

### Key Dates

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- 11 November—Writer's Workshop
- 18 November—Partner School Visits
- 2 December—Partner School Visits
- 15 December—MITS Graduation
- 16 December —Travelling home

# MITs Family Newsletter

## School Visits

On Friday we went to Geelong College for the day and we wore our new sports uniforms. We did Maths and History. We also chose our electives for next year. For lunch, we had chicken nuggets from the canteen. The Boarders can choose their lunch at the canteen and the other students have to pay. It was a good day.

*Layla & Tammy*

On Friday I went to my school for next year— MLC. It was a year 7 sports day. I was in 7B and we dressed up in fluoro yellow clothes and we competed against the other year 7 classes. We also did drama and in class we acted and wrote scripts. My friends and I hung out with Emily, Jess, Charlie and Jasmine. At the end of the day it was all good and I had a great day.

*Fiona*

On Friday we went to St. Kevin's for the whole day. I went to a Maths lesson and a Spanish lesson. We also did some art. On Saturday I met my Melbourne Family. I went to their house and I played with my host brothers. Their names are Michael and Matt. We played Basketball with their friends and we watched movies. We saw the old Mad Max movie. For dinner we had Lasagne and vegetables. It was delicious. They are a really nice family.

*John*





## Camping Trip

Over the Melbourne Cup long weekend, we all went to Echuca: Yorta-Yorta Country. While we were there we enjoyed some cultural dancing, headband making, fishing, backyard cricket, footy, and helping to look after the chickens. It was lots of fun and was fantastic to see the open

skies at night with the stars. The camp fire was a constant and it was excellent to be able to toast some marshmallows around the fire. Thank you to all of the staff involved in the trip, Neva Atkinson and family and finally thank you to Tracey & Steve Parker for hosting us.



## Awards

We would like to congratulate the following award winners from the first assembly for the term:

- MITS Star Students- Charmaine and John
- Courage - Chelsea
- Care - Anthony
- Respect - Jayread
- Kindness - Penny
- Leadership—Jodie and Transtian
- Term 4 MITS Captains—Tammy and TJ

## Alice Sloan Lunch

The MITS girls were delighted and privileged to be invited to assist at the bi-annual Alice Sloane Trust Women's Fund-raising Luncheon on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Held at Toorak College, the MITS students - accompanied by Zoe and Kathryn, as well as Lorraine, Liz and Marg - helped to welcome guests and deliver food to the ladies' tables.

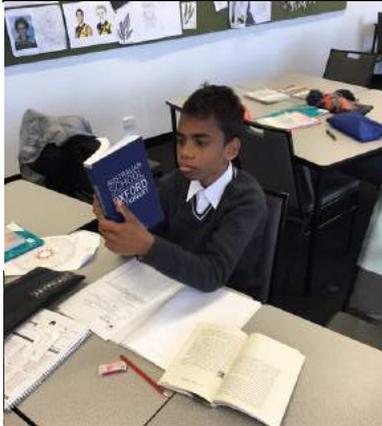
Liz and Marg (who is a past Principal at Toorak College) were asked to speak about MITS at the luncheon. The other guest speakers were two Elders from the Healesville Indigenous Community Services Association (HICSA) which is a current partner of the Trust.

The Trust is named after a past Toorak College student who lost her life at an outdoor education Toorak College camp. Her extended family now raise money to support students across Victoria, to access education experiences they would otherwise not be able to afford to have.

A highlight for the MITS girls, was the opportunity to meet one of the new AFL female recruits to Carlton, Sarah Hosking who is a past Toorak College student. The day was concluded with a sleepover at Liz's and Rick's farm on the Peninsula. Apart from the very heavy rain and cold winds, it was a great day.



Charmaine, Penny, Layla, Jodie, Tammy & Fiona with one of the future stars of the Women's AFL.



## English - Book Club

This semester, students are deeply engrossed in their Book Club books. Working in groups they read, reflect and discuss each book in a weekly meeting. Students' ideas about society are being challenged by "The Giver" by Lois Lowry. Some are being taken to the fantasy world of Rin in their reading of "Rowan of Rin" by Emily Rhoda. "Sadako" by Eleanor Coerr, is opening their minds to another culture and the

impacts on children who experienced the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, whilst some students are being whisked away into the famous world of the "BFG" by Roahl Dahl. All students have enjoyed working in small groups, practicing their reading skills and discussing a variety of concepts, issues and subjects that come up in their books.

## Phys Ed

This term for PE classes we continued with 2 weeks of Netball at Swan St Netball Courts. These sessions were



conducted by Justine Bowers and SEDA NV Netball Girls, thank you girls. Our MITS students participated in 3 rounds of Round Robin games mixed between SEDA students and MITS students. Then for the final game it was MITS boys versus MITS girls with the girls coming out as victors.

Last week for PE classes we had our first lesson with Canoeing Victoria, along the Yarra river, we will be continuing with this for the next 3 weeks. Lucky enough we had a glorious sunny day, a few students were a little unsure at first but after some guidance from fellow students we had all students on a Kayak or Canoe and in the water having a great time. We learnt about paddling the Kayaks in a straight line, in circles, 'rafting up', backwards. We also played a game of 'Keepings off' and to finish, students brave enough had a go at some 'rapids'. All in all, it was a great day on the river with only 2 students ending up falling off.

## MITS Family BBQ

MITS is excited to be welcoming our Melbourne Families and key members of our 2017 Partner Schools to a Well-being and Culture Workshop and Family BBQ on 27 November.

This event will be a very important opportunity to talk with our Melbourne Families and Partner Schools about how best to support our MITS students and celebrate culture with them next year and beyond. It will also be a chance for Melbourne Families to get to know each other and our MITS staff.

The MITS journey does not end in December for our 2016 students. MITS will always be there to help students out, provide guidance and support to Partner Schools and Melbourne Families, and act as a “home base” in Melbourne for our graduates. If you have questions about your child’s transition from MITS, please do give us a call.

## Graduation

With the end of the year fast approaching the students are starting to prepare for their Graduation from MITS. The students are creating a Yearbook and we will be holding a Graduation & Awards Ceremony in the Maurice Rioli Room at the Richmond Footy Club.

The ceremony will be on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2016** at **5:30pm**. The students have set the dress code as “Dress to impress!”

A “Save the Date” email was sent out last week. If you did not receive an email and would like to attend the ceremony please email Brad Carmody at [brad-ley.carmody@mits.vic.edu.au](mailto:brad-ley.carmody@mits.vic.edu.au).

