

OLPS school Holidays

During the recent July school holidays, the Sydney region went into a Lockdown with the COVID outbreak. Unfortunately, families were no longer allowed to leave Sydney, school holiday plans and activities were suddenly cancelled and where possible, parents had to work from home. To help our families, OLPS West Pymble ran a few Facebook activities, this allowed the opportunity for families to connect and keep children busy. These activities were very popular and successful. Here are the activities we had:

1. **Lego challenge:** Each day on Facebook there was a Lego challenge. The winner of the day picked the following day's challenge. Entries were posted in the comments section by 4pm. Around 5pm, the judging panel would chat via text message and pick a winner. The winning family would be contacted and they would think about and advise the new theme. Each day there would be a post for the next Lego challenge. Themes included Dream house, Under the sea, Ninja Warrior course, sport, bridges, fairy-tale, family



The daily winners:

Date	theme	winner	Number of entries
28/06/2021	Dream house	Eva Yr 4	21
29/06/2021	Animals (zoo, pet shop and vets)	Sebastian Kindy	25
30/06/2021	Under the sea	Euan and Bonnie	22
01/07/2021	Ninja Warrior	Melina and Eva	11
02/07/2021	Sport	Brigid Kindy	14
03/07/2021	Cool Reptiles	Jeremy and Joshua Yr and Yr 5	3
04/07/2021	Playgrounds	Hugo and Ruby Yr and Yr 7	5
05/07/2021	Aircraft	Emily, Marlene & Joshua Yr and Kindy 2022	7
06/07/2021	Bridges	Holly Yr 2	8
07/07/2021	fairytales	Ellie and Aiden Yr 4 and Kindy	4
08/07/2021	My dream destination	Nina Yr 3	4
09/07/2021	Family	Lucas Yr 4	3
12/07/2021	My favourite movie scene	Emily, Archie and Harry Yr 4 and Kindy	5

Here are some of the amazing Lego designs:



Movie set theme: Charlotte's Web



Family: A Family holiday in Hawaii



Ella and Aiden's Dream destination – their lockdown resort.



Fairy-tales: Holly's fairy queen castle surrounded by water and a bridge to a playground. They also have a carriage to take them to the village.



Bridge challenge: Thomas's Paris bridge with boat and troll going past the Eiffel Tower



Bridge challenge: Eva and Melina's bridge with a car passing on it



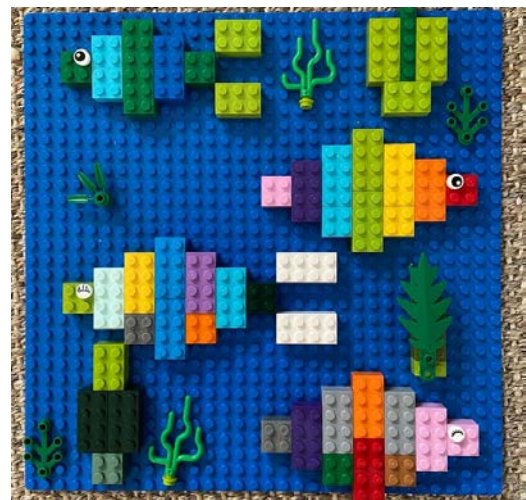
Aircraft challenge: Emily's Helicopter, Marlene aeroplane and Joshua's police helicopter with Jail



Sports challenge: The Matildas by Amber



Under the sea: Victoria and Annabelle's deep water scene. Tropical fish, grand treasure chest full of gold treasures, seaweed and a sunken JetSki wreck.



Under the Sea: Amelia's underwater scene!



Aminal challenge: Ellie and Aiden's animal friends - Giraffe, Turtle, flamingo, Eagle and buffalo



Dream House challenge: Noah and Patrick's Dream house for a 2 week covid lockdown!

2. **Art Gallery:** OLPS had an Art Gallery post that was pinned to the top of our Facebook feed. Parents could post a comment a photo of their child's art works, craft, or an activity they were doing. We really loved seeing the student's artworks.



3. **Cooking videos:** A teacher created some videos with her daughter. We also had a student create a video to make dumplings.
4. **Bedtime stories:** This was a huge success in the 2020 Lockdown, it is a private group for bedtime stories (due to copyright laws). Parents valued this group as part of their family's bedtime routine. Families can nominate a book. Our teacher ran a competition to see who could guess the book for that night and also an art competition.
5. OLPS also had a post for bushwalking suggestions!

