



## Newsletter Issue 3- 27/2/24

### In My Pocket Incursion



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*On Monday 26th February, the Year 5 and 6 classes welcomed guests, Jill and Eli, into our classroom to host an incursion. It ran for two hours, which allowed time for reading and discussing the short story, 'In My Pocket', and then the art component, designing and painting calico pockets.*

*In terms of curriculum, this activity links with our HASS units that focus on migration, as well as with themes of multiculturalism and diversity. The kids all enjoyed hearing the story and Jill had some challenging questions that required them to think critically about the text and the*

*illustrations. We loved the theme of kindness and spotting the acts of compassion along the way.*

*The session helped develop a greater sense of empathy for people displaced from their homes by war, discrimination and other causes. The kids enjoyed painting the pockets with designs that were inspired by the story.*

*Each child received a mini version of the book that they will hopefully share with their family at home.*

*Our pockets are on display in the classrooms. We think they look amazing!*

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*Dorrith Sim's autobiographical story and unique creative art project, IN MY POCKET, suitable for 8 to 12 year old upper primary school children, was successfully launched around Australia in March 2023. Free mini pocket books are funded by the German Embassy in Canberra, and the Eric Samson Fund in Cape Town.*

*The project speaks to the current situation of refugees and displaced children around the world.*

*This simple yet uplifting true story of rescue, survival and hope provides a springboard to the solemn topic of the Holocaust, usually studied in high school.*

*For more information on the project please check out their website at <https://elirab.au/poseidon-primary-school>*

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*With best wishes*

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