



STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

50th anniversary of the first lunar landing

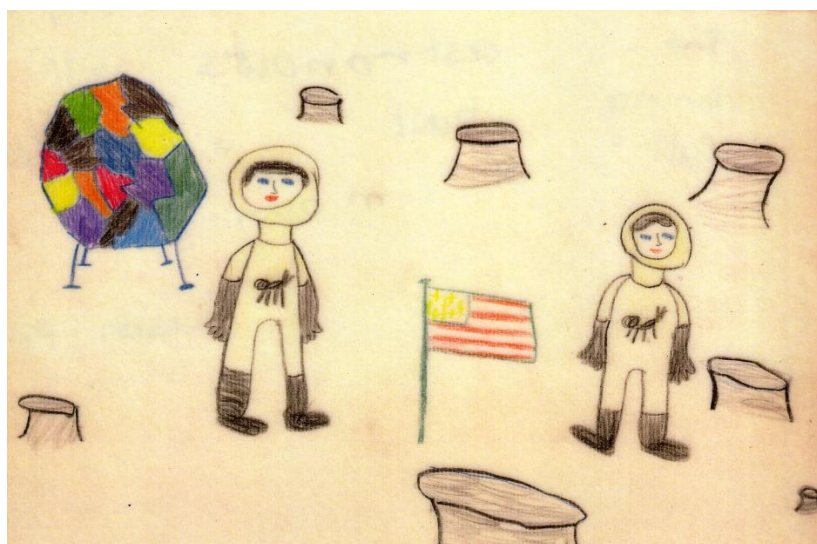
SOME MEMBERS of the PLC Sydney community may well remember what they were doing 50 years ago when American astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins landed the lunar module Eagle on the surface of the moon and Armstrong spoke those now-famous words, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind".

On that day, Monday 21 July 1969, at "Branxton", PLC's Junior School in Strathfield, a class of Year 2 pupils went to Mrs Thompson's house and watched the historic event on television. Mrs Thompson lived just across the street and her invitation was gratefully accepted as there was no television in the girls' classroom. When they returned to school, their teacher asked them to record their experience in both words and pictures. These works were put into a booklet and teacher Helen Thursby later gave a copy to the College Archives.

To mark the 50th anniversary of man's first landing on the moon, that booklet, *Man on the Moon*, is reproduced here. It reminds us that such events in history embrace all nations and all ages.

To see the entire Man on the Moon booklet, visit

<https://www.plc.nsw.edu.au/microsites/archives/stories-from-the-archives>



To-day the 21st of July
Armstrong and Aldrin
landed on the moon.
At one-o'clock Armstrong
walked there. Half an hour
afterwards Aldrin got out
of the lunar module.
The President of America
talked to them by
telephone. We saw all this
on T.V.
Susan Scott.