

March 28, 2018

MITS School Camp at Phillip Island



Students packed and ready to leave for Camp at Phillip Island (above)

Executive Director's Message by Edward Tudor

A Time for Family

Since last writing to you, we've had a most exciting and enriching time at MITS! So much of that excitement is captured in the pages of this, our final newsletter for Term 1.

Early last week our students and school staff set off on Term 1 camp: through exciting activities and new experiences our students strengthened the already firm bonds they've developed this term. On Thursday evening, along with 90,000 others, we became part of the Tiger Army, to watch the victorious Premiership Team take on Carlton in the first game of the year. And over the weekend, our boys had a ball fishing, spotlighting and playing golf at Rick & Liz's farm, while our girls went to Anglesea for "Go Ride a Wave" surfing lessons.

Each of these activities brings our students closer together, making them feel more and more like a "MITS family". These bonds will see them through the challenges still to come: increasingly hard work in the classroom, the cold and wet days of winter, and the upcoming Richmond Junior Football Club season.

For now though, it's time for our family to spend some time apart, and yours to spend some time together. Soak up the time with each other, and celebrate the many achievements of our MITS students in Melbourne this term. We hope you have a great break, and we really look forward to seeing the students back with us for the start of Term 2 on **Monday 16th of April**.

Important Dates:

28 March: End of Term 1
Students travel home

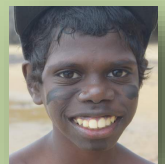
16 April: Students travel
back to Melbourne for
start of Term 2

18 April: Science
Excursion to Melbourne's
Royal Botanic Gardens

25 April: ANZAC DAY
holiday

Up-Coming Birthdays:

Liam
(April 10)



Jodie
(April 17)



Tarkyn
(April 18)



Jenae
(April 21)



School Camp Reports

PELICANS AT SAN REMO

By Leo

We saw lots of pelicans and watched them being fed fish-heads at San Remo. They were all fighting each other for the food.



Ready to load up the bus at Lockington (above) and fun at San Remo (below)



FISH & CHIPS FOR LUNCH

By Sav

On the way to camp we stopped at San Remo for fish and chips for lunch. They were so tasty.

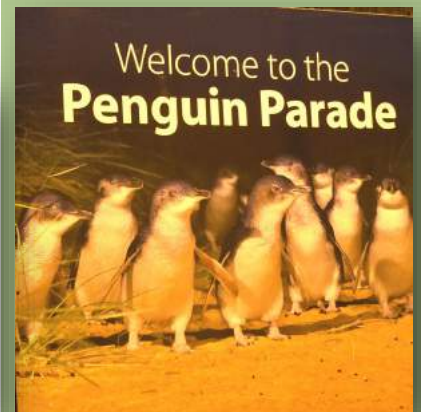


The Island Campsite, Phillip Island



The Penguin Parade By Liam

We went to the Penguin Parade on Phillip Island and we saw the cute penguins. Did you know that penguins have blue feathers to match the colour of the water so that when the birds try to find them and eat them, they can't see them? We saw the penguins come out of the sea and waddle back up to their little houses in the sand-hills.



CAMP CABINS

By Shontanay

When we arrived at *The Island Camp*, we were told what cabins we were in. When I first walked into our cabin, I ran to the double bed and all the other girls came in and put their stuff on the bunk beds. Then we looked around the camp and it was so cool.



FLYING FOX

By Cecil

We all took turns to go on the flying fox. We had to wear a harness and sit on a tyre seat. It was funny when you bounced off the tyre guard at the very end.



Activities at *The Island Campsite*



THE GIANT SWING *By Kayden*

The Giant Swing was really scary. You get pulled up really high, then you pull the green rope and you fall right down. Then you keep on swinging. I swung upside-down for fun.



The Island Campsite Activities



SWIMMING

By Denise

We went swimming in the swimming pool. It was really cold. There were ducks in the swimming pool and Marlene and Elaine were scared of the cold and the ducks. We all jumped in the pool together. It was lots of fun.

The Trampoline *By Leo*

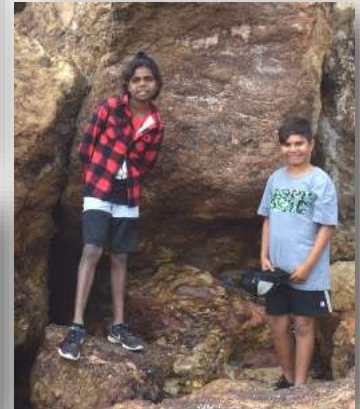
The trampoline was really bouncy. I got the record for 5 front flips and the record for 9 side flips. Marlene broke the record for back flips when she got 8.



COWES BEACH *By Brayden, Elaine and Kaleb*



At the beach, about a quarter of the class went swimming. It was so cold in the water. Some kids found a cave and also some spider eggs.



Some other kids made sandcastles and went for a walk. Elaine and Marjorie went for a walk and missed out on the group photo!!



There was a beach cricket game and then the boys painted themselves with ochre paint that Liam made.

More Camp Activities



Abseiling

By Adam

We had the chance to abseil down a wooden wall. It was pretty scary when you had to lean back and trust the ropes.



