

Key Dates

- 16 Sep—Zendesk Excursion
- 19 Sep—Medical Visits
- 20 Sep—Hearing Tests
- 21 Sep—Melbourne Show
- 21 Sep—Last Day of Term
- 22 Sep—Travelling Home
- 10 Oct—Term 4—Return to Melb
- 13 Oct—Gala Dinner

MITs Family Newsletter

Expression Fashion Gala 2016

Four very excited MITs students were invited by Lyn-Al Young to participate in this year's Expression Fashion Gala hosted by Stonnington Youth Services and sponsored by Headspace, the Butterfly Foundation, The Centre for Multicultural Youth and the Youth Disability Advocacy Service. They had the opportunity to model Lyn-Al's hand-painted and individually crafted garments in front of a large appreciative audience.

The Gala was advertised as an event that 'aims to challenge negative stereotypes and unrealistic expectations around body image, by celebrating diversity and embracing differences in cultures, language, gender, sexuality, appearance and ability'.

From our students' point of view, the Gala achieved its aim. They proudly walked the cat-walk with other young models from different culture groups, all equally excited about being a part of such a celebratory event. Lyn-Al's garments were modelled with dignity by her 8 models to some original music composed by Isaac Young and a Wiradjuri poem read by Lyn-Al. It was a wonderful night.





Camp in Bairnsdale

On Monday the 5th of September, all the MITS kids went to camping and we had to drive for four hours to Coonawarra and we stayed at "The Barn". After we chose our beds, the girls went down to river and Fiona, Jodie and Layla were sun - baking while Tati, Tammy, Penny and I were throwing some rocks into the water. Then Anthony, Jayread and Troy joined us and we went for a walk along the creek. Later, we had to look for

some branches to make the bon-fire for that night. We told stories and we cooked some marshmallows on the fire. It was a fun night.

By Charmaine



Visit to Krowathunkooloong Keeping Place

On the last day of our Gippsland camp, all MITS students had the opportunity to visit and experience a guided tour of the Krowathunkooloong Keeping Place in Bairnsdale.

We learned about and heard the stories of the Gunai/Kurnai people who comprise the Bratauoloong, Brayakauloong, Ta-tungaloong, Krauatungaloong and the Brabralung communities of East Gippsland. The Maap/Bidawal people live in the far east and the Dhuduroa people live in the north. We looked at the impressive display of artefacts, art, photos and historical records illustrating the history of the east Gippsland area and demonstrating the strength of the Gunai/Kurnai people who have faced many challenges in their country.

We saw photos of many of Fiona's family members on the walls of the Keeping Place. Her dad came to meet us there, and then he came with us to visit Bairnsdale West Primary school where Fiona took us on a tour.

Camp Activities

All the girls lit the bon-fire on Monday night. We sat around the bon-fire and some of the girls were doing traditional dance, while the boys were playing the beats with the didjeridoo and clap-sticks. Later on, we had marshmallows and chilled by the fire before we went to sleep. *By Tammy*

On Tuesday we all went for a horse riding up in the mountain. We all had one horse each and my horse was the girl-friend of Ms Kathryn's horse. My horse kept trying to catch up with Miss Kathryn's horse but her horse was very naughty and kept going off into the bushes to scratch his belly. My horse liked playing in the water when we went through the creek for a long way. I thought that I was going to fall off, but I kept holding on and I didn't fall. My legs were so sore when I got off my horse. It was more fun than I ever thought it would be, and I was proud of myself for staying on my horse and not falling off. *By Penny*

On camp we did lots of activities such as playing pool, going down to the creek and sun-baking, playing cards, kicking the footy, and playing table-tennis. While on camp, I can say that no-one was bored and every-one definitely had something to do all the time. It was so much fun and we were all tired when we got back to Melbourne. *By Fiona*

At night we had supper and we sat around the big bon-fire and we were singing and telling stories with Mr Brady and Ms Kathryn, Philippa, Rhiannan and Corey. After the stories me and Jayread slept outside on the couch. *By Anthony*

We went horse riding at Coonawarra Tail Rides. First the lady explained to us what we had to do and then we hopped on the horses and rode out into the bush and up and down the hills. We also rode through the river over stones and rocks. My horse's name was Cougar. I really enjoyed the horse riding and the other students did too. We rode along the trails together and no-one fell off. *By John*





Lockington

Wow, what an amazing term! We have had a premiership won, fashion show, new MITS captains, endless fun on the weekends and lots of visitors at Lockington. It is an exiting time at Lockington with our new Melbourne Families visiting in preparation for next year. On behalf of all of the

boarding staff, I would like to congratulate all of the students on an amazing term and on your countless achievements this term. We hope you all have a fantastic holiday and we will see you back in Melbourne on the 10th of October.

RJFC Award Winners

We would like to Congratulate of the award winners from the RJFC Presentation Day:

Jodie — Girls' Team of the Year

Layla — 3rd Best and Fairest, Girls' Team of the Year

Penelope—Coaches award, Girls' Team of the Year

Chelsea, Tammy, Charmaine, TJ, Edward, Transtian, Trevor & Jayread — Participation Awards

Artwork for the MITS Gala Night

We are doing some big community art works for the Gala Dinner in October. We are working in groups. The groups of Daly region, Tiwi islands and the Arnhem land kids first drew a symbol or something that meant something to us.

The Tiwi islands group drew a sea turtle and the Daly region drew a emu and the Arnhem landers drew a saltwater crocodile to represent us. When we finish the drawings that we have done we are going to sell them at the Gala dinner. We are all doing good work on all of our own paintings. When we have finished them, we will also do other little drawings or painting.

By Junior

Term 3 Classroom Report

Term 3 has been an exciting and busy term for all involved at MITS. Amongst all the extra-curricular activities and excitement of partner school visits a whole lot of classroom work has been completed.

In English students have completed writing in various genres with a focus on character development, editing and including quotation marks within their writing. Term 3 has also seen the commencement of Book Club where the class is split into four groups with a teacher in charge of each group and a different book to read, discuss and complete tasks on each week. The books being studied are Sadako, Rowan of Rin, The BFG and The Giver.

In Mathematics the topics studied have been Chance and Probability, Time and Direction. Students have worked hard to use decimals, fractions and percentages as well as Mathematical language to describe the chance of different events occurring and can confidently solve time related problems. Students also created their own directions and can accurately follow directions using a compass and directional language.

Our Term 3 History classes have focussed on developing a stronger understanding on Victorian Aboriginal history through a series of activities and excursions. We had a guided tour of the Bunjilaka exhibition at the Melbourne Museum and now have a greater appreciation of the important people and events that have shaped Victoria's history.

In Science the topic studied has been Space which was highlighted by a visit to Kingswood College during Science week.

Term 3 has also seen the introduction of electives where the MITS class had a choice of Craft, Photography, First Languages and Fitness. We have conducted these lessons once a week and the students have really enjoyed developing their interest areas in some meaningful tasks including making a belt, knitting, using the VAHS gym and learning more about their own language.

All students are to be congratulated on a terrific term of school work. With them all knowing their destination school for 2017 Term 4 is sure to be exciting as we prepare for graduation from MITS and induction into our eight destination schools!





