

# WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 3/4 ?

*Welcome to Term 4...what a busy, but exciting start we have had!*



## Literacy

This Term we have started investigating poetry; we explored the classic, Mulga Bill's Bicycle and have now begun reading a variety of poems in the Usborne's Book of Poetry. Students have learnt about the purpose of poetry and they have done some excellent work analysing the author's word choices and inferring the author's message.

Students have thoroughly enjoyed creating their own poetry, especially Limericks! The students have been using their creativity, imagination and excellent sense of humour to create entertaining poems. We have been further exploring rhyme and rhythm in order to create correctly structured poems. On our return from camp, students worked on their use of descriptive language to describe a moment at camp. All of the teachers were very impressed with the student's word choices and their ability to paint a picture for their audience using words.

## Numeracy

This Term we have been further developing our knowledge of place value and improving our measurement skills. Students have particularly enjoyed the hands on tasks, especially estimating, measuring and ordering the capacity of objects using water on a warm spring afternoon! They used their imagination to create 2D robots and then calculated the area and perimeter of the shapes they had used. Students investigated using formal formulas and used their problem solving strategies to find the total area of their creation.

## Our Island Home

This Term we have begun exploring the world around us. Students have been learning about our earth, particularly why different areas of the planet experience different climates. Students will be investigating the effect that heat has on different regions, the importance of natural vegetation and some of our neighbouring countries. We will be learning about why people choose to live where they do and look at where and why people set up towns and cities in particular locations.

## Sovereign Hill Camp

What a fantastic experience Sovereign Hill camp was! Between the street demonstrations, education sessions, panning for gold and of course...shopping, we had a very busy and exciting trip away. The students learnt about what life was like on the gold fields and in Ballarat during this time. At the museum, students were taken on an imaginary 'pick your own adventure' journey where they pretended that they were gold miners. Students needed to make choices about what they would buy and when they would trade their gold in; students were blown away that 1/2 kg of sugar cost the equivalent of approximately \$150 in today's money!



Students were fascinated by the costumes and enjoyed dressing up. During the education session, students learnt that school was very different! They experienced some of the expectations of being at school in the 1850s, including writing with a dip pen, sitting with their hands clasped and the girls always getting to go first before the boys; the boys were not impressed!

The students showed some excellent persistence and a great growth mindset while panning for gold. We think the adults were asked about a 1000 times, "Is this gold?" as the students optimistically shared an orange coloured rock. The students soon realised that panning for gold is no easy feat. One student even commented, "How did anyone get rich like this?"!



We would like to say a big thank you to Craig and Ryan for assisting us on camp.

## Important Dates:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Curriculum Day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November- Curriculum Day

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Free Dress Day – Dress as a fictional character

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day 1:30pm dismissal