CIRCATRON

By Jodie

We all had a spin in the Circatron. When I was inside it, Mr Brady was pushing it really fast



Students' Report

Between the Bays Festival

By Gigi and Liam

At the Between the Bays festival, the Indigenous Hip Hop Project showed us their dance moves and Baker Boy took photos with us. There were lots of people there.



Our thanks to everyone — friends, volunteers, supporters and MITS families, who have contributed to our students having such a wonderfully successful Term 1 at MITS!

Boarding Report by Amanda Haggie

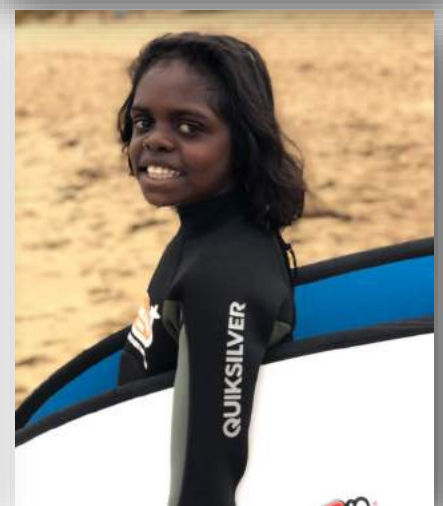
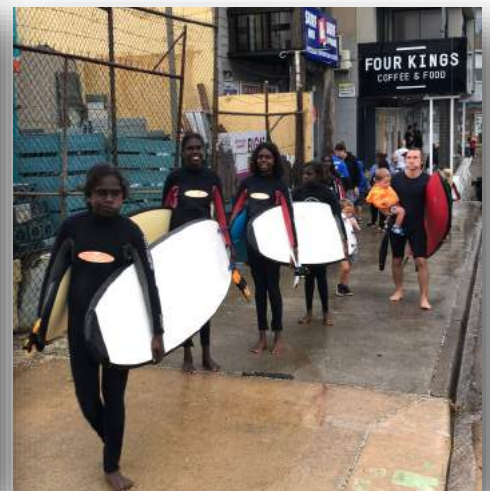
The students have been fortunate to enjoy some wonderful experiences over the past few weekends. These have included;

**Between the Bays Music Festival with the MITS Alumni students*

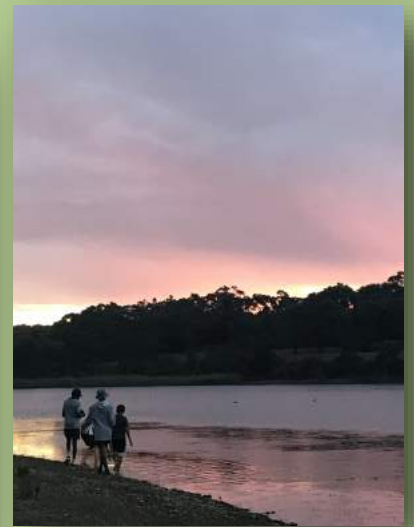


**Surfing lessons and an easter egg hunt for the girls at Anglesea, hosted by Georgina and Tom*

**Camping at Rick & Liz's farm for the boys*



Boys' Camping Trip to Rick & Liz's Farm



Great Sunset!





First AFL Game of the Season—Richmond vs Carlton

On March 22nd, the MITS kids joined 90,000+ other AFL supporters who attended the first game of the season at the MCG.

Once again, thanks to the generosity of Richmond Football Club, our students are now signed-up members of the Club for 2018, and were given either a Richmond scarf or hat to wear to the game. Besides witnessing a Richmond victory, they saw the unfolding of the 2017 Premiership flag by 10 Richmond supporters. Go Tiges!

Gigi is given his Richmond scarf (below left) and Christine & students show off their scarves and hats (below right). A chance for a photo with Dusty at Rowena Café on the walk down the the game (bottom right) and elated fans as Richmond takes the lead against Carlton (bottom left)



Tennis Coaching with Yvonne Goolagong

On March 9th, the MITS students attended a “Tennis Come and Try Day” in Geelong. It was sponsored by the Yvonne Goolagong Foundation and she was there to coach and encourage our students to enjoy tennis—which they did! They all came away from the day with a T-shirt and a drink bottle, as well as some very handy tennis skills. A big thanks to Yvonne Goolagong and her Foundation volunteers.



More Camp Photos





Ed's Alley

I played a game called Ed's Alley and lots of people wanted to play. I played against Denise and won.



Outdoor Twister



TABLE TENNIS & POOL

On camp, I played table tennis against Sav. We played up to 20 and Sav won. Then I played against Liam and when he was up to 19, I caught up. But he still won. After we finished table-tennis, Liam and I played pool. When Liam played, he used the other end of the stick! He said it was much better that way. *By Tarkyn*





LOW ROPES

The Low Ropes was a bit hard and made your hands tired, but it was lots of fun.



ARCHERY

Archery was fun when you had to pull back the arrow and let it go. Some kids got onto the target but some hit the hay. On my first and second shot I missed but I got it onto the black

MECHANICAL WALL

The mechanical wall was really scary because you had to move up the wall quickly and you couldn't take a break. It goes really fast. *By Gigi*





CAMP CONCERT !!





