



Donburn Primary School

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Issue 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy term and we are grateful that the students in Year 3 & 4 attended the camp to Arrabri Lodge and the Year 5 & 6 students camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort. The students had a fantastic time and came home with lots of happy stories to share with their families.

A big thank you to all the staff and parents who attended. For Year 3 & 4: Marina Redmile, Matt Dickins, Kathleen Woolfe, Charlotte Caldarelli, Mark Whitehead, Samantha Johnstone, Jacob Wright, Sally Pittendrigh-Smith and Shandell Henry. And parents: Annie Lyttle (Logan), Kate Enticott (Kai), Liza DeBon (Alice), Justin Williams (Maddie), Howard Abbey (Rose), Hellieh Basirnia (Ava), Cassandra Meagher (Anastasia), Abagtha Sardar (Eli) and Thomas Lee (Joshua).

For the Year 5/6 camp: Caitlin Wightman, Julie-Anne Tseregounis, Sophie Hartman-Smith, Petra Berglund, Ashleigh Walker, Alison Tobler, Jacob Wright, Bec Barker and Grant Puglia. The following parents attended: Stephanie Peek (Melek), Simon Datson (Harlan), Andrea Dennis (Anthony), Rupal Anand (Ishanvi), Justin Williams (Jayden), Krinal Mori (Arjun) and Sowmya Elayalvar (Akhil).

As you can see it is a team effort and it requires a lot of people power to run a successful camp. All the adults are on duty 24/7 caring for the students and organising the activities. It is a big responsibility! I thank them all for the wonderful way they looked after our children!

learning for living

Congratulations to Jess, Jake & Tom Bullen on the safe arrival of Angus Kenneth on Monday 13 June at 9.43 am. Mum and baby are doing very well.



Thank you to the P & F for organising the Chomp & Chew for tomorrow. The students enjoy these fundraising days. If you are available to assist with the distribution of the lunches, the Mums will be in the canteen from 10.00 am tomorrow morning. It is an excellent way to meet parents. Many hands make light work!

The teachers have been working on reports which will be available on compass from 4.00 pm today. Please take the opportunity to read the reports and discuss them with your children. There will be parent teacher interviews Week 2 Term 3. This is a chance to discuss your children's progress with their class teachers. Bookings for the interviews will be via Compass early next term.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday! I look forward to seeing you in Term 3!

Kind regards,

Julie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June

Thursday 23 - Last day of Term - 3:30pm dismissal

Friday 24 - Pupil Free Day

July

Monday 11 - First day of Term 3

Monday 11 - Foundation/Year 2 Swimming (until July 21)

August

Monday 1 - Year 5/6 Swimming (until August 5)

Monday 8 - Pupil Free Day

Monday 22 - Foundation Zoo Excursion

Friday 26 - School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 31 - Graduation Photos

September

Friday 2 - Pupil Free Day

Monday 5 - Year 1 Swimming (until September 16)

Friday 16 - Last Day of Term



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If you have a concern at any time regarding any issue to do with the school please feel free to mention it to Julie Hoskin (Principal) or Jarod Ryan (Assistant Principal).

TERM DATES

Last day of Term 2	Thursday, 23 June
First day of Term 3	Monday, 11 July
Last day of Term 3	Friday, 16 September

FOUNDATION - FAIRYTALES INCURSION

On May 5, all the Foundation students were treated to an engaging Fairytales incursion. They were able to observe Fairytales come to life through role playing and putting on their performing skills. Students we selected to participated in different roles such as the Billy Goats Gruff and The Three Little Pigs. All the students were captivated and enjoyed having a good laugh with their peers.



Foundation E

‘The Gingerbread Man performance was very funny when the man was Rapunzel!!’ -Charlotte

‘I acted as the big goat in The Billy Goat’s Gruff. I was a little nervous but excited!’ -Isabelle

‘I liked the Big Bad Wolf when he burnt his bottom! Everyone was laughing.’ -Ayden



Foundation A

‘I really liked playing the pig!’ -Patrick M

‘It was really funny!’ -Callum

‘It was funny when the man fell on his bottom.’ - Alayna

Foundation M

‘The incursion was very funny, and I enjoyed playing the medium goat. I found it weird to speak in front people’. -Ruby

‘I liked that the man fell down on his bottom, it was very funny. I liked that he was pretending to be Prince Charming and then he was chasing the Gingerbread Man’ -Amani

‘I liked watching the Three Billy Goats because I love the troll in the story.’ -Henry



YEAR 1 - MINIBEASTS INCURSION

On the 1st of June, all the grade 1's experienced the Marvellous Minibeast incursion. It was a fun, hands on morning, where students got the opportunity to explore minibeasts up close. All the year 1s chose 1 sentence to describe their thoughts about the incursion. Please enjoy reading the sentences below.

