

Dear Parents,

This week at School Council we continued to talk about the school's potential one-on-one laptop program for students in Grades 4-6. There have been a few more developments in this and we would like to form a steering committee of parents who would be interested to assist. This committee would help by being a sounding board of ideas to represent the wider school community and assist in possibly implementing the program in early 2016. If you would be interested in forming part of that committee please contact me at school.

Also at School Council we discussed gathering expressions of interest for those families who would be interested in accessing after school care. Depending on the interest we will look into different options if there is sufficient interest. Late in the week we will send home a small flyer for those wishing to express an interest. Alternatively, you can email the school (email on the website) with your preferred days and times.

### **2016 Staffing**

Last week we released the school structure for 2016 and this week we are able to release our proposed staffing. Some teaching positions are still to be decided and we are in the middle of fulfilling department procedures. The following staffing profile is in place for 2016; Grade Prep/1- Mrs Ashleigh Phillips and a position to be decided, Grade 1/2- Mrs Catherine Allen, Grade 3 - Miss Ruth Bone, Grade 4/5 Mrs Paula Landy, Grade 5/6- position to be decided, Art/Music - Mrs Yvonne Game, PE - Mrs Kristine Travers. As you are aware Mrs Dinelli will taking family leave after February. For the first month she will be assisting the teacher in 5/6.

### **5/6 Camp**

Last week's 5/6 Melbourne camp was a wonderful experience. Although logistically challenging moving over 75 students through peak hour, we received lots of positive compliments on the students' manners and behaviours. They certainly represented the school and themselves well.

***Adam Downes - Principal***

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Thu	P&F Pizza Lunch Day
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue	Orientation Day
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed	Christmas Themed Dress Up Day
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thu	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tue	Whole School End of Year Excursion
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wed	End Of Year Concert
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Fri	Term 4 Ends – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

## **YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015**



P/1	Natalie Piechota	For being resilient and bouncing back!
1/2	Alika Perry	For settling well into school and being a friendly classmate.
2/3	Patrick Tulloch	For his willingness to share his ideas with the class.
4/5	Jesse Selwyn	For an excellent effort with his research assignment.



Get lost in a good book this summer at **Latrobe City Libraries**

**Latrobe City Libraries** invites children and families to discover underwater worlds, alternate universes and more, by participating in the Summer Reading Club this school holidays.

The Summer Reading Club is a free online and in-library holiday program, run in partnership with State Library of Queensland, the Australian Library and Information Association, and the Australian Public Library Alliance.

This year, the Summer Reading Club is all about discovery. Young readers can explore lost worlds, alternate universes and mythical creatures depicted across science fiction, historical fiction and fantasy fiction.

The fun continues online with plenty of activities to keep young readers inspired throughout the holidays, and great prizes up for grabs! Search for answers to Encyclopaedia Britannica's sponsored quiz, craft What Happens Next story endings to Paul Collins and Allison Tate's story starters, share your book raves and artwork, and lots more.

Readers can also meet 21 of Australia's favourite authors and illustrators online, and preview their newly released titles.

The Summer Reading Club is delivered nationally, giving participants the opportunity to connect with readers' right across the country. Last year over 41,000 Australian children registered for the Summer Reading Club and collectively read more than 267,000 books.

Children can join in the fun at all Latrobe City Libraries or online from 1 December 2015 to 31 January 2016 at [www.summerreadingclub.org.au](http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au)

**Highlights of the Summer Reading Club at Latrobe City Libraries include:**

- Hear Me Roar Story time
- Lets make it-Craft activities
- Cartooning workshops with Richard Galbraith
- Boredom buster games at all libraries

**For more information**

- Contact your local library at [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/library)
- Library @[latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:latrobe.vic.gov.au)
- 1300 367 700



## Christmas Themed Dress up day Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December we will be having a Christmas themed dress up day. We are encouraging all students to dress up in their finest Christmas gear, or at the very least in red and green. We ask that students bring along an item for the Christmas hamper/prizes. Donations will be collected from each classroom **on the day**.

Note: School uniform is to be worn by those students not wearing Christmas themed clothes and remember to follow these rules:

- ★ No singlet tops
- ★ Shoes must be enclosed style
- ★ School hats must be worn outside



We look forward to your continued support  
of this popular raffle!

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**5/6 Camp Report by Grade 4/5**

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Last Wednesday the 516s from Glengarry, Gormandale and our school went to the train station at 7:15 am. We got on there and there were people who were playing electronics, reading books, drawing and eating food. It took us around 2½ hours to get to Southern Cross station. Then we walked to CYC, the place for our accommodation.

As soon as we got there we sorted out our rooms and bags. Then we headed off to the Melbourne Museum. It was almost a 4km walk there. We were very hungry so we had some lunch and then we explored the museum. We got to look around room by room. The first thing we looked at was the dinosaur fossils then worked our way up until we got to see a 3D exhibition. We had to wear these weird 3D glasses and sat in a dome room. It was about volcanoes and under water creatures. Then a while later we had seen most of the animals and exhibitions including World War 1. There was a wall where we could put poems or a quote that we wrote on a piece of paper to say thanks to volunteers that went to war. Also there was a glass cabinet that showed us the differences between the skulls of apes, monkey, chimps and humans.

After we went to the Melbourne museum we went back to the CYC and got our stuff ready. We went down to the dining room and had dinner then headed off to MSAC to go swimming. At MSAC we went straight into the wave pool where the waves were like real waves at the beach. After that we went on the waterslide that was dark. After about 2



hours we went back to CYC and had a hot milo.

The next day we got ready for the big day ahead. We had breakfast then headed off to the nerve wracking Eureka Sky Deck. As we reached the 88<sup>th</sup> floor we ran out to look how high we were. Some peoples' legs felt like jelly but it was a stunning view looking from the top. Then we had to go down.



Next we went to the then got on a cruise Scienceworks. We and then we went the things that were were games, tests, boards, there were cool things for the for the children to that we went to the



and had a look at all the old machines. After ½ an hour of looking around we went to the planetarium. Here you can see all the star and planets in our solar system. It told us that if you are scared of the dark just remember that there are stars.

When we got back to the Eureka Sky Deck we were able to go on 'The Edge'. Some people did and others didn't. It was scary because as the box goes out it is foggy then there are cracking sound effects and then suddenly the glass goes clear. It was so nerve wracking and fun at the same time.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day we all set off for the Melbourne Market. It was a while until we got there but it was worth the wait. There were lots of good things that we were able to buy and look at like toys, food, cloths, and lots more. It was labelled but hard to find our way around.



Then after a big walk we arrived at the MCG and we were shown around on a tour. Then we were able to look around at the Sports Museum. There was a hologram of Shane Warne in his locker room and there were sport activities. So when this was done we had take-away for dinner. Some people chose McDonald's, Subway and a few more. By the time we got to the train station we were a little bit late (15 minutes) and

then took a fancy bus back home, because of delays.

***By Ebony, Anya, Reuben and Kiara***