On Friday, the 1st of November, Preps and Year 1's took a trip to Woodgate for their unit of science to look for examples of natural, man-made and managed environments. They also wanted to look at how the weather affects the living creatures in their habitats.

Our first stop was the Banksia Track.

The students walked along the boardwalk. This was a good example of managed environment where both natural and man-made structures work together.

We stopped at the end of the boardwalk and talked about the environment and what we could see.

We looked up into the trees to see what habitats were in them...

And what habitats were under them.

There were keen eyes all round.

The students discovered lots of examples in the natural environment.

They even found someone's home.
Next stop was at the park to check out how the man-made environment fitted in with the natural environment... and to have a bit of fun.

We had to share the park with some of the locals.

We looked at both man-made and natural examples around the park.

Pathways and borders helped manage the natural environment.

After a bite to eat, we visited the beachfront. Even on the way down to the beach, we found a good example of a managed environment with the fence along the path. It helped to keep roaming feet off the grass, allowing it to grow undisturbed.
It was a much different environment on the beach. The students searched the sand and found lots of habitats and creatures.

Everyone had fun looking.

Can you guess who belongs in this habitat?

Maybe these soldier crabs.

We also saw how weather can effect the environment and destroy habitats.
Our final stop was at Theodolite Creek. The students agreed it was well managed with its walking tracks, sealed car park and boat ramp.

We went searching for yabbies so we could learn about their habitat. Mr Freeman showed us how the yabby pump sucked them out from deep under the sand.

Watch out, they might bite!

We discovered it was much wetter and muddier beneath the sand where the yabbies lie.

After a big day, and a lot of learning and discovery, we boarded the bus and headed home. Everyone had a good time.