Principal’s Report

Well, very pleasant week weather wise, and the school has continued to be a buzz with activity.

All reports from the Year 2 Camp to Port Fairy last week focused on it being a fantastic experience for both the children parents and staff. The night and days were action packed with great activities for the children which included the mutton bird walk, rock pooling and sandcastle competitions. It was a brilliant camp with fantastic facilities and access to some great environmental attractions. A highlight of the camp this year was the kite making and flying, which the children loved.

It was two very tired busloads of Grade 3 and 4 children returning to school on Friday afternoon after three very busy days at Sovereign Hill. The schedule was focused on getting maximum value from our stay and allowed for a solid mix of fun and education. The children were very well behaved during our camp, with many positive remarks about their manners and level of interest from Sovereign Hill staff and members of the public. Some of the trip highlights were staying up late to see the sound and light show “Blood on the Southern Cross”, walking down the main street of Sovereign Hill each evening to dine at the New York Bakery, going underground on two different mine tours, learning about clothes and schools in the 1850s at the Education Office, watching $160,000 of gold being poured, and marching with the troopers to see the musket firing each day. I heard that many children managed to find “some colour” in the creek, knock down a few skittles in the bowling alley and greatly enjoyed their shopping expedition on the final day (never has so much thought gone into balancing the budget as in the confectionary shop that morning).

Very special thanks to all staff and parents who attended the camps working so tirelessly to make the experience for all children so successful. It is a demanding task taking a large group of children away and maintaining 24 hour supervision but to see the value of the experience for all the campers makes it all worthwhile.

Last Friday our Kanga 8 sides had a very successful, enjoyable day which resulted in the boy’s team moving through to the district finals which were held on Tuesday at Pedrina Park. The boys put in a great effort winning two out of their three matches despite the ‘stiff’ competition. Special thanks to Jacqui Robinson a former student at Gray St who did a skillful job coaching the girl’s side on Friday and to Paul Barnes who did an outstanding job coaching the boys on both days. Thank you to Miss Quinn for organising this opportunity for the students and to the parents who supported the teams through the competition.

Yesterday, all students had the valuable experience of attending the special performance by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra at the Performing Arts Centre. From all accounts it was a captivating performance enjoyed by all.

Finally, this week many families would have received a computer generated list of absences for your child/ren.

This was not meant to create any stress as it is a requirement of the Department of Education and Training that ‘Parents/guardians provide an explanation for their child’s absence from school, and a principal must record in writing the reason (if any) given by the parent/guardian.’ This is done by Leesa in the Office. Thank you to the parent’s who have returned their form/s. If you have any questions or need some assistance please do not hesitate to give the Office a call.

Enjoy your week ahead.
Helen
Hall’s Gap Trip

We wrote letters to the zoo to thank them for our wonderful day.

Dear Alisha,
Thank-you for showing us all the awesome animals! I liked the bit when we got to pat the wombat and feed the deer and put the olive python around my neck.
I also liked it when Miss Potter tackled the deer and Matt did too.
Thanks
Kyle Rhook

Grade 3 & 4 Soverign Hill Camp

Grades 3 and 4 went to camp. It was the best camp. I liked gold panning, the mine tours and the Blood on the Southern Cross. I loved camp. Thanks to all the adults that took part. Thanks.
By Carter 4B

The best part of camp was in the Old Gold Mine. Thank you to the teachers for organising the camp and thanks to the parents for helping.
By Ted 4B

My favourite bit was the lollies.
By Will 4B

My favourite bit was when I got to go gold panning and when we went to the theatre. We went into a mine and we got to see a lolly demonstration.
By Angelique 4B

On Wednesday the 13th, Grade 3 and 4 went to camp at Sovereign Hill. It was very fun. I think everything was fun but eating lollies, the gold mine tour, gold panning and hanging with my friends was the best.
Emily 4B

