A Lesson on Cane Cutting for the Prep / 1 Class

Our Prep / 1 students were very excited to have Mr Alf Bonanno visit the classroom to talk about the history of cane cutting.

He brought along a cane cutter’s knife and some sticks of cane.

Everyone was excited about touching a stalk of cane . . .

. . . as well as feeling how heavy it was.

The students found it also was
very long, and fitted many hands.

Mr Bonanno bravely allowed the students to have a turn at using the cane knife.

They had fun having a go.
Mr Bonanno also brought along some photos of when he used to cut cane before harvesters were around. Check them out and see how cutting cane has changed over the years.

First the cane was burnt and then cut by hand with a cane knife.

It then had to be stacked into piles . . .
... ready to be put on the line for the locos to take it to the sugar mill to be crushed.

Here is one of Mr Bonanno’s farm trucks.

Everyone enjoyed Mr Bonanno’s visit and learnt a lot about the history of cane cutting.