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As part of the Humanities unit 'The Victorian Gold Rush' Year 5 students attended a 3 day camp at Ballarat and Bendigo. They took a step back into time and visited life as it was in the 1800's. Each one of them was struck with gold fever as they searched eagerly for the precious metal.

One of sovereign Hill's most favorite attractions is the explosive light and sound show. The Chinese museum was extremely interesting. The garden had a beautiful pond. The cherry blossoms floated like a beautiful Pink river. It was so peaceful. *Lucas Raniola 5C*

Everything about camp was fantastic. Sovereign Hill is an amazing place. We bowled, made candles and watched lollies being made. I even found a piece of gold which I gave to mum. I felt like a real digger *Joseph K 5C*

I think Sovereign Hill was extraordinary. The sound and light show 'Blood on the Southern Cross' really captivated the audience. Although it was cold and dark we could not close our eyes for a second. We went to Central Deborah Mine in Bendigo. It was freezing and muddy. I felt sorry for the poor old miners. The Chinese museum was colorful. We even had some dim sims and special fried rice. It was delicious. *Emily Awadallah 5C*

I loved the main street it was like the olden days. There were people dressed up like in the olden days. It was amazing. I also liked panning. I loved the mines.- *Rachel Nasr 5S*



Camp was awesome! I liked the sound and light show. It was scary how the Eureka Hotel was burnt down. The cabins were fun and sharing time with our friends. – *Natalia Elias 5S*

During camp we got to pan for gold, coloured candles and dressed up in clothes in that era. It was an amazing experience – *Benjamin Ibrahim - 5S*.

Reminder from Mrs Salwa

Girls must not wear nail polish to school. Students will be isolated for the day. If a student receives two warnings for the semester, a suspension notice will be issued. Girls' tie must be crossed over ensuring the pin is secured and must be visible. Otherwise a student may be issued with a suspension notice. Full winter uniform is to be worn in Term 3. Parents your co-operation will be appreciated.

Middle School

As we approach the end of Semester 1, we can reflect on the various activities. The students in Middle School (Yr 7- 9) have taken part in enhancing and building their knowledge and academic achievements. As part of physical education, a Sports Day was organised at the Epping Leisure Centre for the Middle School and Year 9 students participated in bowling at AMF Bowling.

Year 8 students went to the Hume Global Centre and met the author-Jackie French who spoke to them about writing stories for teenagers. Furthermore, an incursion has been organised for the Yr 9-10 students with the author Alice Pung who will speak to students about her stories and how she incorporates issues affecting youth, humour and growing up Asian & Australian.

Year 9 students completed their examinations and the students in French classes (Yr 7 & 8) are progressing well and are now able to greet each other and count to 20 in French.

A reflection day has also been organised for Middle School. This will take place on Wednesday 23rd June. Speakers have been organised to discuss issues regarding friendship and sexuality.

Overall, it has been a very productive semester. Students in the Middle School are working hard to complete work in all subject areas. *Ms Pam Melissinos, - Head of Middle School*



SPORTS DAY 18th May 2010



CHESS COMPETITION DAY 5th May 2010

Chess Competition Day Our Years 7,8,10 & 11 participate. All players were very happy when they heard that there was a chess competition. Students all practiced and worked hard prior to the day. When the day finally arrived they were all excited and looked forward to taking part. We competed against students from other schools. Our school won the competition overall and students from SMOC will participate in the Chess State Championships.

Sports Day If you want to find a faultless example of collaboration and teamwork, then this term's Sports Day is ideal. Whether it is the cooperation between teacher and teacher, student and student, or teacher and student, it was supreme. The organizers managed to work together with the Leisure Centre, to organize a day whereby students would be taken out of their daily routine, to take part in a sports competition between our assigned houses. Our houses were allocated by Mrs Nashed, and were based on the students' strength and sporting skills. This gave all teams an equal chance at winning. At the Epping Leisure Centre we took part in all our favorite sports: soccer, basketball, European handball and beach volleyball. For each game we got instructors to help us and referee our games. Each team had two supervising teachers to organise and manage us. Some even took part in the games! Seeing as we were forced to work with people we would not usually have, we were removed from our comfort zones and exposed to situations where we had to trust our team mates and work with them to get to the same goal.....winning. We received all losses with a good sportsmanship and wins with dignity. There was no strife between the competing teams; only tough competition. We all had a great time at the sports day and we hope to have many more this year. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who made it run so smoothly.

Dates to Remember

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd July Parent/Teacher meetings for Primary and Secondary students.

We strongly encourage all parents to attend, as it is important to support your child.

Thursday 24th - last day of term for students .Term 3 commences on Monday 12th July.