Hazal – The best thing was making wristbands.

Caroline – My favourite thing was doing the craft because it was fun.

Aarav – I cannot believe I touched a beetle.

Sofia – I learnt that butterflies taste with their feet.

Eva – I learnt that butterflies drink sugar water.

Kip – I learnt that bright coloured bugs taste bad.

Raynen – The best thing was seeing a spider.

Neil – I learnt that butterflies have wings.

Charmaine – I cannot believe I got to see Elise dress up as a bug.

Elise – I learnt that a butchy boy can roll.

Alex – I cannot believe I saw a scorpion.



Aanvi – My favourite part was watching Elise dress up as a bug.

Janan – I learnt that bight butterflies taste bad.

Cynthea – I cannot believe butterflies are so beautiful!

Michael – My favourite part was feeding a butterfly.

Lachlan – My favourite part was using the magnifying glass.

By the students of 1P

YEAR 1 - MINI BEASTS INCURSION

I cannot believe that spiders could grow new legs if they lose them. William

I learnt that compound eyes can see backwards, forwards, left and right.

Harvey

The best thing was the butterfly tent. Everly

I cannot believe a proboscis of a butterfly. Aarya
dressed up as a butterfly. Aaram

The best thing was holding butterflies. Victoria

I learnt when spiders lose their legs they grow a new one. Lucas

My favourite part was being inside the tent and seeing the butterfly. Ethan

I cannot believe that I touched a stick insect.
Nathaniel

My favourite part was seeing a praying mantis. Chloe

The best thing was holding a butterfly. Ellie

I learnt that minibeasts have eyes all around. Ayla

I cannot believe I saw a scorpion in a resin. Kevin

I learnt that cicadas can fly when they lose their last exoskeleton. ZaydG

My favourite thing was magnifying a butterfly using a microscope. Aarya

My favourite part was making a minibeast using playdough. Ava

I learnt that butterflies use their legs to feel things. Yasin

My favourite things were catching millipedes, centipedes and worms. Ava

By the students of 1G



YEAR 1 - MINI BEASTS INCURSION

I liked seeing a cocoon and a scorpion. Agastya

I learnt that butterflies drink red cordial Elizabeth

I liked going into the butterfly tent. Simon

I enjoyed seeing incredible minibeasts. Tyler

I enjoyed going into the butterfly tent. Iris

I learnt that a butterfly doesn't taste food. Shanaya

My favourite thing was touching the butterfly's wing, it was soft. Louis

My favourite thing was seeing a dragonfly. Joseph

I enjoyed going into the butterfly tent. Arisa

My favourite thing was feeding the butterfly. Rosha

I enjoyed seeing a dragonfly. Ezekiel

The best thing was going into the butterfly tent and seeing a scorpion. Norah

I learnt that some bugs have camouflage and some bugs don't. Miranda

I enjoyed going into the butterfly tent. Anam

My favourite things were seeing insects using the magnifying glass. Aviram

By the students of 1WD



YEAR 3/4 CAMP - ARRABRI LODGE

On Wednesday, June 1 we went to camp at Arrabri Lodge in Warburton. We went to camp with the Year 3 and 4 students. We had 132 students, 19 adults and 10 activities. The activities I liked most were orienteering, the giant swing and the flying fox.

Of my favourite activities, the first one I did was orienteering. We needed to find 26 green badges all around Arrabri Lodge. I made a group with Michael and Max K. We found 24 badges. The teacher met us and told us where to find the two final badges. At last, we used the letters on each badge to make the words and sentence, 'Camping In Arrabri Lodge Is Fun'.

The second one was the giant swing. It was on the second day, the 2nd of June. We needed to pull the rope when the staff said, 'go'. We pulled the person on the giant swing up. When the staff called on us to let go of the rope, the swing would start. When it was my turn, the staff put the safety things on me. When the swing started, it seemed like I was falling down. It was fun. I wanted to try it again next time.

After the giant swing, we did the flying fox. It was a little bit the same as the giant swing. I needed to climb up the ladder. The staff put safety things on me and I went on the flying fox. It was fast! The sound of the wind was creepy, but it was still fun.

These were my favourite activities I did at Arrabri Lodge on camp.

By Ching S 4D



YEAR 3/4 CAMP - ARRABRI LODGE



On June 1st-June 3rd, me and all the year 3 and 4 students went on camp to Arrabri Lodge. It was really fun!

My first activity was the giant swing. On the giant swing we would harness ourselves and the people below us would pull us and we would go up and up and up. I didn't go to the top because I was last and if I did go to the top then I would be swinging for so long and I wanted to move on fast.

