## **Native Stingless Bees**

Arriving just as lockdown was ending (with the hive all packed safely in a cardboard box) our native stingless bees are settling in well to Lochinvar. Lots of the children have been for a visit to watch the worker bees entering and leaving the hive. The structure of the hive also lets us open it in parts to see what is going on inside.

Miss Mosman's writing groups have been researching the bees for a number of activities they are doing, and the Year 3 group have some facts to share.

The stingless bee is black and has three body parts – the head, the abdomen and the thorax. They are 4mm long.

Isabella Yr 3

Honey is a good, nutritious food for the baby bees, which are called larvae.

Sylas Yr 3

Stingless bees suck nectar as food . Pollen sticks to their bodies and that helps pollinate flowers as they go.

Tate Yr 3



Threats to bees include wasps, black beetles, ants, wind, rain and people.

Eli Yr 3

Stingless bees are insects and they have wings which help them fly.

Sophia Yr 3

Stingless bees have a black body with white hairs on their head.

Maggie Yr 3

There will be more facts from Year 2 to follow and some great persuasive points from Year 4 about why all schools should think about getting bees.