

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal

Welcome back to term 3 of the school year.

We ended term 2 with one of the busiest weeks I can recall with a Gr 3/4 camp to Phillip Island and a Gr 5/6 snow camp to Mount Buller. Going on the snow camp was personally one of the most rewarding weeks I have had in education. It was just amazing for our students to be able to experience a week in the snow. For some of our students it was the first time they had seen snow. The sound on the bus when the students saw snow for the first time heading up to Mount Buller was amazing! What surprised me was how quickly our students got the hang of skiing. On our first lesson on Tuesday, the majority of our students were just putting on skis for the first time. Yet by Thursday, every student was going on the ski lifts and taking on the difficult slopes. There may have been a few falls and spills along the way but all the students shook it off and were just even more determined to succeed.

A big thank you to the teachers who gave up their time to make both camps possible—you all did a wonderful job. Also thanks to Toora, Welshpool and Tarwin Lower Primary Schools. It was great to experience the camp with these 3 fantastic schools and it shows once again how well our schools work together for the betterment of students across South Gippsland.

A big welcome back to Ms Ellis and Mr Farrell who have returned from leave. I know the students were excited at assembly when I announced their return but not as excited as the staff yesterday as we all finally got to meet little Freddie who came to our school for a visit in the afternoon. Mr Farrell has lots of stories to tell about his time in Cambodia and Alice Springs and we look forward to hearing them over the coming term.

Just a reminder that this term Mrs Smith is away on leave and will be replaced by Mrs Murray and Mrs Banikos.

Mrs Hamlett is also away and will be replaced by Mr Mollison. Starting from next Thursday, Ms Shelley will also be having a couple of weeks leave and Mr Stampton and Mrs Gilliam will replace her.

Next Wednesday, 19th July we celebrate 100 days of Prep. Our Prep/1 class are all invited to dress up as 100 yr olds as part of the fun. A big welcome also to Lexi Mcleod who is at the school for the next two weeks completing her final teaching rounds. Lexi has come from Melbourne to experience a rural school and will be working in Ms Ellis' room. Lexi has fitted in really well and by coincidence, actually went to Primary School with Miss Ellingworth. They were both surprised to see each other on Monday!

Cheers,

Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

July:
19th—Prep 100 days of school Dress Up
August :
24th— PNF Movie
25th— Book week Dress Up
September :
8th—PJ Day

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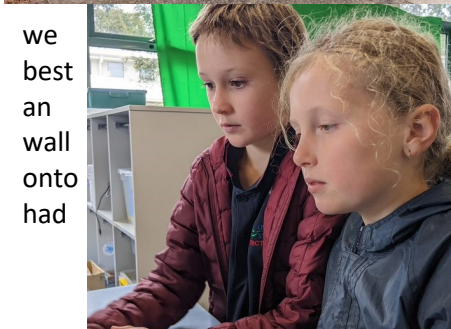
Camp Adventures

Before we got to the camp, we went to the Koala Conservation where we all got to go on these paths to look at the vast animals and their habitats. After that we went straight to camp. We weren't at camp for long because we all went to the Cowes Primary School where we did stem activities like using robots and iPads. We went back to camp to have lunch. We did the pinnacle, number hunt and archery. We had afternoon tea then about an hour to hang out with each other. Then we had dinner before we watched Wonder. After we had some cookies and went to sleep.

On Tuesday We had cereal before going onto our activities which were giant swing, flying fox and pedal karts. in my opinion (Lucas) the giant swing was the best apart from Clip'n 'Climb which was my favourite activity. After the activities we all went to the dining room/games room for lunch. Once we finished lunch, we had a bit of time in the cabins before departed for Clip'n 'Climb which was the activity in my opinion (Bodhi). We stayed hour and a half, my favourite climbing was the one where the only thing to hold were semi spheres. After Clip'n 'Climb we had afternoon tea and left for the penguin parade where we saw heaps of penguins and had a great time. On Wednesday we started by having our usual breakfast. After we had to pack up and clean our rooms. We did our last activity out of the pinnacle, number hunt and archery a little later. We had morning tea before we left to go to A Maze n' Things. We went through a huge maze. Lucas, Bodhi and Sunny got stuck in the huge maze. After an amazing time at A Maze n' Things we departed and came back to school.

