**Auskick – becoming the footballers of the future**

Pendlebury, Judd, Franklin - who knows who will be the next great AFL star; maybe it might be one of our Grade 4s.

This term the SEDA Institute has come to St Peter’s to help develop our football skills. We have been involved in a variety of activities that have encouraged us to join in and have a good time, while developing our skills of marking, kicking, handballing and bouncing the football.

Grade 4s have had a fantastic time, learning about AFL and showing off their football techniques.

**Inquiry – Living Things**

As part of our exploration of Living Things, we have been learning about the relationships between different species, as well as the role that living things have in the ecosystem. Read on to find out some of the things we learnt.

There are three types of animals; herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We learnt that predators live by hunting and killing other living things. A prey is an animal that is hunted or caught for food, but they have ways of protecting themselves from predators such as camouflage, working in groups, speed, climbing, digging, hiding and using their sight, sound and smelling skills. Predators also have their own ways of hunting their prey, like using stealth and stalking skills.

We all know that some animals prey on each other, but did you know that different species of animals help each other to survive? We have been learning about symbiotic relationships. These are relationships that are mutually beneficial to different species of living things. This can be seen with plovers and crocodiles. A plover picks the decaying food out of a crocodile's mouth - this helps the crocodile by making sure that its teeth are clean and healthy and it helps the plover by giving it food.

We have been learning about producers, consumers and decomposers. We played fun games on the Interactive Whiteboard and played a sorting game where we had to match up words to their meaning. We learnt that a consumer is an animal or living thing that has to find its own food; it cannot make it by itself. We learnt that a producer is a living thing that makes its own food (have you ever seen a tree go to KFC)? We also learnt that decomposers eat decaying matter and put nutrients back into the soil.

“I enjoyed learning about the food chains of living things because it was interesting” Sneha 4a

“I never knew about symbiotic relationships, but it’s stunning how different species help each other survive” Karthik 4c