

September 27, 2018

Outdoor Education Camp



Executive Director's Message *by Edward Tudor*

Looking back, Looking forward

As we come to the end of a great Term 3, it's a good time to reflect and look back on all that our MITS students have achieved. "The Premiership Term" is always a time of great activity, hard work, and teamwork at MITS.

A highlight of this year's Premiership Term was our camp on Taungurung Country, near Lake Eildon – you can read about the camp, and the many challenges that the students took on during camp – in this week's newsletter.

Each day of camp, the students and staff focussed on a particular theme. Early in the week the students' "took the plunge" as they embarked on the camp, and on white water rafting in the icy early-spring waters. By the middle of the week, "sticking it out" was the focus – working through the bumps, blisters and bruises. By the end of the week, the focus turned to the future – "looking forward".

This week our students have learned about their Partner School placements for 2019. It is an exciting time to look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, to the new friendships and family connections that will be made, and to the ongoing MITS connections that will continue. As you enjoy time at home with your children these holidays, I encourage you to celebrate all that they've done, and share in their excitement as we look ahead to 2019.

Important Dates:

28 September: Students return home for holidays

28 Sept—12 October
MITS school holidays

12 October: NT students return to MITS

14 October: Vic. students return to MITS

18 October: MITS Gala

20 October: Partner Schools' Conversation morning with 2019 students

BIRTHDAYS



Shontanay - Sept 23



Kaleb - October 22

MIT'S AWARDS

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY September 13



MIT'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & EFFORT AWARD
Presented by Kathryn Gale to **Jodie Palipuaminni**



MIT'S CARE AWARD
Presented by Brad Carmody to **Lilly Oliphant**



MIT'S COURAGE AWARD
Presented by Sally Cunningham to **Kaleb Rioli-Brogan**



The **MIT'S BOARDING EXCELLENCE AWARD**
Presented by Edward Tudor to **Liam Kenyon**



MIT'S RESPECT AWARD
Presented by Brady Cooper to **Marlene Lee**



Gold Mathletics Certificates awarded to two MITS students *by Jodie*

At the Assembly last week, Mr. Carmody gave out two Gold Certificate Awards for Mathletics. The Gold Certificate is the BIG award that you have to get one thousand points every week for 20 weeks. Everyone tries really hard to get one, and I got one. I was the first girl in the class to get a Gold Certificate because I got one thousand points each week. Brayden got one too, and he was the first boy to get one. We were very proud.



Class Mathletics Certificate recipients (above) and MITS Captains (Kayden & Elaine) leading the Assembly in the RFC's Graeme Richmond Room (below).



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Making the Raft *by Sherilyn*

On the second day at Camp, we had to work in teams to build a raft. It took us about 20 minutes to work out how we were going to make it, then we had to make it. We used 55 ropes to tie the pieces of wood together, and I did 21 knots. When we were finished, we had to take a photo of our group with the raft, then we took it to a big pond near our camp and put it in the water. The pond was only about 4 meters away from our tents. When we put the raft into the water, it floated and even when we all jumped onto the raft it didn't sink. We were really happy because we built a good raft and we didn't get wet, except our feet.



SCHOOL NEWS

OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

On the Monday morning of our Outdoor Education Camp week, we went to Lake Eildon. We stayed there for 5 days. After we arrived, we had some lunch, then we got changed into our wetsuits and we walked to the starting point for rafting. From there we had to pump up the rafts, put them into the water and raft for two hours.

Each night we had to set up our own tents to sleep in, and we also had to cook our own dinner. After dinner we would wash our dishes then clean up. Then each day, we had activities like climbing with ropes and hiking. After dinner at night, we would play a game. It was a great camp and the camp leaders were fun.



Outdoor Education Camp

Camp Rafting by Shontanay

When we first arrived at camp, we all put our bags down and then had to put on our wet-suits to get ready for rafting. The camp leaders first showed us how to use the paddles and how to stay safe on the rafts. Then we had to pump the raft up a bit more to make sure it wouldn't get a hole in it. We knew it was pumped up properly when we sat down on it and the raft didn't go down. If it did, we had to keep pumping.

There were four groups. Two of them were in Group 1 and the other two were in Group 2. I was in Group 1, and we went first. As we got on the water, we had to work as a team. There were 3 rapids that we went through. The first one was only little, but it was still fun. The second rapid was a bit bigger and we went down it fast. We all had to work together for when the last rapid came. When it came, there was a little dip and we did a 360 degree turn, and we went really fast.



Hiking on the Mountain by Sav and Cecil

On Thursday on camp, the MITS crew went hiking out into the mountains near Eildon. It was very windy and there was a little bit of rain. Every time we got on top of a mountain, we ate a snack. It was a hard hike, but we were proud that we made it to the end.

