



## NEWSLETTER

Term 4  
November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

### Exceptional Educational Experiences

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council Meeting @ 7pm	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov
Instrumental concert @ Cheshunt Hall	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Grade 6 graduation @ Myrree hall	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Statewide transition day	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Prep-2 campout at school	Thur 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
School Concert @ Cheshunt Hall	Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>Last day for students</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
Staff at school – Pupil Free (curric. Planning)	Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Staff meeting – 1:00pm finish	Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec

**Vacation Care Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017**

Staff return Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, Pupil Free Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

**Students return Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017**

#### Grade 1- 2 Camp

On Wednesday I had Snowy River Camp. When I was driving there I thought the camp would be big (but it wasn't.) Half way there I went to the Migrant centre. Some of the migrants had to share rooms with 2 families in one room.

When I got to the small camp I unpacked my sleeping stuff. Then I went to the flying fox. I went on it and it was fun. By Ollie



#### Snowy River Camp

At camp for the first time I was scared. The next day I felt good. The first thing we did was get our bedroom. The boys went in a room together. The girls were split up. Then we went on the flying fox and when we got back we played for a little bit, then it was dinner. Sausages. Then we had a campfire. The next day we went rock climbing and we went canoeing and when we got back we played for a bit. Then it was dinner. Spaghetti. We got our pj's on. Then we watched a movie the Ugly Duckling. When it was finished we all went to bed. By Casey

#### NOT VERY SNOWY RIVER CAMP (sound effect) DIN,DIN DEERN

At first when we arrived we had a look around and learnt all the rules... then it got better the first activity was the flying fox we put the harness on. It was hard to put the harness on then we lined up for the first go. I felt nervous but when I finished I felt better I went for 3rds. We went back and set up the beds, had dinner and went to bed ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ Morning, we got up dressed played a game of pool, had breakfast and had a play. Then we walked to the lake, it is 11 metres deep. We split up into 2 groups one was doing canoeing and the other was doing the rope course. After 30 minutes we swapped activities and then after another 30 minutes we went back for lunch. Had another play, had dinner and went to bed ZZZZZZZZZZ

Morning! We got up, got dressed, had breakfast and straight to the leadership course. After we finished we said goodbye and went. It was the best camp ever. By Emilio



#### Camp

On Camp I went on the Flying fox. I wasn't scared. The first night we had spaghetti, it was nice. Emily, Melita and Rachael were in my room. By Toria



On Wednesday I went to Tallangatta Snowy River Camp. I went on a flying fox it was fun. The next day I went canoeing, rock climbing and swimming. I saw two baby wombats their names were Pepe and Tim Tam. I fed Pepe and he spat milk on me. I met a deer his name was Bambi. By Amy



## 1-2 Snowy River Camp - Tallangatta

The flying fox was scary at the start but it got better when I had more goes. I didn't want to go on the rock climbing wall but I did. I felt good after the rock climbing wall. I liked the rope course I thought I couldn't do it but I did. I liked canoeing I thought I couldn't do it but I did. I turned the canoe and went through the posts. By Zoi



### Flying fox on Camp

The flying fox was the best part but it was scary at the start. It got better and better when it got faster. The second best part was the climbing wall. At the start it was really scary, but at the end the rocks got bigger and everyone cheered. By Declan

I went on the flying fox. The second time it wasn't as scary. After the flying fox we set up our bed and we had tea. There was a campfire. I had a room with Melita, Toria, and Rachel. The hardest thing was the leadership course because it was hard to get through the course. By Emily.



I went to Snowy River Camp, at first I was afraid but soon I calmed down. There was a flying fox, I felt as though I was actually flying.

In my cabin I had Normie, Casey and London. The hardest parts were the leadership course and the rope course. I didn't like the rope course. I really liked the prusicking. By Isabelle



## WHITFIELD CUP DAY

Cup Day My costume was a witch. We had balloon pop. My favourite costume is Darcy's.

Chickens. Some of the baby chickens hatched there was 11 then 4 more came now there is 15 chickens my favourite chicks are the ginger ones.

By Paige



### Grade 1-2 Camp

On the camp I liked canoeing. I went with Jane and Emma. The lake was deep. By Melita

At camp I was scared at first but when I got there I got better. I made a friend her name was Rachel. I looked at a big wombat and a little wombat. I went on the flying fox and I went on a rock climbing wall and I went canoeing. By Normie



### CHICKENS

We had 15 chicks at school. I held 4 chicks. They felt soft. They went cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep. The chicks are living in the old lizard cage. By Inanay

Today the chickens hatched. They are cute. Some died before they hatched. By Delilah



When I came to school last Monday the chickens were hatching and they made me so so so so so happy. I like the chickens. Today I got to hold one. By Lachlan

We have 15 chickens they are nero, grigio, marrone and bianca. By Mike



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Remembrance Day we all went down to the hall and we sang the national anthem. We went to the hall to remember the people who went to war. We ate food I had Doritos.

By Vera



## Great Aussie Bird Count

It was last month we saw 4 birds: cockatoos, magpie, rosella and parrots. I like the parrots.

