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## LIVING EGGS

During the last two weeks we had the wonderful opportunity to undertake the Living Eggs programme in the Resource Centre as part of the Science Curriculum. Living Eggs is a two week comprehensive programme providing all you need to successfully hatch chickens in a classroom. Embryo eggs are provided, 2-3 days from hatching. The Living Eggs incubators are specially designed for classroom hatching. An electronic thermostat ensures accurate temperature control for a high hatch rate. The large viewing windows allow the children to see all stages of hatching. A brooder box complete with heat light, bedding, feed and water is supplied which allows teachers and children easy observation and access to the chicks. Last week the students were able to handle the 9 baby chicks which hatched from our "Living Eggs". Some students were even lucky enough to see a chick hatch. Live video was taken of this exciting event and loaded onto the curriculum network so that students could see it in their classrooms via the Interactive Whiteboards. Thank you to Vicki McCarthy and Deborah Morgan for taking the video and photos of the chicks hatching. At the end of the programme families are able to adopt a pair of chicks. As all families requested hens, we raffled the names of students who volunteered to take a pair of chicks home. Zac Cloonan and Jayden Bowes were the lucky recipients. Each family adopted two female chicks and we sent the remaining chicks (4 roosters and 1 hen) back with the Living Eggs representative.