Camp was fun because we got to go underground in mines and look at all the gold. We went into the school and saw some of our group people dress up. My favourite thing about camp was bowling you only had 9 pins and it was very hard to get a strike, it was also FREE. I also enjoyed going in the gold mines you went down in a train in the dark and walked for ages. It was very scary.
By Will Povey 3A
Prep Swimming

We have fun at swimming. My teacher taught me how to put my head under the water. I can open my eyes under the water. I can see the bottom of the pool. By Molly Mecham Prep A

It is fun, at swimming. I know how to put my head under water. We use our kick boards in the pool; and I jump into the pool. By Kobe Krause Prep A

Letters from Grade 2 about the Port Fairy Trip

To Dad, I loved having you at camp. I hope you had a great day. I liked the dinner you help make. Dad and I looked at the photos of me and you from Lach. My favourite thing was the crabbing because you helped me find crabs. They are my favourite sea creature we found millions under rocks. From Lachlan Barber 2A

Dear Mrs Jervies, Thanks for running the showers it was really warm and then went cold! The spaghetti bolognese was really yummy you are the best. Thankyou the most for helping us. My favourite part was the crabbing race. It was really fun. I was searching everywhere then I picked up a big rock and I found thousands. From Makenzie 2A

Dear Mr Biggin, Thankyou for helping me with my kite. I appreciated it. Thankyou for helping me and Justin find crabs. It was good how you showed us to go near to the water where the rock pools joined up. Then how to flip over a rock and dig your hand into scoop out a crab. Justin called it ‘turtleman’. Telling me when to go to the shower. Thank you for pouring the drinks. From Bailey J 2A

Dear Mrs Shelden and Jane, Thank you for coming on school camp. Thankyou for helping me dry my underwear when I accidently dropped them into a small puddle of water. My favourite thing was the boat ride. It was ‘wave-astic’ and I also thank you for making me feel comfortable on it too. Thank you Jane for taking us on the boat ride. It felt like a wave was going to get inside. From Ella 2A
Hooptime

On Tuesday seven grade six boys went to HILAC to play in the next level of Hooptime. We played four games. We drew out first game against Terang. Our next game we played Woolsthorpe and we won 18-1. We then played Portland and lost. The team was Jake, Luke, Louis, Jacob, Sean, Harry and Oliver. A huge thank you to Mrs McGinley and Mrs Murray for organising Hooptime and to Mrs Freeman for coming on the day. Thank you to Sharon Donehue for coaching and Tracey Barnes for scoring.

Jake Donehue

T20 (Kanga 8s)

It has been a big few days of cricket at Gray Street. On Friday the 15th two teams went to Pedrina Park to compete in the T20 blast competition. Both teams had a great day winning all their round robin matches. The girls lost in a close final while the boys won and made it to the next level.

The next level was held at Pedrina Park on Tuesday 19th. The boys won their first two games and lost the third to Colac who ended up winning the day and going onto the next level in Melbourne in December. The students were fantastic and are to be congratulated on their skills and their sportsmanship.

A huge thank you to Paul Barnes for coaching and scoring for the boy’s team on both days. Also to Jacqui Robinson for helping out with the girl’s team.

Reminders

The following notices have been handed out recently and are due back:

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Canteen - Specials for Term 4

**Monday:**
- Chicken Burger (the lot) $3.50
- Bread Roll, chicken burger, lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot and special sauce.
- Chicken Burger – Plain $3.00
- Bread Roll, chicken burger, lettuce & special sauce

**Wednesday:**
- Chicken Twister $3.00
- Crumbed chicken, salad and special sauce, served in a wrap

Available Monday, Wednesday & Friday

- Salad Boxes $3.00 –
  - Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cheese & dressing
- Egg Salad (as above) with hardboiled egg - $3.50
- Ham Salad (as above) with sliced ham - $3.50
- Chicken Salad (as above) with diced chicken - $4.00
- Fruit Salad (diced fresh fruit) $3.00

Lost

Lost Rugby Jumper, if found please return to the office - Emily Hong