By Reuben

## YEAR 3-6 MELBOURNE CAMP

On Melbourne camp we went on a lot of trains and we went on lots of City Loops as well while we were on camp. You will need a Myki card and don't be silly getting in or out of trains.

By Paul



## Ice Skating

We all had a really good crack at ice skating! We put on our skates and off we went with our instructor. We started off with holding onto the edge of the ice skating rink, then we learnt how to fall, stop and how to turn with your chest and keeping up right. The people who had roller bladed before got it pretty quickly. We then got to have a really good go by ourselves for about 1 hour and 15 minutes. No one really hurt themselves we were just all laughing at each other when someone fell. What I learnt about ice skating was that never hold onto someone because I always fell when I did that, (we all had ripper stacks and we all had a few bruises the next day). I think everyone enjoyed it even if they fell over lots.

By Summer



## Etihad Stadium Tour

The tour started by seeing the best seats in the stadium. The seats were made of leather and included a tablet. The seats cost up to \$8,000 per season, per seat! I then found out where the coaches box is. The box had the best view in the whole stadium. The coaches take better care of their box than the commentators. It was a mess! Ron (the tour guide) told us that there was barely any floor space in the box during a game. Then, the best bit, where so few go, the post-game conference room! This was my personal favourite. Ron told us that when a player (in AFL) was reported they'd have the trial in that very room. If, however the player was interstate based they'd do it by video com. And the TV they use is MASSIVE. The change rooms were the last thing. They are as you see them on T.V. That whole stadium is HUGE.

### Facts

- When Etihad bought TV's they bought, 1,600 TV's.
- Commentators turn their backs to the game at breaks so you can't see all the mess
- Not just AFL and soccer are held at Etihad. Motorbike races, concerts and weddings are held at the stadium as well.

By Tom



## Melbourne Star – Observation Wheel

There it was, looming above us, moving at less than a kilometre an hour, the 40 story building high, Melbourne Star. We split into two carriages a boys carriage and a girls carriage. Then there we were, slowly rising, inching further and further from the ground until cars started looking like play toys and people look like little moving specks. Being so high made us able to see lots of places including Etihad Stadium and the ice skating rink (places we had been to that day.) Then our journey finally came to an end as we hopped off the slightly moving carriages and continued on our way.

### Facts

The Melbourne Star is 40 stories high, it moves at under a kilometre an hour, it takes about 30 or 40 minutes to complete a full rotation, the Melbourne Star was taken down and rebuilt

again and it is now held together by 21,000 bolts! By Xander



### Art Gallery

At the art gallery we had to find our top 3 favourite things. It was hard to pick which three because there were so many beautiful things. In the end I picked a badge, a painting and a carved piece of wood.

In the art gallery there were different years. We went in to each year to find out how our art work has changed. Back in the olden days the paintings were a lot simpler to today's paintings. Walking around and looking at each painting made me feel so calm and relaxed. By Claire



### Melbourne Museum

At the Museum we saw so many interesting things. First we all stayed in a big group and went to look at Melbourne's history and people that named and claimed Melbourne. We also saw what people used to live in. After that we split into smaller groups with an adult. Our adult was Miss. B. we saw how the body worked and how the brain works. There was a machine so that you could see all of your veins. I was amazed at how many I had. We saw stuffed animals. There were so many of them. Some were really big and others were really small. My favourite animal was probably the peacock and the one that I really disliked was the snakes. There was a bit where it was a dome and you could pop your head up to see a little scene. As soon as your head was up there was a stuffed snake. At first I thought it was real then I realised it was fake. After that we went through a rainforest thing which was meant to be a dinosaur's home. Out of all the Melbourne Museum my favourite was Phar Lap. I forgot how big and strong he really is. I loved the Museum. By Charlotte R



### Dinner – Carlton Curry House

At the Carlton Curry House we ordered a few curries, rice and bread. My favourite was the butter chicken curry. We also had a watery yogurt to mix with the curries if we found them spicy. It was cool that some people went in thinking they wouldn't like it but ended up loving it. I personally thought the food was awesome! By Kalika



### Immigration Museum

We started by sitting at a table with a suitcase in the middle that had clothes and passports to tell us where the person came from, why they came, what their name is and how they immigrated to Australia. My group (Edan, Corrie, Paul, Judd, Miss B and I) had a Vietnamese woman who came when North Vietnam invaded South Vietnam. Once all the groups said who their person was we broke up into year groups. We got a passport each that had different questions for different rooms. My favourite part would be the boots made out of snake skin and they had a snake head at the toes. There were heaps of names outside with water on it, I found three Fitzgerald people and Amilie found (Marry Ann Griffin). And her favourite part was getting the booklet passport thing and filling it in. By Angus and Amilie





## MELBOURNE CAMP - continued

### Science Works

At Science Works we started with a presentation about expanding and contracting objects. There was a rubber duck the person put it in liquid nitrogen it contracted and went hard. She tapped it with a stick and it exploded. There was also a steel ball on a chain. The chain was connected to a handle. On the end of the handle was a big ring. You could fit the ball through the ring but when you put the ring in the liquid nitrogen it contracted and the ball would not fit through.

