5/6B has had a wonderful start to Term 3. On Thursday we attended the Merici Dance Performance ‘Extravadancer.’ This was an excellent opportunity to gain some inspiration as we prepare for our own dance display at the end of the Term. We will also have the chance to audition for an acting role in the display.

*My favourite part was when everyone got to dance out the front. It was so much fun – Moki*

*I really enjoyed the Merici dance performance. I could watch it all day and I would never get bored! Everyone did a great dance. Overall my favourite was definitely the African dance. – Lucia*

*My favourite dance was ‘It’s a hard-knock life’ from the movie Annie. The performance was really interesting and cultural! - Serena*

**HISTORY**

In History we are looking at the different levels of Government and their roles and responsibilities. In Week Six we will be visiting Parliament House where we will have a guided tour of the building. We will then visit the Museum of Democracy at Old Parliament House. Here we will explore past democratic decisions and discover parliamentary procedure through role play in the historic chambers.

**THE DAILY FIVE**

In 5/6 we have started the Daily 5 CAFÉ. This style of learning encourages students to develop habits of reading, writing and working independently. It also encourages students to be *Curious, Collaborative and Connected* to their learning. The children have a choice of five options:

- Read to self
- Read to someone
- Listen to reading
- Work on Writing
- Word Work

We spend 10 – 15 minutes independently working on a literacy activity of our choice, we will often get through two or three rotations during a session. These activities are broken up by focused mini lessons on a particular literacy concept. We are learning to work independently and can apply a range of reading and writing strategies.
In Literacy we have just finished looking at different forms of Poetry. We were able to create our own Haiku and Limerick poems. We presented these poems using the Pic Collage iPad application.

We are really enjoying using our iPads in class, here are some reasons why:

*I love how interactive and fun it is!* – James

*In the BYOD program I’ve enjoyed the easier ability to research and present information* – Isaac

*I like going on the iPads because it helps me to learn lots at school My favourite app is Adobe Spark Video* – Jaime

*Using the iPads at school has improved my spelling. I learn tons and it is awesome!* – Michael

*Having the iPads helps me to learn. Explain Everything is my favourite app because there are some cool features* – Brigid

We are now looking at Information Texts and we will be working on writing a Newspaper article on Earthquakes over the next few weeks.

**Our aim:**

I can plan the content of my newspaper.

**Our success criteria:**

I can lay out my newspaper appropriately.

I can write an introduction to a newspaper article.

I can answer key questions about a real event in my report.

We are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable Term 3! ☺️