Kicking Goals For Readers

It was a **HUGE** day for reading and football last Friday at St Martin’s!

All 21 classes gathered excitedly in the GECCO to watch the performance of “Kicking Goals For Readers” by three talented footy authors, Felice Arena, Michael Wagner and Adrian Beck. Their aim is ‘to take the action from the page to the stage’ and they did exactly that!

There were so many parts of the show to enjoy including hearing the footy club songs performed very differently - Collingwood as a folk song, Geelong as opera and St Kilda with the bagpipes! We laughed at the video of the authors taking on 1GC’s Egg Handball Challenge. None of us will look at umpires in the same way again after Felice’s hilarious “Umpire Dance” with Mr Ooi and Mr Zac and now we know how much fun Speckies and barracking are in slow motion!!

Adrian Beck, Felice Arena and Michael Wagner

Mr Ooi and Mr Zac doing the ‘Umpire Dance’ with Felice Arena
We also learned a lot as we listened to each author speak about his books and writing journey and the many positive messages each imparted about writing, following your dreams and having a passion for what you do. After expending lots of energy performing, each of the authors spent the afternoon signing books and having a little chat with each child. It was a delight to see the looks on children’s faces as they met Felice, Michael and Adrian.

I have been lucky to get to know Felice Arena via Twitter which I use professionally to connect with educators and authors. When Felice first asked me if they could practise their show with our school before their official performance I was both surprised and excited, but after Friday I was very glad I said yes! It was a wonderful experience for our school and a fabulous and fun celebration of books, reading and footy! The hardest part for me now is that I can’t write about it on the LRC Blog until mid August when they officially perform their show...rest assured though, I have my draft blog post ready to go!

Footy, footy, footy!
Read, read, read!

We had to order books for some children and each author will sign his books. We’re hoping the books will arrive this week, if not, then the first week of next term.

So many books and now we have some time...

Illustration by Andrea Musso

Enjoy the break and I hope that you have a pile of books ready to read...

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