Timeline for early primary extension students

Early primary teachers: Why not get your extension students to work in a small group to make a timeline of their year?

The task below will take a couple of hours, so either dedicate a whole session to it or set it up in a space that can be left for a few days and come back to the task periodically.

Here’s how:

• Stretch out a piece of masking tape across the length of your room
• Give kids post-it notes to write on the months and play around with where they go (you might be surprised at how long this takes them to sort out - allow 20-30 minutes just for this part. Post-it notes make it easy to move them around until the kids are satisfied)
• Next let them put their birthdays on (again this takes quite a while). Ask questions like, "would that go in the middle, the start or the end of the month? How do you know? What date would be about the middle of the month?"
• Next give them dates for a bunch of significant things that happened during the year to add in. You might want to have these pre-printed on paper strips with the dates. (e.g. Christmas, holidays, athletics carnival, class trips...)
• At the end take a photograph of the line to show to parents and have a great big cup of coffee.