

Ultima Primary School

Fortnightly Journal of Learning : Anywhere and Anytime.

August 1st 2014

Dear Parents,

Since the last publication of our school newsletter, staff and students have been busy in the classroom. I would like to apologise for the long break between newsletters but the 'winter flu germs' caught up with me and I needed to stay home and not share them with anyone for a few days! In my absence Mrs Shirley, Miss Oliver and Mrs Spry have looked after the students and the school very well and I thank them for their hard work and support.

Parent Teacher Interviews: These were conducted this past week with 100% attendance. It is really wonderful to know that our school values of working together and focussing on education are shared by all. Your attendance was greatly appreciated.

Extravaganza: Mr O'Toole and the children have been busy preparing for this exciting event that is happening next Tuesday. Please remember that Tuesday 5th August is a FULL dress rehearsal so the children will need all of their black clothing. We are getting VERY excited!

Special Assembly: The recent assembly was a great success. The children enjoy sharing their work so much with their community. Many thanks to all who attended and helped to make it such a great afternoon. Also a big thank you to all of the wonderful plates of afternoon tea. The wood raffle that was drawn on the day raised \$532 which was an awesome effort indeed. The winner was Mr Jason Olney. Many thanks to Bekk Cullen who organised the donation of the wood.

Staffing: During the recent holidays Mr O'Toole took up a full time position as Swan Hill College, although he has been with us for the last two Fridays to prepare the children for Extravaganza. The whole school community has benefited greatly from Mr O'Toole's contributions in the area of Drama. We all wish him well in the future!. From the 8th August onwards Miss Oliver will be teaching with me on Fridays for the remainder of the year.

In the classroom: The children are focussing on 'Dinosaurs' this term which has seen them involved in lots of research, reading and exploring. They are all very engaged with this topic. In P.E. the focus is the Athletics Day which is to be held in September. In maths the focus has been positive and negative numbers, place value and times tables.

Susan Harley

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Grounds Duty

August

Galea family

School Council

August 19th.

2014 Calendar

Term 3: 14th July—19th
September

Term 4: 6th October –
19th December

Important Dates:

August 5th Extravaganza

August 7th NEXUS Arts

**August 8th Bendigo Writer's
Festival**

**August 13th Charlie & The
Chocolate Factory**

'Student Writing.'

GALACTIC CIRCUS

After a long walk past South Bank we finally got to the Galactic Circus we had to walk nearly four kilometres to get there, I was so sweaty when we got in!! We had a great time when we got into the Galactic Circus I got 100 tickets and I could get a paper plane with all my tickets.

Caleb Cullen

Melbourne Zoo

The Melbourne Zoo is full of animals, lots and lots of animals.

The animal that I liked best was the meerkat, they were not as big as I thought.

We saw a tiger and it was right in front of us.

We went to the gift shop and I bought a snake snap band.

We had so much fun in Melbourne.

Charlotte Innes

Melbourne Camp

Day 1

At eight O'clock we left the school to head to Melbourne for camp. Our first stop was Culgoa to pick up Mrs Shirley. Our second stop was Charlton for the toilet and fruit.

It took four hours to get to Melbourne and was a boring drive. Our first activity was Living Legends, where we saw all the old famous racehorses.

Our second activity was where we were staying: 'Urban Camp'. We unpacked our bags and had a bit of a rest. At 5:30pm we had tea which was roast chicken, roast potatoes and pumpkin and beans. For dessert it was chocolate mousse.

At 7:30pm we went to the Melbourne Aquatic Centre to swim in the Wave Pool. At 9:00pm we got back to our camp, had supper and went to bed.

Day 2

We woke up at 11:00pm that night because a fire alarm went off. It was very loud and scary. In the morning we were a bit sleepy. But lucky it was only a false alarm.

Our first activity for day 2 was the Lost Dogs and Cats Home. It was very sad but very interesting. After the lost animals home we went to the Seeing Eye Dogs. Our Tour Guide at the Seeing Eye Dogs was blind. Seeing Eye Dogs is a place where they train dogs to guide the blind people. We then went back to camp for lunch.

After my delicious egg and lettuce sandwich we were off to the Museum. At the Museum we saw Phar Lap which was very exciting. After the Museum we felt hungry so off to the Pizza Shop we go. The Pizza Shop we went to was called 'Universal Pizza'. I ate some pasta and pizza. Our fourth activity was our last activity for day 2 which was the Galactic Circus. At the Galactic Circus there were lots of Video Games. There were some games that you play and you got tickets so you could buy a toy. At 10:00pm we got

back to camp, had supper and went to bed.

Day 3

That morning we had a shower then breakfast. Our first activity and our only activity was "The Zoo". I loved the Zoo; my favourite animals were the Meerkats and Lemurs. I touched a lemur!

We also bought toys and souvenirs. We were at the Zoo from 9:00am to 12:30pm and then went home. We got back to Ultima around 4:30pm.

I had a great camp!

By Charly Delmenico.

Urban Camp

At Urban Camp we had four rooms. Caleb, Patrick, Nick and I slept in one room. Charly and Charlotte slept in another room. The teachers were in the other rooms. All the rooms had bunk beds. Jordan Galea

Melbourne Zoo

On the third day of our camp we went to the Melbourne Zoo. We got to see lots and lots of animals. My favourite animal was the zebra. After we had seen all the animals we went to the gift shop. I got a zebra teddy. Then it was time to head back home to Ultima. Jordan Galea

Melbourne Aquatic Centre

On the first night of camp, my school and I went for a drive that felt like forever to the Melbourne Aquatic Centre. When we arrived we were all excited as we walked to the entrance. We saw a bat fly over our heads as we walked inside.

We got changed and hopped

into the water. It squirted up at us. Caleb and I hopped in the part of the water that squirted up. There was a water slide but it was broken so we didn't go on it. I found a good spot when the waves came on every half-hour. After two hours we went back to camp. I loved the waves, we even talked about the waves on the way back home. **Nick Webb**

LIVING LEGENDS

My school went to Melbourne for a camp and the first thing we did was to go to the Living Legends. We had our lunch at the Living Legends and then we had to meet our guides at a little house. They were teenagers and they were waiting to show us around. The girls showed us every horse that they had on the farm. All the horses were in different paddocks. They ate a lot of grass and some of them did not want to come over to us at the fence and some did want to see us. I think that everyone had fun at the Living Legends because I had a lot of fun.

Nick Webb

Lost Dogs Home

On the second day of camp we went to the Lost Dogs Home. We met Stella and Tracey. Stella was really well trained and we saw all of the lost dogs and cats. I had a lot of fun. Patrick Galea

Melbourne Zoo

We drove our bus to the zoo. We saw the Meerkats and the Baboons and lots of other animals. It was great fun. Patrick Galea.

