

National Simultaneous Storytime 2021 in space



Last Wednesday, the Junior School had the privilege of being a part of this national event. We were all incredibly excited that an astronaut from the international space station was going to read a story from space. The story was written by an Australian author Philip Bunting.

There was pre-show entertainment by a character called Captain Starlight (a superhero from the Starlight Children's Foundation). Children and adults during this time were invited to share space facts that appeared on the bottom of the screen. Your child may have come home on Wednesday afternoon reeling off space facts.

The story was introduced by the author Philip Bunting which was a perfect lead into the actual reading of the story. **Then the wait was finally over and Dr Shannon Walker appeared on our screens.** There were gasps and oohs and so much excitement. I think the staff were just as excited as the children.

Below are some of the Junior School student responses to this shared experience. At the bottom of the article is the link to the story if you would like to watch the story being read from space.

"It was so cool that she was floating while she was reading the book."- Olivia H

"We learnt that Venus spins the opposite way to Earth." Sarah G and Annelise S

"We learnt that the Earth is always moving." Isaac W and Max F

"I learnt a lot of things! I now know that Earth can spin around 1,600km per hour!" - Charlize

" I learnt that Uranus smells like rotten eggs. I liked when Una had her picnic and ate Astronaut ice cream." Patrick

“ I liked when Una went into space and explored the Galaxy.” Vincent

“Dr Shannon Walker had cool space facts. I was impressed by all the space facts.” Vivian

“This experience was amazing and the story was epic. We loved the cakes in the story.” Mia and Johan

“The story was cool because it was read from space. Una’s cakes looked yummier and yummier each year and they got bigger and bigger.” Brendan and Ben

“Una was looking for life in space but then she realised that Earth was it. There was also a man called Captain Starlight. He was the entertainment.” Sophia and Nishala

“When the astronaut floated at the end of the story it was cool and I learnt that the only planet that has life on it is Earth.” Teague

Link to the Space Story

[Story Time From Space Presents -- Give me Some Space!](#)