Bangarra Dance Performance

'Dark Emu' by Levi, Kaleb & Adam

On Friday the MITS students went to see the Bangarra dancers perform the *'Dark Emu'* production at the Melbourne Arts Centre. When we first got the theatre, it was actually cool inside. There were lots of other schools there, and we saw some of our friends. The mood was like a movie set and it was dark inside the theatre. It was really interesting and entertaining to watch them dance. They are really clever dancers and we really enjoyed seeing the production.



Bangarra Dance Workshop at MITS

by Lilly, Marlene, Elaine & Timikar

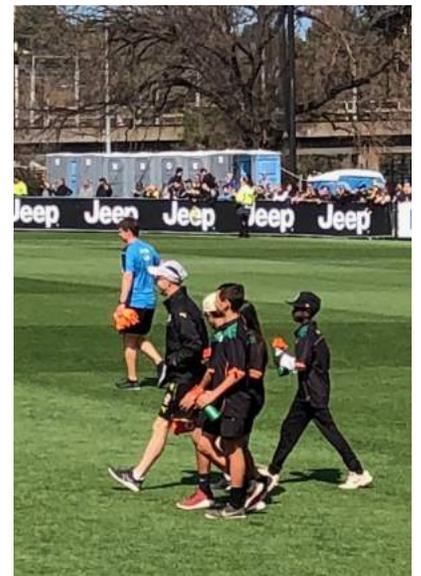
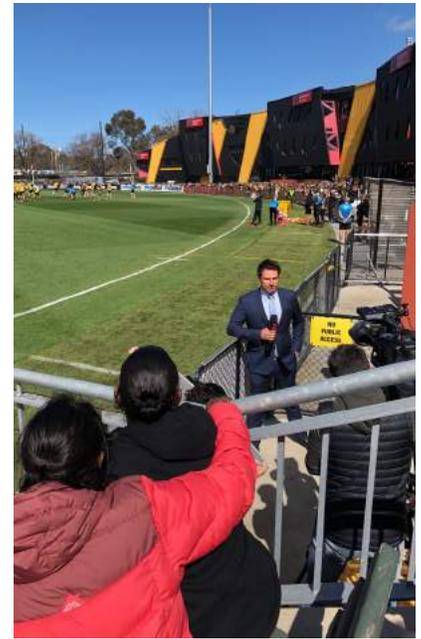
On Friday there were 6 people from the Bangarra Dance Company who came to MITS and they taught us some of their dance moves. We started by making a circle and then we introduced ourselves to them. Then we did some yoga to warm up, before we learned some of the dances that we saw them dance at the 'Dark Emu' performance. They also taught us to do the snake jump dance. It is like as if you see a snake and you jump high and scream.



RFC Open Training *by Sharde*



.Yesterday Shontanay, Levi, Lilly, Brayden, Liam and I went out on to the RFC oval and helped with the training. Lilly and I helped at the goals, because the players did goal kicking practice and we had to kick the balls back to them. My favourite parts were when Alex Rance remembered my name and when I was about to kick the ball to Daniel Rioli, Lilly started yelling at me going “NO SHARDE, LEAVE IT. I WANT TO KICK TO HIM PLEASE!!!!!!” and she went around looking for a ball to kick to him because she is obsessed with him. She couldn’t find a ball to kick to him, so I just kicked to him and she got mad with me. It was too funny. Some of the other kids ran out onto the oval with the water bottles for the players. It was SO much fun.



RFC Players in the Classroom *by Kaleb*

On Wednesday, Derek, Marbs, and Tyson came into the classroom to help us in Art lesson. Derek worked with me and Marbs and Tyson worked with the other kids. We were designing footy jumpers. Derek is good at art and he gave me his design to finish for him. He made a good start on it. I can't wait to finish it next week and give it to him. I hope he likes it. Hopefully I don't mess it up. I will need to be careful with me drawing and make it a good job.



Students' Term 3 Reflections

This term I learned :

About fractions, decimals, percentages and chance in Maths - *Gigi*

How to be more resilient - *Shontanay*

How to show gratitude to teachers and others, and how to show respect and not tease - *Elaine*

How to use PowerPoint and graphing on the computer, and how to do planning and write a story structure - *Levi*

To spend more time reading - *Liam*

About wellbeing, English, ICT, and Pastoral Care - *Adam*

The dance with the best dancers from Bangarra Dance - *Savario*

How to camp in the cold weather and how to walk up a big mountain - *Cecil*

New spelling words, some more fractions, decimals and percentage - *Sharde*

This term I am proud of :

