



Robot Wars...

I love to see the family teams on Robot Wars and am impressed by the amount of science and technology learning these teams have faced together. With some neighbouring schools we have decided to give our own version of Robot Wars a go next term.

We will challenge the learning families to design a moving vehicle to undertake a number of tests.

- Uniqueness of design; no restrictions.
- Longest distance when rolled down a ramp; length of ramp, angle and surface to be given in advance.
- Greatest resilience when hit by a swinging football 3 times; how many bits drop off!
- How many learning muscles stretched by the projects; list and examples required.

The families and vehicles will meet at a designated time and place then... 'Let the wars begin!'



A Learned List

We invited the children to make themselves a 'Things I have Learned in my Life' scroll or book. They were to get as much help as they could from friends and family in order to make the most comprehensive list they could. We gave them time to share their lists with one another so that one idea inspired another until they felt their list was as complete as it could be. Each time they learn something new, in or out of school, they add it to their list. It has proved to be a super weekly celebration to hear about and congratulate additions.

'My son would this week add "How to yo-yo". It took a great deal of perseverance and imitation of his uncle Graeme, and deserves praise as much as any NC learning intention.'

OVER TO YOU

How about getting parents, families and visitors involved and using up some of that old printer paper that comes as a great long folded strip, or an old fax paper roll.

A class could be designated as 'Keepers of the List' to make sure there are no duplications, but anyone who comes to the school could be offered the opportunity to add learning to the list.

LEARNED LIST

- ★ How to trot on a horse
Jane
- ★ How to ride a pedalo
Connor W
- ★ Ride my bike without using stabilisers
Phoebe
- ★ To swim!
Emily P
- ★ To dive!
Finn
- ★ How to cannonball jump into the water
William C
- ★ Put my face in the water and blow bubbles
Joseph H
- ★ How to say 'strawberries and cream' in Dutch
Mrs Brandon
- ★ How to steer a boat
Laura and Sarah G
- ★ How to play table tennis
Ben
- ★ How to hold a frog!
Georgia H
- ★ Make fresh apple juice!
Mrs Day
- ★ That Pluto is not classified as a planet anymore.
Faith