CHEKS EXTENSION PROGRAM

This Semester in the CHEKS extension program the Pre Primary and Year One students have participated in an investigation about clouds. The students’ have learnt about different types of clouds and conducted experiments to understand the water cycle. They made a rain gauge to collect rainfall and then used their data to graph the results. The students also designed and made their own ‘Fantabulous Cumulo-Nimbuli Pump’ to suck up those nasty clouds and keep the rain away.

The students are now discovering the Christmas traditions of different countries in the world. It has been wonderful listening to, and learning about, the Christmas traditions linked to the student’s cultures.  *Mrs Sarah Zjacic*

**JETS 2012**

Throughout 2012, students from Year 2 – 6 have been involved in the JETS extension program. The major aims of this program are to extend students thinking, reasoning, problem solving skills and ability to work cooperatively with others on a range of tasks. Year 2 and 3 students have created a farm, made an iconic money box from paper mache and learnt how to weave a basket. Year 4’s took over responsibility for the school vegetable patch, including re-designing the area, building a scarecrow and painting decorative bricks to incorporate into a brick paved pathway. The students in Year 5 have been on a Mission to Mars, lateral thinking exercises, Tournament of Minds and robotics.  Finally, the Year 6 group created the St Andrew’s Times Newspaper, were involved in Tournament of Minds, lateral thinking exercises and robotics. It has been a pleasure to work with these students and watch their enthusiasm and creative skills develop during the year.  *Mrs Marion Kenny*