We are nearly halfway through Term 1 already. We have been busy with our lessons on Geology including learning about earthquakes and volcanos. Bob is putting our students through their paces with exercises and Martial Arts techniques on Friday afternoon. In addition to counting in Japanese, we are learning French with Mrs Barnes.

For your diary:
Our small schools athletics carnival is scheduled for Wednesday 25th March 2015.

These three poems were written by our students with Mrs Barnes. Aren’t they wonderful!

Don’t forget to practice counting in Japanese with your children. We use this counting in our Martial Arts classes.

For your diary:

**Turkey**

I once saw a creature,
Skinny, strange and shy.
With a sloppy, silly look
She skips around like a buzzing fly.
Not secretive nor serious,
But with scrappy long toes,
To scratch around in the dirt
For worms and well... You know!

By Zahra Barnes 13/02/15

**Sly tiger**

Sly tiger padded softly
Slinking through the grass
Sees a bird, swiftly strong
With stony eyes leaps
The sun reflecting on
Silky smooth fur.
He bites......
No bird will return tonight

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Doug the Reading Bug says “ten minutes a day talk, sing, play”

Literacy has many benefits for children, families, communities and society as a whole (ABS, 2006). High levels of literacy have been linked to:

1. Increased academic success
2. Increased occupational success
3. Increased self esteem and motivation to learn
4. Participation in and a commitment to education
5. Socially acceptable behaviour
6. Positive regard for one’s abilities and prospects leading to empowerment