Reading:
Some students have begun bringing their completed Premier’s Reading Challenge log sheets back to school which is fantastic. Reading is vital to success in literacy. Our favourite part of the year Book Week is nearly upon us and we are busy selecting our preferred book for voting.

Writing:
Our class have been writing poetry. We have improved our ability to plan, draft, read feedback, refine and publish our poems. To help with our writing we have been using our knowledge of sounds and suffixes as we create texts.

Suffixes:
Grade Two students have been discussing how a suffix affects meaning, for example in the word ‘painter’ the suffix ‘er’ means ‘one who’, so a painter is ‘one who paints’.

Left: Our proud class after the prayer liturgy!
Above: Bailey is deep in thought while creating poetry!
MATHS

We have been learning about division. After learning some of the key words and language associated with division, we practised dividing a collection of objects into equal-sized groups. Our class particularly enjoyed learning about mass. We began by using balance scales to determine whether the mass of different objects is more, less or about the same, and moved on to becoming familiar with kilograms and grams.

We have also been identifying key features of squares, rectangles, triangles, rhombuses and circles, as well as counting the edges and corners. We also identified the geometric features of three-dimensional objects such as the number of faces, corners or edges.

Our times tables have continued to improve, and we are well on our way to meeting our target of everybody knowing their tens, twos and fives by the end of the year!
ART
We have been creating three dimensional face sculptures using quick-drying clay. We watched a video of a professional sculptor and were inspired to put extra detail in our work. Our colouring and pencil work has also improved and we are working on multimedia collages based on ‘Windows’ by Jeannie Baker.

DRAMA
We participated in some drama with Mr Jackson and preformed short skits for the rest of the class. We are concentrating on not laughing while acting. Our class is excited about entering a movie in the 2016 ‘MyState Student Film Festival’. Please check out the competition on the Internet at: mystatefilmfestival.com.au.

HISTORY
We have been interviewing our parents and grandparents about their favourite toys from their childhood in readiness for our history unit about toys. We have been learning about entertainment, communication and travel technologies and their impact on people’s live in the present and past.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Our class focus has been on the Church, into which all are welcomed at the time of Baptism. As a community of God’s people, we are called to follow Jesus, who lived God’s Way and proclaimed God’s Word to all. We were also very proud leading our first Liturgy which was on Mary McKillop and thank everyone who came along to support us.