My second activity was the flying fox. On the flying fox we would put on a harness and a helmet, and we would get two turns on it. The flying fox is 80 metres long! The flying fox goes from the platform to a tree 80 metres away!

Another activity is orienteering. In orienteering the teacher would give us a sheet and we would have to find the letters/numbers on the sheet. We would go in groups of three, and my group was the first to find everything. In my group was Joanna and Renee.

I also did mini golf, in mini golf you would get a ball and a club and go out onto the course. There are 18 courses and I got to go on them at least three times!

Going to camp was fun, and I can't wait to go again next year!

Suhani D. 4W

YEAR 3/4 CAMP - ARRABRI LODGE

On Wednesday the first of June, the year 3 and 4's boarded a bus to camp Arrabri lodge in Warburton. We went there for three days and two nights. The girls in my cabin were Isabel, Joanna, Renee, Suhani, Isabella and me. We had lots of fun.

My favourite activities were Giant swing, basketball, Archery and the games room. On the Giant swing I went to the top. In basketball I kept scoring. In Archery I got blue . It was the best I got. In the games room my favourite games were the little football game, Air Hockey and the pool table. On the first night we had chicken schnitzel with potatoes and corn, carrots and peas. On the second night we had lasagne, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, cucumber and sauce. For dessert we had Ice Cream and brownies.

For lunch we had burgers. It was so good! On the second night we had a talent show and my friends and I joined. It was very fun but we only got a score of eight. On the last day we went to Lilydale lake park and we played games and ate lunch then went home!

By Eliza D 4F



YEAR 3/4 CAMP - ARRABRI LODGE NEWS

The Year 3 students had a wonderful time on their very first school camp. Here are a few of the many News Reports written by the students:

On Wednesday 1 June until Wednesday 3 June, students from Donburn Primary School went to camp at Arrabri Lodge. The Year 3 and 4 students had a blast!

The first group to go on the Giant Swing was the Koala group. A lovely young lady went up and up and up and when she released the rope she swung for miles!

On one of the nights, the students had a talent show. There were songs being sung, dancing, telling jokes, and magic tricks. They all said that it was an amazing show, with 3 girls winning in the end.

On the last day of camp, some of the students were happy to be going home but some were sad. They had loved their time away with their friends.

That's it for today's news, come back next week and read more stories on what students from Donburn P.S are up to next!

By Nane (3R)

On the 1st of June, the Year 3 and 4 students from Donburn Primary School, went on a one hour bus ride to Arrabri Lodge in Warburton. There were 136 students in total and they were going on a 3 day camp!



When they arrived, the students went to their cabins and unpacked their bags. Then they went on a tour of the campsite, where they saw all the amazing activities they would be doing for the next three days!

A boy from 3R thought that the Giant Swing looked scary but he was very excited to go on it. Overall his favourite activity was the Mini Golf with Miss Wolfe.

After dinner each night, the students moved onto the night activities and on one night, after the Talent Show, the students were all given a huge surprise! It was a snowman....right outside the room!! They all loved it!

Sadly the camp came to an end and after 3 days away, they all had to leave, but they all had a great time.

By Leven S (3R)

YEAR 3/4 CAMP - ARRABRI LODGE NEWS

On the first of June 2022 the Year 3s and 4s from Donburn Primary went to Camp Arrabri.

The platypus group started with the Giant Swing. They got harnessed up then went to the swing. Madison went first, she watched as the group below her started pulling the thick blue rope, then they let go. She went flying on the rope she was attached to, then one after, after another her friends went on the swings with delight.

They had so much fun on the swing and the other activities. 'It was amazing' said Madison from 3W. The groups had the times of their lives and would love to go again.

Madison (3W)



At the start of June, the Year 3s and 4s went to Camp Arrabri. Denise, from Year 3 said her favourite activities were the giant swing and sleeping in the cabin with her friends.

She also loved the damper making activity because it was nice and warm. Denise's damper was golden brown and it didn't burn. She also loved the rock climbing and she was able to reach the very top.

She was really excited about being in a cabin with her friends and she had a great time with them in orienteering, they only had one more tag to find before they ran out of time.

