Off to the Cinemas, Hervey Bay.

Year 1/2 visited the Hervey Bay cinemas to experience both a movie and a tour of how films are projected onto the big screens.

First the students enjoyed a movie. They had a lot of fun watching *Planes*, the same makers of *Cars*.

Katie was first to get her pilot’s license.

Everyone was well behaved and loved having their photo taken with the minions.
After the movie, Matthew took us upstairs to show us the projectors. And what a difference from the Paragon projectors!

We’ve had the opportunity to see the old.

. . . .and now the new!

On our visit to the Paragon in Childers, the students discovered the projectors were huge and ran reels and reels of film.

Today the projectors are digital. The movie arrives as a disk and is played on a hard drive in the projector. There is no messing about with reels or swapping them over halfway through a movie. Once started, nothing needs to be done until the movie is finished.

This small screen is used when showing 3D movies and costs $25,000.
There are five projectors spread out on the floor above the theatres. Movies can be played at the same time in different theatres. Beside each projector is a viewing window to see the screen and the theatre below while the movie is running.

Matthew kindly answered all our questions and gave an informative talk on how everything worked.

And then it was time for lunch. We drove around to the All Abilities Park and relaxed in the shade by the beach.
We couldn’t go home without a play!!!
And there was so much to pick from!

Swings....

How does this work?

Got it!
Walking the poles...

Playing the tubes...

Yes, we all had a great time before heading home.