Monday the 8th saw the students in years 3-6 travel down to Tallangatta Secondary College for a day of science activities in the secondary college science lab. The students did a range of activities including investigating earthquakes and quicksand. The students designed buildings with marshmallows and straws to withstand an earthquake. Making quicksand was interesting as the students explored properties of quicksand by using cornflour. We are really grateful that the secondary science teachers take time out of their own classes to run these days for our students. Thanks also to Marianne for taking the kids down on short notice.

The blanket sewing stage of the project ‘Blankets for the homeless’ has been progressing very well. Glenda and the students have been busy sewing the squares together and it looks like there will be quite a lot of blankets. Also thanks to Fumiko and Bridgette for coming down in the afternoons to also help with the sewing. This is a great cluster project, well done Glenda.

We have finally planted the fruit trees in the orchard area at the school. Next week we are hoping to have the veggie gardens ready for September planting. A big thanks to Chris Parkin who came up last Saturday and slashed the orchard and also had a look at our big slide to repair some gaps. We really appreciate you giving up your time to help. Thanks.

Last week we introduced a reward card to our students to promote positive values and work habits. We have been blown away by the students response to this and are very proud of their efforts so far. The students are rewarded for displaying our school values, as well as showing persistence, effort and making good decisions whilst learning at school. When the students receive 20 stickers on their card, they will be able to choose a reward from the reward box. As a class when 100 stickers have accumulated, together, they can choose a class reward. The students are really focusing on treating each other in a positive manner and all are achieving great successes.

Next week we will be having a 125th Anniversary meeting at school. The time for the meeting will be 3.30pm, straight after school. If you can make it please come down.

Book club was sent out last week and is due back by Tuesday the 23rd at the latest. Have a great week!
STEM ACTIVITIES

Science, Technology, engineering and mathematics

Our students have been enjoying letting their creative sides come out with a series of design and engineering tasks. For the first session the students were challenged to build the tallest tower possible. It was interesting to see the various designs and ideas the students had. After we all had time to reflect and look at each other’s designs, we were able to identify the important features of a good tower. During our second session, the students enjoyed attempting to make a catapult. Again there were varied designs and ideas that the students thought of. Testing the catapults sure was a lot of fun and we all really had a good laugh. The students have enjoyed the activities and the re-

STUDENTS THOUGHTS

Meadow: I have a new ukulele. A pink one. It has a fancy case. I bought it too school and played it with Bob.

Evie: I really liked building the tower out of straws. I have also been doing lots of reading.

Tyler: We made a catapult. I made 2 catapults. We used paddle pop sticks and rubber bands. Both of my designs worked. It was fun.

Lucas: I liked the engineering activity we did. My catapult worked pretty well. I would change my design if I had the chance to. I am looking forward to the next challenge.

Ben: We, my family, have started a new shop in Tallangatta. It is a lolly shop. We sell lollies. All must visit, please.

Warrick: This term has been pretty good. Blue Earth has been good and I hope to do more of that. The end of the term is coming in about 4 weeks which means I can have friends over and stuff. Yeah!!

Jack: I have really enjoyed making things like the catapults. We were learning about metaphors, similes and idioms. It was like riding a wild bull, hard as hell! Get it........

Bryson: I liked building the catapults. It was a challenge at the start because we didn’t know any designs. Once we got started and looked at other people we got some ideas. My catapult didn’t actually work! Oh well I had a go.