

Year 3/4 Newsletter



TERM 4: Week 4 2014

Aboriginal Day:

At the beginning of the term, the grade three and four students were treated to a rare cultural experience. Western Creations is an indigenous touring group that have performed for the likes of the Dalai Lama and Nelson Mandela. Our 'Aboriginal for a Day' incursion was an engaging, fun and exciting experience that kicked off our integrated studies unit with a bang! The students participated in traditional Aboriginal dances and learnt the cultural significance behind them. They interpreted the symbols used in aboriginal art and created interesting and vibrant art works of their own. The most enthralling and engaging experience of all was the telling of a dreamtime story by Big Al; an elder of the Noongar tribe and the Bibbulmann clan in Western Australia. Through discussion, learning and play, our students gained a valuable educational experience that both broadened and enlightened their understanding of indigenous Australians and their vibrant history and cultural legacy. We would like to thank Western Creations for an amazing day at Overport Primary School.

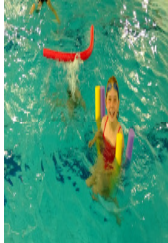
Reminders:

- Monday 3rd November—Report writing student free day
- Tuesday 4th November—Cup Day (no school)

Swimming Dates in November:

- Thurs 6th, Fri 7th, Tues 11th, Thurs 13th, Fri 14th, Tues 18th, Thurs 20th and Friday 21st
- Friday 14th November—Milk and Cookie day and Twilight Christmas Market
- 26th, 27th and 28th November—Grade 4 camp





The Grade 3 Sleep Over

The grade 3 sleepover was a great day with fun had by all, although by Saturday morning, there were certainly some tired students. The 6:30am wake up and Mr Rodwell's exercise program after breakfast may have had something to do with it.

The day was full of fun activities. Here are some comments from the students:

Hannah - I liked the waterslide at PARC. We went to Ballam Park for lunch and we got to play in the playground, it was fun.

Vanessa – I loved doing the activities at school, when we had to try and fill cups of water with straws. It was hard but a lot of fun. You had to put your finger over the straw to hold the water in.

Max – My favourite was when we went to the beach and walked along the pier, we saw a trolley in the water and four puffer fish. It was calm and foggy.

Chris – I liked Mr Rodwell's trivia. The food was great, we had chicken, beef, and lots of vegetables.

Jasmine – I was nervous about going on the waterslide but I pushed and had a go. After I did it once, I went again and again.

Tim – The food was great . The activities were all fun. The filling the cup with water game was the best fun.

Harry - We didn't get to sleep until late because everyone was talking. It was fun sleeping in the classroom.



RACV Challenge:

The Challenge is just a few short weeks away and the RACV team are training and working hard in preparation for the big event. The RACV Day held last Friday was a huge success with the team raising enough money to purchase new safety gear and extra equipment as well as having enough left over to get team T-shirts printed! The team is very excited and nervous about the challenge and can't wait to compete in Maryborough. The team would like to say a big thankyou to all the students who supported RACV day by wearing free dress or participating in the activities provided.

