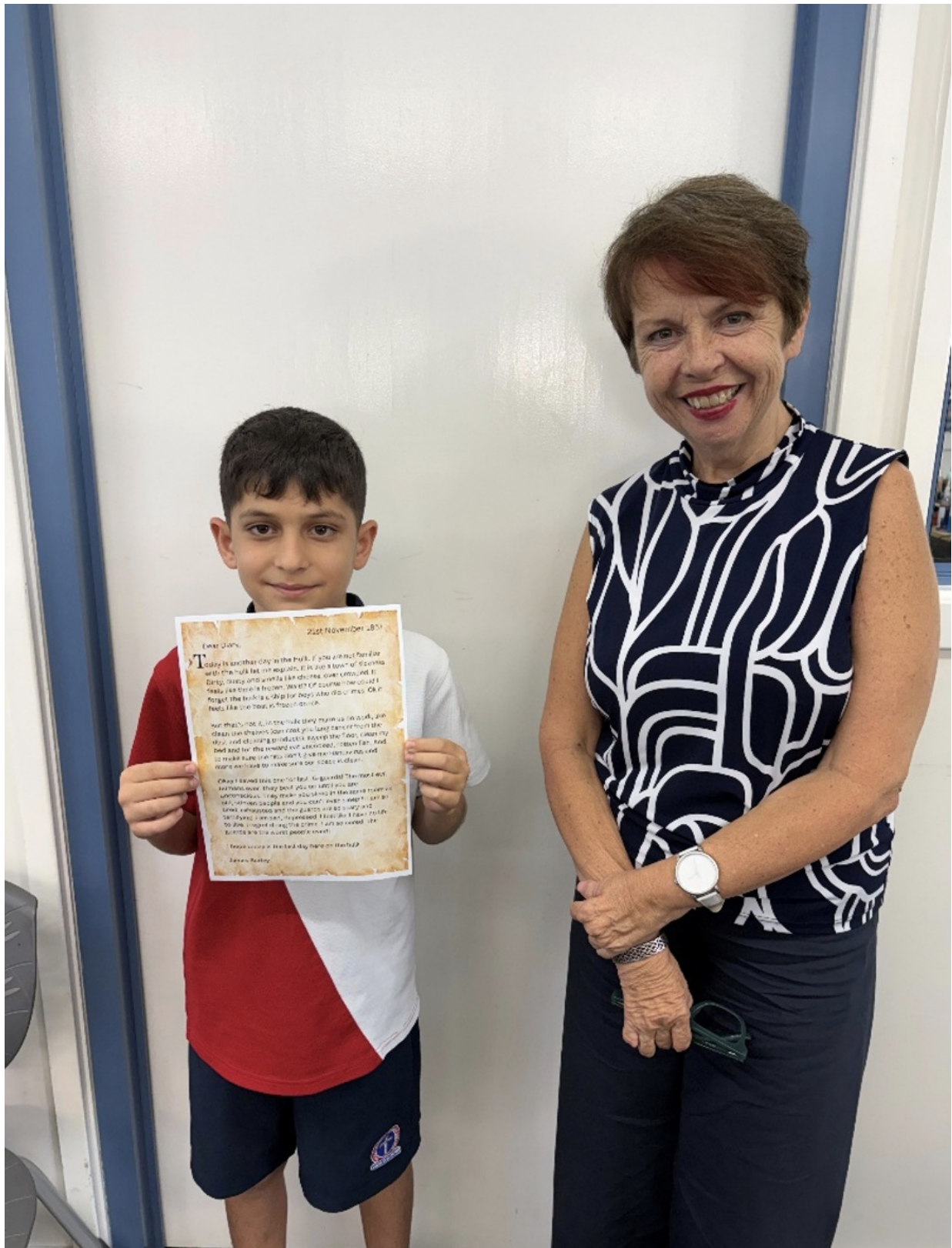
In the classroom, we have seen a strong focus on writing, with students producing creative, language-rich pieces that they can be genuinely proud of. What has stood out most is that this pride has not been driven by external rewards or recognition, but by a growing sense of intrinsic motivation. This is what defines a successful learner, one who finds joy and satisfaction in the learning process itself.

As a school, we continue to emphasise that effort trumps ability. Effort in learning is not just an expectation; it is a skill that we are intentionally nurturing in our students. By encouraging persistence, reflection and a willingness to improve, we are equipping children with habits that will serve them well beyond the classroom.

Looking ahead, we are excited for tomorrow's Easter Hat Parade and Eggshibition. These events are always a joy, as students proudly wear their handmade hats and showcase their creatively designed eggs. Importantly, these are not competitions, but celebrations of student led creativity. The delight and pride on the children's faces as they share their work is a reminder of the value of giving them ownership of their learning and expression.

While these activities are enjoyable, they also provide an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Easter. Easter is not about hats or eggs, but about the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who made a way for us to be in relationship with Him.

Wishing all our families a blessed and peaceful Easter.



Elijah B in Year 4 proudly showing Ms Hansford his effort in writing

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