

# USC NEWS



## COME AS YOU ARE, LEAVE US GREAT!

All students have had a joyous return from the Term 1 school holidays. It has been great to see the students' excitement upon their return, ready for another great Term of learning.

It was especially exciting for the Year 5/6s as they had camp to Sovereign Hill scheduled for the first week back! Upon their return to school in Week 2, many students were telling us all about their favourite parts of camp.



We welcomed back Sally into the 3/4 class to relieve Ms Hanby while she takes on the task of Acting Principal while Mr V is away. Sally will be in the 3/4 class for the first 3 weeks of the term.

We also welcomed back Mr Shaw from paternity leave. Mr Shaw will be working 4 days a week in the 5/6 room. The students are enjoying hearing all about little Alice.

Thank you to those students and families who attended the ANZAC Day Service in Tangam on behalf of the school. It is great to see students proudly representing the school in the community.



We are thankful to welcome back Bri from "In the Groove" Wodonga to do Djembe drumming with the 3-6 students every Thursday afternoon. I know the students are all excited to

have her return.

We have a few events coming up this term, so keep an eye out for any communication via uEducateUs.

First upcoming event is the Mother's Day Stall scheduled for the 10th May at lunchtime. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a special something for their Mum.

We are also lucky to have booked in a session with the Pillowcase Program for Year 4-6. Pillow case was originally inspired by events during Hurricane Katrina. While evacuating campus, students of a local university used pillowcases to carry their cherished and basic possessions. After hearing this, the Red Cross staff developed the concept of using a pillowcase as an emergency kit. The program quickly grew into a global preparedness education program now known as Pillowcase.

Delivered by Red Cross volunteers and staff, the workshop encourages children to be active participants in their own emergency preparedness, in particular Bushfire Evacuation though the content is useful in all kinds of emergencies. Pillowcase helps to reduce real and imagined fears and has successfully built children's stress management skills. Students will be involved in discussions around:

- Understand & discuss the importance of being prepared
- Prepare their mind for the thoughts and feelings that may arise before, during and after an emergency
- Know what to pack in an emergency kit

Each student is given a pillowcase to decorate and take home, to start their own personal emergency kit. More information on the Pillowcase Program can be found here: <https://www.redcross.org.au/pillowcase-workshops/>

Have a great weekend!

Shelby

# NEWS FROM THE CLASS

## Year 5/6—Camp Adventures Mr Shaw

We are thrilled to share a summary of the recent Grade 5/6 camp that took place over a fun-filled three days and two nights. The adventure began with a visit to the Melbourne Museum, where students delved into the rich tapestry of local history and culture. Following this, the group spent two immersive days in Ballarat and Sovereign Hill, experiencing firsthand the excitement of the Gold Rush era. Highlights included gold panning and an enlightening mine tour, where the students not only learned about the historical significance of the area but also gained practical insights into the lives of the miners.

The journey through history didn't stop there; our students also explored the pivotal events of the Eureka Stockade. They had the privilege of seeing the original Eureka Flag, deepening their understanding of this defining moment in Australian history. Throughout the camp, the students exhibited fantastic behaviour, demonstrating maturity and enthusiasm for learning. This excursion not only enriched their knowledge but also fostered a sense of adventure and curiosity about our nation's heritage. We are immensely proud of all participants for representing our school with such exemplary conduct and spirit.



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## Year F/1/2—Mrs Holloway

Reading is progressing at a steady pace, and includes a mix of reading decodable readers, teacher lead phonics instruction and word and sound games. There is opportunity for parent volunteers for the first hour in the junior room on Tues or Wednesday. If anyone is interested please give us a call.

In writing we have been thinking about facts and opinions and giving reasons for our thinking. The students particularly enjoyed giving responses to pictures as to whether they thought they were fun or dangerous and came up with some very valid reasons to support their thinking.

In math we have begun on the topic of addition. Ninja belts have made a come back as we discuss different ways to make numbers and begin to add two and more strings of numbers using most efficient strategies.

## Year 3/4—Sally

Welcome back to Term 3! What a great two weeks we have had, with students all excited to reconnect with each other and talk about the holidays.

We have jumped straight into a new topic in Reading and Writing, as we have begun to learn about 'Persuasive/Opinion Writing'. We have explored some books where characters have shared opinions, such as 'Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus' and 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. They used the language and style of these books and attempted to persuade me for some free time on Friday by writing a letter using convincing and emotive language...which was successful! The next couple of weeks we will learn about the formal structure of this genre.

In Mathematics, we have begun to work on addition; specifically trying to strengthen our ability to use mental strategies to solve quick problems (e.g. numbers that make 20/50/100, doubles or doubles +1) rather than rely on fingers or counting on.

Science has been fascinating with Year 3 learning about 'The Weather' and year 4 'Natural Disasters'.

It has been wonderful to start the term in this beautiful class and I look forward to seeing what amazing things they can do next week.

Sally

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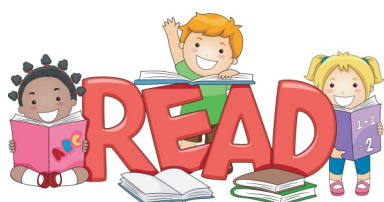
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## WHATS ON

Don't forget to check in with the calendar on the uEducateus app to see what is happening this term.

### MAY

- Tue 7th      MARC Van
- Fri 10th     Mother's Day Stall
- Wed 15th    Pillowcase Program (4-6)
- Fri 17th     Cross Country
- Mon 20th    Year 6 Transition
- Tues 21st    MARC Van
- Wed 22nd    F-2 Cluster Day @Eskdale



## **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

On Friday 10th May at lunchtime, the school will be holding a Mother's Day Stall for students to purchase an item for their mum and/or special person. The items available for purchase will be \$\_\_\_\_. Please allow your child/ren to bring in some money so that all our wonderful Mum's in the community can be spoiled on Mother's Day.

## **WOOD RAFFLE**



We will be holding our annual Wood Raffle this term. Students have already been sent home with some ticket books to sell. Tickets are \$2 each or 3x\$5. Prize is 3xtandem trailer loads of Ash Wood. Raffle drawn on 28th June. Get your tickets quick!