Elise (3W)

YEAR 3/4 CAMP - ARRABRI LODGE NEWS

On Wednesday, 1st of June, students from Donburn Primary school set off to Arrabri Lodge for three days. The weather was freezing and wet but the students were still having fun at camp especially Year 3 because it was their first ever camp. The first thing they did was look around the camp. The camp was huge, some of the students had trouble remembering where things were. One of the yummiest activities was cooking damper. Damper is bread Pioneers used to cook on a fire. They had toppings like strawberry jam and butter. First, they needed to use water and mix in the flour. Next the students collected sticks and wrapped their dough onto the stick. They held the damper over the fire to cook and while they did, the students all shared camp stories. - Angela 3J



On Wednesday morning, the brave Year 3 and Year 4 students of Donburn Primary set off on their camp adventure. The Donburn students' activities had begun! When the group was at the Flying Fox, almost everyone had a turn. The Flying Fox was so fun! It was like 10 meters up in the sky. Some people in the group screamed! Most of the Donburn students thought the Low Ropes Course was hard especially the Tarzan Swing. All the students really enjoyed the activity! - Ibrahim 3J



YEAR 3 - IMMIGRATION MUSEUM EXCURSION

On Monday 20 June 2022, Year 3 students went to the Immigration Museum as a part of their Geography Unit this term. Below are a few of the student's thoughts of the day:

I thought the Immigration Museum was fantastic because I saw a Chinese doll that belonged to a Chinese child when she came to Australia. - Jimmy (3R)

Today was amazing. I loved looking at all the objects from a long time ago that were in the Museum. - Hugo (3R)

Our excursion to the Immigration Museum was fun and very interesting because I got to see things from people who immigrated a long time ago. - Lara (3R)

I really liked visiting the Immigration Museum because it has many old and interesting things. One of the things I liked was the area that had the maps and video about people who escaped their countries and came to Australia for a better life. - Sara (3R)

It was interesting to find out about why some people had to leave their country and come to Australia. - Elisa (3J)

We got to walk around the museum and explore all the objects that people took with them when they went travelling. - Lenny (3J)

One thing I enjoyed about the museum was learning about everybody's stories. – Ashley (3J)



YEAR 3 - IMMIGRATION MUSEUM EXCURSION

I really enjoyed the short film about why people needed to leave their country. - Borna (3J)

We saw some really old things from people coming to Australia because of wars and other things. - Francis (3W)

It was fun and I liked seeing the ancient things from when immigrants came and I liked the videos that we got to watch about immigration. - Joshua (3W)

It was very interesting to learn about why people immigrated to Australia and to see the objects from when they did. - Ella (3W)

I liked the activities in the education centre where we learned about different pictures and objects and answered questions about them. - Elise (3W)

I was really happy and proud when I saw a picture at the Immigration Museum of my uncle and the lions that we use for lion dancing. Madison (3W)

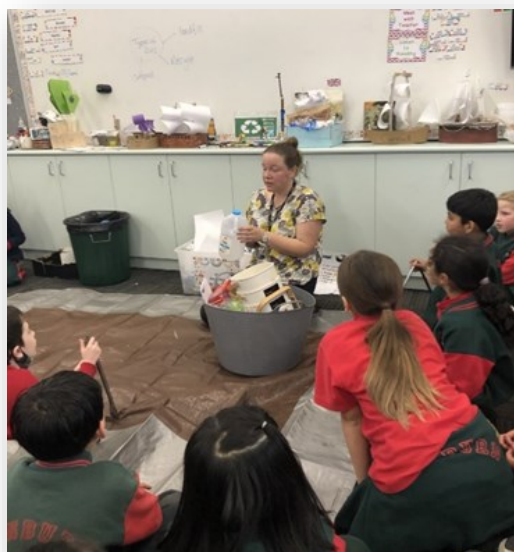


SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

Last Friday the Sustainability Leaders met with our resident Sustainability expert Kathryn Manago to learn about Waste and how we can recycle our rubbish at school more effectively. They looked at what sort of waste can be found in classroom bins and quickly discovered that we can improve the way we recycle soft plastics. The students and Kathryn decided that we could introduce a bag where everyone can place their soft plastics instead of in the rubbish bin. Our Sustainability Leaders will collect the bags from classrooms and Mrs Hookey has volunteered to take them to a soft plastics recycling centre every week! It was a very productive meeting!

Thank you to Kathryn for helping our Sustainability Leaders look after our environment!

By Katherine Salter



INDIGENOUS GARDEN

Indigenous Garden - planting day



Last week, our Year 4 students got green-fingered and grubby as they planted the school's Indigenous Garden with over 100 plant species native to Melbourne. The students have been learning about Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander history and culture so were thrilled to actually be planting some of the plants many local Aboriginal groups used for food, fibre, medicine and tools for thousands of years.

A very big thanks to EcoDynamics who kindly donated all the plants.



Also, a special thankyou to Kathryn Manago, Mr Terry-Whyte and 2TW who placed newspapers and mulch around our new planting. What a great team we made!

We can't wait to watch our new garden grow!

By Katherine Salter



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AGES

- Red 4-6yrs
- Orange 7-8 yrs
- Green 9-11 yrs
- Yellow 12-15 yrs
- Squad 12-17 yrs (performance)

LOCATION & SESSION TIMES

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