Darcy, Lucas & Bodhi

We were extremely excited for Philip Island camp. These are the activities we did outside of camp; Clip n Climb, Penguin Parade, Amazing Things and Cowes Primary School for stem activities.



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These are the activates that we did inside camp; pedal carts, number hunt, archery, flying fox and giant swing. - **Margot**

When we went to A Maze N Things my favourite thing there was the gravity room, where the floor was going up. When you hopped on a chair you would go down, and then you would come back up without a magnet or conveyor-belt. -**Aiya**
 We went to bed at 9:30 every night. I dropped my hat in the water when we where watching the penguins. -**Holly**



I really appreciated the teachers for bringing us to Clip and Climb and having an excellent time at A'Maze'N'Things. (A'Maze'N'Things is a mirror maze, mini golf, optical illusions and the biggest maze in Victoria.) --> **Albert.S**



When I first saw the mountain, I was so nervous since I didn't know how to ski but I'm so glad I had a go because it was so much fun! – **Emma**

My advice for anyone going to the snow is do not throw compacted snowballs at anyone's face. – **Mya**

My favourite part was learning how to ski and making friends with kids from other schools – **AJ**

I was so excited when I saw snow. I wanted to get off the bus and eat it! – **Porter**

On the last day when we put the gear back onto the bus it was actually snowing. I could see lots of snow fall from the sky. – **Luke**

I would describe Mt Buller as a big mountain of snow with heaps of snowboarders and skiers. – **Addie**

My favourite part was tobogganing down a slope. It was really fun going fast down it and then crashing into the soft blocks. – **Ivy**

My favourite part of snow camp was getting to ski with all my friends down the magnificent ski hills. It's hard to describe how wonderful it was and we were so lucky to go!

When we were in the bus on the way up the hill we all squealed so loud when we saw the snow and had such big smiles. It looked so pretty and we all just wanted to get out and jump in it.

I would describe Mt Buller as a wonderful experience and sooo much fun. I found skiing hard at first but once you got to the 'Magic Carpet' and the big hills, it was so fun and took your mind off everything else. – **Billee**

My favourite part of camp was when:

- We got to glide down the hill. Our German ski instructor was really good at skiing, he had skied since he was 1-2 years old. I went down this big hill, then other members of our group went down, the third person who went down knocked us all down. **Ruby**

- The power went out and I was crying and said I want to go home – it was funny because I was just really tired but actually okay. A funny memory was an adult on a snowboard crashed into me and then the next day 2 more people crashed into me. When I was on the ski lift a kid had a pikachu helmet and it looked like pikachu was flat like a pancake. **Mackenzie**

- I went super sonic speed on my skis down the big hill and crashed but luckily I didn't break any bones. **Damo**

- My feet stopped hurting when we were skiing (they were hurting because of the boots). It was funny when the lights went out just as the light broke on the movie. **Lily**

Camp was extraordinary. My favourite bit about camp was when we got free time to go skiing. We had to go in groups and we would race down the hill and have so much fun! A funny memory was when we were going down a huge hill and suddenly my skis slipped off and I came rolling down the hill. I kept rolling over and over until I finally stopped and all my group went ahead. Up on the chair lift I could see Miss Jackie and Mr Banks ahead snowboarding and skiing. Everyone was waving and smiling. **Marlee**



Primary Welfare

The theme for NAIDOC week this year is 'For the Elders'

I knew a man at Uluru, he was born there and because of his position in the family it was always going to be his job to welcome people to his country. As a young boy he would follow his grandfather around as he learned the country and the expectations of the role which he would step into. He came from deep in the bush and as a teenager he became the first of his family to wear pants – his siblings used to tease him calling him 'pants wearer'.

By the time I met him he was an old man, he worked at the National Park welcoming people to country and telling the Mala story at the base of Uluru. Sometimes, he would not be able to do it because he had other obligations such as sorry business or men's business. For all the years he worked there, doing the job that he was born to do, on the country where he was a traditional custodian, which he was never going to leave – he was paid a casual wage and never had the job security that the university graduates from down south were privileged.

This old man had ancient knowledge of the land, he knew when to burn and where to find water, all his stories connecting to managing the country, language and leading his people. It hurts my heart that, on his own ancient land, this was not valued in the same way as a 4-year university degree.

I would like acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which I have lived, worked and grown my children. I pay my respects to the elder's past, present and the young people who we get to teach, the emerging elders.

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