The iPad and Creativity

IPads have played a large part in the way students have been learning in their classrooms this year. Our students have been very lucky to have access to 6 iPads in each classroom, which they use in all areas of the curriculum. In 2015, our Grade 5/6 'Bring Your Own Device' program will commence, where students will have the opportunity to bring their own iPad to school.

Creativity has been highlighted as a vital 21st century learning skill necessary for the workforce of the future. The portability, flexibility, of the iPad makes it an ideal device to inspire hands-on learning and promote creativity in our classrooms. Teachers will be using iPads to provide rich learning challenges and activities that stimulate imagination, provoke deeper thinking and encourage students to create and express their ideas. Below are some examples of activities and apps that your child will be using in their classroom to develop their creativity skills.

Book Creator

Ideal for making books with pictures, text and audio recordings.

Classroom Examples:

- Create a book based on a narrative story you have written.
- Recount an excursion, trip or camp, using photos, video or sound and text.
- Create a book showing what you have learnt in your integrated topic e.g. space.

Cloudart

Create beautiful word clouds

Classroom Examples:

- Highlight the verbs/adjectives/proper nouns on a page of the book you're currently reading. Type them into a word cloud, include the name of the book in the centre of the cloud.
- Brainstorm a list of adjectives to describe yourself. Put the words in a word cloud with your name in the centre.

Strip Design

Present writing as a comic book. Easy to create and can add pictures, text, balloons and stickers.

Classroom Examples:

- Use the speech bubbles to create a conversation between two people.
- Create a narrative story using strip design. Your story will need structure, a storyline, characters location. You could create a whole comic book!
- Create a procedural writing piece. Take photos of every step and caption the photos with instructions.

Explain Everything

Create slides, draw in any colour, add images, video, shapes, text and highlight while recording in real time.

Classroom Examples:

- Explain and annotate a maths concept you have mastered. Use the drawing tool to show your working out.
- Record and explain the method you used to conduct a science experiment. Explain your results using audio and video.
- Use video, photos and audio to explain the water cycle.

iMovie

Simple video editing, add in titles and transitions to make professional looking video.

Classroom Examples:

- Create a 'book trailer' of a recently read book. iMovie comes with a template for creating a trailer, making it easier for kids.
- Think of different words to use instead of 'said.' Say them in the correct manner and record/caption them using iMovie.
- In a persuasive writing lesson, students record peers, offer an opinion on a chosen topic. Play them all back in succession, adding titles with student names.