Prep & Yr 1/2 Melbourne Aquarium Excursion!

...VERY fishy!!!
Remembrance Day

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.


It wasn’t until 1997, that Governor-General Sir William Deane, declared the 11 November to be Remembrance Day, where he encouraged Australian’s to observe a minute’s silence at 11am to remember those who have died or served in all wars or armed conflicts. Our primary classes spent some time in their library sessions this week, learning about how this event came to be. This is an important event in our calendar. We remember this event not to glorify war but remind us of the horrors of it, sometimes the necessity of it; sometimes a lack of understanding of why it had to happen.

I look forward, with hope, to the day when “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Revelation 21:4, 5a

Preparing for 2015

Mrs Holland, our Prep teacher, has recently been conducting kinder visits as she seeks to get to know our new preps for 2015. Two weeks ago we had our Experience Year 7 Day allowing our current Year 6 students, and new students that we will be welcoming to our school community, the opportunity to ‘have a go’ at Year 7. On December 1st we will be conducting a whole school orientation where each of the year levels will try out their ‘new’ year level for the afternoon. These are wonderful opportunities for our students to meet their new class teacher and students new to our community. More information will be coming out about this in the next few weeks.

Also, as we prepare for 2015, you will notice some small changes to the Calendar for 2015, particularly, in regard to the start of the year. One of these changes is in regard to our first day, which we would like to invite all our families to! Stay tuned as we send out more information in the coming weeks.

Forms and Letters sent home this week:
- Yr 8 Asylum Seeker Excursion
- Yr 9-10 Indonesian Excursion
- Yr 9-10 Music Excursion
- VCE Textbook Collection
- Prep Parent Afternoon Tea

REMININDERS
- School Banking & Tuckshop
As a school community, we are partnering with Open Door Church and the Monbulk Care Network to help provide for those in need this Christmas. Each student is encouraged to bring in a minimum of one food item that could be included in a Christmas ‘Hamper’. Some suggestions include:

- Packaged ‘Christmassy’ treats such as Puddings, Fruit Mince Pies, Canned Ham, Chocolates, Biscuits
- Other basic ‘non-perishable’ food items
- Children’s Toys

Each classroom will have a box in which items will be placed, and we hope to present them to a representative from Open Door Church and/or the Monbulk Care Network, at our final assembly on Tuesday, 16th December.

So let’s aim to have those boxes overflowing……and be a blessing to those in our wider community.

For more information, please contact the MDCS Office.

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Volunteers

Thank you Afternoon Tea

Thursday, 20th November
3.30pm

Come and be part of the fun as MDCS Staff say THANKS for all your support!!

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NOVEMBER
12th - Yr 3-6 Interschool Athletics carnival
14th - Yr 2 Sleepover
17th - VCE Unit 3 2015 Begins
   - Primary Assembly (Yr 5/6HB)

19th - Prep 2015 Orientation #1
20th - Volunteers Afternoon Tea
21st - VCAA Exams end
21st—23rd Yr 8 Snowy River Camp
24th - Secondary Assembly (Yr 7)
CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!!

On the weekend of Fri. 13th February - Sun. 15th February 2015 $60 Full Fee*

We have discovered that if you try to build up kids in this amazing area of their lives, they are so glad when adults try they almost do it all for them! This Level 1 camp starts kids off on this exciting adventure, and they usually don’t want to stop!

We already have quite a few kids booked in. You can ring for a prebooking, which will hold a space for 21 days, giving enough time to formally confirm the booking.

See www.kidsofgold.org.au for further info, pictures, slideshow etc.

WHAT IS IT? - A camp designed especially to build confidence and self-esteem for Primary Kids in Grades 4-6 ( & 9yr olds only in Gde 3). Students going into Year 7 in 2015 are still eligible, as well as Grade 3s going into Grade 4 in 2015.

There are 4 Levels that kids can ultimately do if they continue to come! Overcoming issues like shyness, bullying and inability to make friends are some of the areas that parents have seen their kids ‘winning through’ on through this camp. Fun games, low ropes and initiative activities, wall climbing, dramas etc are all in the program.

WHERE IS IT? - In the Yarra Valley at the safe and attractive setting of the Lyrebird Park Camp, 510 Beenak Rd Yellingbo It is found in Melways Map 308 K10, and is marked as 1km further along Beenak Road..