Learning how to snowboard - *Levi*

Getting an award for Outstanding Academic Effort at the Assembly - *Timikar*

Going to Camp and walking up big hills and riding bikes up a hill - *Marlene*

Learning how to ski - *Sherilyn*

Getting the Care Award at Assembly - *Lilly*

Getting a Gold Certificate in Athletics, and I was the first girl to get one - *Jodie*

Doing punctuation and moving up 2 and 1/2 levels in my reading - *Leo*

Doing fractions because it was hard but I kept doing it - *Kaleb*

Finishing our Book Group book, 'The Giver' - *Tarkyn*

Bouncing back when things got hard - *Jenae*

Doing Run Melbourne and finishing the footy season - *Brayden*

Coming back to Melbourne by myself - *Denise*



A Visit to Richmond Fire Station *by Gigi*

The fire station was amazing, we went to a fire station called Eastern Hill Fire station. First, we had a look at what they did then just firefighting they did on water project, gas hazards and more. Second, we had a look at the fire trucks and had a little squirt with the fire hose. After that we had a look at them in action. Then we had a look at the fire pole and they were one of the only fire stations with a fire pole. Next, we had a nice lunch the we had burgers with soft drink.



Lockington News by Amanda Haggie



One of the special things about being a boarder at MITS is that at the weekends there are many opportunities to do some fantastic things around Melbourne. The students have had several picnics, beach swims, trips to interactive galleries, museums and zoos. This last weekend however, the staff decided that it would be exciting to do something completely different. So all 25 of us trundled off in two buses to do a spot of karaoke. This was an absolute barrel of laughs. It was difficult to spot any individual singing ability as for each song, most of us sang at the top of our lungs, microphone or not! This will be on the list as a must-do next term also. We also attended the Richmond Junior Football Club end of season Presentation Day. All our players did so well, but special mention was made about Jenae, Jodie and Leo.



Jenae Tipiloura - *The Coach's Most Assertive Player*
Jodie Palipuaminni - *3rd Best and Fairest & member of the 2018 Team of the Year*
Leo Ponto - *Most Consistent Player*



As part of the *Life Skills* classes that are delivered in the boarding house on a Monday evening, the students have been learning about dining etiquette when eating in a formal setting. These skills were practiced last Monday evening when Christine helped the students host a flash dinner with special guests Rick and Liz Tudor. Ryan cooked some especially delicious food for the occasion.

Etiquette Dinner



MITS Alumni Term 3 News by Michelle Kerin



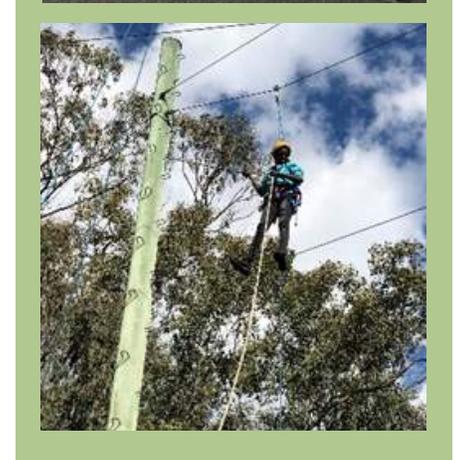
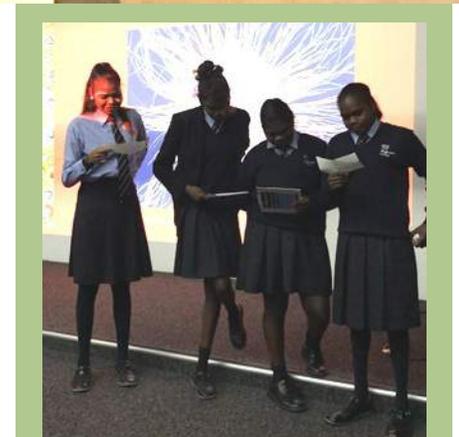
Our alumni students have had an extraordinary Term 3 and have instilled leadership and pride in all that they do. Naomi joined us again in Melbourne and enjoyed a day at Camp with the 2018 MITS students before getting back into the swing of things again at Kingswood College.

We are proud of Fiona who received the 'Boarder of the Week' award at MLC recently.

We are also proud of the strong women at Kingswood – Charmaine, Nicki, Latoya, Naomi, Shania – who did an *Acknowledgement of Country* and presented to all of their teachers, some of the amazing work that they have done this year.



Johnny and Anthony showed great courage at Trinity and St Kevin's this term and did a deadly job of sharing their culture—with Anthony doing an *Acknowledgement of Country* in front of classmates and teachers, and Johnny filling the room with the beautiful sounds of the didgeridoo in front of a massive crowd at St Kevin's.



More Camp Photos



More Bangarra Photos



More Fire Station Photos

