We’re On Hallowed Ground!

Year 5/6 visited the MCG as part of their adventures at the Urban Camp in Melbourne from Monday to Wednesday of last week.

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE
A huge thank you to all families who have donated such delicious goodies for our hamper. Please continue to sell your tickets to friends and families and remember if anyone would like extra tickets to contact the school. A reminder that the raffle will be drawn on the last day of term so all tickets need to be returned by then.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Last night Council held it’s AGM followed by it’s regular monthly meeting. At the AGM the following members were elected into positions:
- President:  Martyn Baldwin
- Vice President:  Bernie Baldwin
- Secretary:  Stacey Michell
- Member: Darren Woodgate; Christina Kalinowski
- Member ex-officio : Lisa Duffy

We all look forward to a productive year ahead as we continue to provide our students with an innovative curriculum and diverse learning opportunities whilst promoting the core values of RESPECT FOR SELF, RESPECT FOR OTHERS, RESPECT FOR LEARNING AND RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

OFF TO ASANTI
This Wednesday, March 26th, the whole school will be attending a performance in Cohuna by the Ansanti Dance Group. The group will demonstrate African dance and music and the students will be given a chance to participate. We will be attending with other district schools. The performance begins at 9.15am. Therefore we will be leaving Torrumbarry by 8.30am. We ask that all students be at the Torrumbarry Roadhouse by 8.20am. The bus will not be making the usual morning run. The bus will run as normal in the afternoon. Students will need their usual snacks, drinks and lunch. Full school uniform is to be worn.

PARENT MEETINGS
Over the last two weeks teachers have had the opportunity to talk with parents about their child/ren’s Individual Learning Plans, academic progress and how the classroom program is adapted to meet each child’s individual learning needs. Please remember you are always welcome to talk to teachers about your child/ren’s progress at any time throughout the year.
ECHUCA CROSS COUNTRY
Next Thursday, April 3rd, a cross country run will be held in Echuca. This is an opportunity for those students who are 9 years+ to run against students from Echuca schools with a view to winning through to regional finals. This is only for students who are good long distance runners. If you would like your child to compete on the day please contact Lisa by Monday March 31st so she can enter the names. The race will commence at 9.30 am and parents are asked to make their own transport arrangements.
Please note that our school, from Years P-6, will compete in the Murrabit Cross Country Run on Tuesday May 6th. However as this is not our Sports Zone, winners from our school aged 9+ cannot go onto regional finals.

GET YOUR FREAK ON
Next week is the end of Term 1. The Year Six students, lead by Georgia, will be hosting a range of fun events. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch. Family members are most welcome to join us from 11.30 onwards. The day has been declared ‘Freaky Friday’ and students and adults are encouraged to wear something FREAKY. We will leave the interpretation up to you. As this is the end of term students will be dismissed one hour earlier than usual.
Therefore, school will finish at 2pm on this day. Those students catching the bus will arrive one hour earlier than normal.

FAMILY PORTRAITS
Last Saturday and Sunday quite a few families took up the opportunity to have family portraits taken by Celia Hobbs. Families will receive a disc with their photos in the coming weeks. Thank you to Celia for taking the photos and a special thank you to Tracy Davis for organising this fundraising event. This event raised approximately $250 all of which will go towards our whole school camp later in the year.
HELP WANTED
Please see attachment regarding “Paint Your Community”.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
We have three Mac iBook G4s that are no longer required. All three are in working order and are running Mac OS 10.5.8. Should you be interested in acquiring one please contact Bruce on the school number, 54877 285, by Thursday 27 March. First three in take an Apple.

EXTRACTS FROM ANGUS’ URBAN CAMP DIARY
Day One: Well I went on Urban Camp and the first thing we did was catch the V-Line train to Melbourne at 7.25 am. Then we walked over to Federation Square and went to this movie game place and my favourite game was a racing game; it was awesome! We also went to the MCG and we got to go on the boundary of the ground and then we went to the museum and into “Game On”. We did bowling, kicked the football and also shot the netball. My favourite part was the hand-balling. I got a score of 59 and you had a minute to handball at the targets. It was so much fun. Then we went back to the camp. I made my bed and I did some work in my book. I did my diary and this weird as game. I had so much fun on Day 1.

Day Two: Well on Day 2 we got up really early and caught the train to Parliament House. At Parliament House we went in the Green Room and in the Red Room. There was a lot of gold from the Gold Rush and lots of fragile stuff. I sat in the spot that some famous guy sat in. It was lots of fun but the tour guide was a little bit mean because she kept on saying, “Don’t touch the microphones! Don’t touch the microphones!” It was very annoying. Then we went to the Vic Market but I didn’t do very good bartering.
I mostly spent my money on sweet and sour. I was so happy when Ms Michell bought me an ice-cream. I had mango and lemon. It was the nicest ice-cream I have ever had. Thanks Ms Michell! Well also on Day 2 we went to the MSAC pool and went on the wave pool. I kept on throwing Darby over the waves. It was really funny. I was also swimming underwater and scaring people by grabbing their legs. It was fun; well to me. I also went on the water slide. It was dark. I went really fast. It was awesome! **Day Three:** Well on Day 3 we went to the Immigration Museum. It was actually very, very, very, very very ...very boring. Then we went to the best pizza place in the world. It was called Universal Pizza. I had a bit too much coke - maybe two glasses, maybe four, maybe five maybe six. Let’s just go with five. Once we did that we caught the train back to Echuca.