Visit to O’Neill Family Farm

Students thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the O’Neill’s farm on Friday 15th August.

They were shown the alpacas and were able to see the fleeces closely and compare with the sheep fleece to see and feel the differences.

Mrs O’Neill discussed a lot of the husbandry side of alpacas and shared a history of the alpaca, where it originated and what the alpaca provided to the people in the way of food and clothing. Flynn demonstrated the shearing process and described the equipment used to help support an alpaca when being shorn.

After lunch we made a visit to the magnificent lookout on the O’Neill’s property on which we could view the ring of hills which circled the lookout; formed by a volcano thousands of years ago; Manna Mountain was a part of this. We viewed the Bogandillon Swamp and were showed the country which fills with water from Lake Cowal and Nerang Cowal.

We brought back samples of rock; Granite, which the boys learnt from Mrs Ridley is an Igneous Rock, formed from the cooling and solidification of magma or lava from volcanoes and Shale, a Sedimentary Rock which finds its way to the bottom of lakes and gets cemented together into layers.

We thank the O’Neill family for their generous hospitality, making us all feel very welcome.

Bedgerabong Show

Students submitted entries in the Printing, Colouring In, Recycled Materials, Handwritten Illustrated Poem, Painting & Vegetable sections of the Bedgerabong Show, with the following excellent results. Congratulations students!

- **Printing**
  - 1st Aaron Mickan, Year 6
  - 2nd Melody Osborne, Year 2

- **Colouring In**
  - 3rd Karla Osborne, Kindergarten
  - 3rd Melody Osborne, Year 2

- **Recycled Materials**
  - 2nd Melody Osborne, Year 2
  - 2nd Aaron Mickan, Year 6

- **Handwritten Illustrated Poem**
  - 1st Aaron Mickan, Year 6
  - 2nd Jeordy Carty, Year 5
  - 3rd Austin Fay, Year 5

- **Papercraft**
  - 3rd Lacey Osborne, Kindergarten

- **Painting**
  - 1st Karla Osborne, Kindergarten
  - 1st Melody Osborne, Year 2
  - 1st Austin Fay, Year 5
  - 1st Aaron Mickan, Year 6
  - 2nd Madison Burbage, Kindergarten
  - 2nd Jeordy Carty, Year 5

- **Needlework**
  - 1st Madison Burbage, Kindergarten
  - 1st Melody Osborne, Year 2
  - 2nd Lacey Osborne, Kindergarten
  - 2nd Aaron Mickan, Year 6
  - 3rd Karla Osborne, Kindergarten

- **Vegetables**
  - 2nd Collection of Vegetables