COST? $60 per child. There are full sponsorship available to some on application ( $60 is only 43% of the full price), and will be met through subsidies received through fundraising efforts and Kids of Gold sponsors. Bendigo Bank, Bunnings and the Shire of Yarra Ranges support our cause as much as they are able.

CONTACT - Enquiries/pre-booking to ‘Kids of Gold’ on 0418 170 027 ( Jenny) or 9737. 9475 (Gary) or 0415 427 396 (Gary).

KIDS OF GOLD, 323 MONBULK RD SILVAN VIC 3795

Table Tennis
Anyone? Get off the Couch!

" Hit'n Giggle "

Every Friday 7.30pm - 9pm at ‘the Hub’ lower level, Monbulk Living and Learning Centre. Newly formed Not for Profit Club. $5 members, $5 visitors. $40 annual fee. All ages. Join anytime. Just show up or call Jenie 9752 1213 or mail@jeniestrohnaturopath.com

Sponsored by Shire Yarra Ranges and Integrity Health
Year 7
On Thursday 30th October the Year 7 students competed in their Inter-school Basketball Day. The boys and girls played well, both learning the importance of encouragement and enthusiasm when competing in a team. After a number of close wins and narrow loses the girls came in 4th place and the boys in 5th. All in all, it was excellent to see everyone giving their best! Well done Year 7s!

Year 8
The Year 8 Basketball day was our most successful sporting day for the year. Our girls played many competitive games with not much in each game. We managed to get through to the Grand Final where we drew, but was later beaten in extra time. The girls were absolutely pooped and obviously disappointed they could not quite get over the line. They all did really well though and big efforts from girls who play little basketball were important to the team’s success. The boys took home the flag. We were missing one of our team through injury on the day, which meant the task was somewhat more difficult, but to the boys credit they played with poise and executed their offense really well. A big thanks to Jack Grech for coaching these boys and helping them reach their potential. An impressive outing.

Year 9
After a number of weeks training and playing together a team was chosen to represent the school at the Year 9 Basketball Rally day. Our girls team came into the competition with one less player than what would have been ideal. Despite this, they gave their all, pushing through exhaustion to give the other teams a real challenge. Juzzlyn Perry-Dubbeld was inspirational under the ring while the hard running of all girls, but in particular Shania Turner was worth mentioning. A big thanks to Sonia for your help in coaching the girls on the day. The boys team was exceptional. For what we lacked in height, we made up for in a good mix of speed, athleticism and skill. Our boys made the Grand Final, competing against the other stand out team on the day. It was a tight tussle with us going down in the last few minutes. Will Fountain and Jack Grech were pleasing to the eye, but solid contributions from all the other boys had them finish with a runners up. Well done guys on a great effort.
Interschool Athletics

After a successful House Athletics in Term 1, last week we took our gifted athletics team to compete at the Yr 7-11 Interschool Athletics Day. After a rousing inspirational speech by Jason Beer, our athletes gave everything they had to produce their best effort. For this we were truly proud. A few performances should be noted. Lucy Ventham, Shae Jones and Marlee Wandin all ended with multiple first places. Equally impressive were students filling in for other students where required, demonstrating a real understanding of our team philosophy.
Shalyn:
On Thursday we went to the Melbourne Aquarium and my dad drove the bus. First we had recess, then we got in groups. After that we went in the Aquarium with our groups. We saw a big crocodile. It was scary. Next we looked at the shark tank. They had very big fish. We had lunch and I had a pizza roll it was yummy. I think the Aquarium is interesting.

Serena
Yesterday we went to the Aquarium. I liked the big crocodile because it was fat. I liked the part when I held the star fish.

Amalie:
On Thursday we went to the Aquarium. First we had recess then we went to see the fishes. After that we went to see the big crocodile, it was 5 ½ meters!! Finally we walked back to the bus and came home.
Meg

Yesterday we went to the Aquarium. I liked the shark-ray because it was half shark and the other half was a stingray. I also liked the big stingray. I also liked a shark that’s name was Mitchell.

Brendan:

On Thursday we went to the Melbourne Aquarium. First we had recess. Then we went into the Aquarium. After that we saw some fish and stingrays. We also saw the penguins, which are my favourite animal. Next we had lunch. Finally we went back to school. I learnt that not all crocodiles are small.

Jacob K Year 2

The first thing I did, was look at sting-rays and puffer fish, the puffer fish was funny. I saw some Sea Horses, and then we all loved seeing the penguins, it made all of us feel excited! We looked at some unicorn fish, they looked funny. I had lots of fun!