By Wirra



### Dinner - Vietnamese

At Vietnamese dinner we had lots of foods to order. You should order foods you have never tasted before because you might like it or not like it. If you like it you might try making it or go there again for meals. There was not a dish I did not like, but my favourite was the fried rice. Trying new stuff always helps so you can eat the stuff that's in it at home for meals. I learned to eat things I have never tasted before, it was good because you can start eating other stuff at home to be healthy. Tip: Always try new stuff if you don't try new stuff you don't know if you like it or not. So try new foods. By Corrie



### State Library

Everyone was excited to go to the State Library but I was super excited I just couldn't wait to walk into the library and see how big it was because I hadn't been there for 4 or 5 years. First of all we met up with a girl Tess and she told us about how big and old the State Library was, she said it was 160 years old and

someone asked when it was finished being built and she said she had no idea because it was still being built! So we went into the building and I was amazed at how much it had changed. So first we went into a big room which was an art room because originally it was a library, art gallery and a museum. Then they moved and the library stayed there and the people that worked for the art gallery said it is probably best if you keep these paintings. The first painting was of what Melbourne looked like 16 years ago and it looked pretty much the exact same but some things weren't there yet that are here now. Then she took us over to a painting of when the aboriginals were still there and setting up tents and it was very bush like still. Then she said she would show us a painting of 70 years later and we all had a guess of what it would look like and I said "Maybe a few more buildings and more Europeans" and then she took us over to the painting and we all gasped and I was just like "woooooooooooooow" It was pretty much a city and there were like no more indigenous people left.



Then she took us to another room that was part of the art gallery and showed us a picture of an aboriginal man named William Barak and he said that he was going to fight back against the Europeans and try get back their country back. Then she took us into the La Trobe reading room which I didn't go in last time but it was so amazing and big with soooooooo many books I don't even remember how many. Then she took us up into an awesome place with some aboriginal art and artefacts but what I found most interesting was seeing Ned Kelly's armour and they only had one of his boots because the other one was somewhere else not on display. Something really interesting I found was that the person who sentenced Ned Kelly to hang was the man who founded the State Library!!!

At the very end we all got our own book mark and got our bags and were off to go to the next activity.

By Charlotte P



## Trams

Point of view at different times of day and places

Rushing	Relaxing
Pushing your way through the masses of people to be able to fit everyone on the tram was hard to do. Just to be able to hold on to a bar was a privilege, that's what it felt like to me at peak hour. At the end of the day it was bliss to be able to sit.	When you just stopped and looked around there were so many different types of people to see like tourists, business people coming to and from work, grandparents and their grandchildren going out for the day and school kids just like us, it is quite amazing to see all the different types of people on the tram. Seeing the city on the city loop was pretty cool.

By Viveka



## ACMI – (Australian Centre for Moving Image)

ACMI was 'amaze balls' it was so cool you got to try the new play station & the new Xbox. There was a game where you put on Virtual Reality goggles, then it looked like you were in the game. I was in line ready to have a go but then we had to go. But there was a down side to ACMI, I thought you would be taught to make movies and games but you just played games not make them so that was a downer but it was still awesome. You should go there some time in your life you would enjoy it a lot if you liked computer games. By Lachlan

## Aquarium

At the aquarium it was amazing. There was a talk about sharks. He told us that ants are more dangerous than sharks because there are only three dangerous sharks in the world. Three of the sharks what are dangerous are Great White, Bull shark and Tiger shark. We got to go under a glass tunnel it was fantastic. After that we got to watch a 4D movie. A 4D movie is where it pops up in your face and you can feel it. We got to see penguins they were being fed. By Judd



## Dinner - Chinatown

The last dinner for Melbourne camp was Chinese in China Town (obviously). We checked a few restaurants and we eventually came to one, it was called: Shanghai Village. The food was great! There was a boys table and a girls table we were all on the top floor. We all had to decide on what to have and shared the food that we ordered. (Well, that's what the boys did) in the end there was no food on the boys table. It was probably the second best meal on the camp (Vietnamese was the best). By Edan



## Queen Victoria Market

At the Vic Market I saw about twenty or more stalls there was a carved glass one where there were glass fish and glass birds (I got one of those) they were amazing. At another stall I saw it had things where you could make your own necklaces and name tags for dog collars. Angus got a necklace with his name on it (it was a bullet) and Mr V.B. got a dog tag for Nellie (the VB's dog). Another stall had random toys (I got a ball that had elastic attached to it and when you throw it, it would come back.) By Seamus

## HOME READING

**Congratulations 75 nights home reading!** Lachlan W.

**125 nights** Melita

**150 nights** Zoi

**175 nights** Toria, Isabelle

**200 nights** Paige, Cheniqua

**225 nights** Cope, Wirra, Summer, Xander

**250 nights** Tom, Viveka

## 'THUMBS UP' AWARD

The Principal's 'Thumbs Up' Award recipients:

**Emilio:** For his positive, helpful attitude and his ability to be funny, fair & inclusive.

**Charlotte P:** For her maturity, responsibility and enjoyment on camp.

**Xander:** For his enthusiasm, questions and involvement in all aspects of camp.

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