Students from our Middle and Senior Learning spaces were involved in our school Camping program this week. Our Middle school students attended The Briars camp in Mt Martha, while our Senior school students travelled to Sovereign Hill. Both venues offer excellent educational opportunities as well as the opportunity to further develop interpersonal skills.

Both camps were a great success with all students demonstrating responsibility, and following all instructions. Lots of fun was had by all – including staff and parents that attended - and lots of learning took place too!

Camps and excursions are a great opportunity for our students to learn outside the ‘classroom’. These experiences help them to relate what they learn at school to their real life applications and to be able to learn skills and knowledge through ‘hands on’ activities – a great way to learn!

We must say a big thank you to the following people who attended our two camps this week. Without such support, our Camping program would not be able to continue!

**Middle Camp:**
Gary Peel, Lisa Bloomfield, Mary Doolan, Jenni Lorne, Darryl Evans

**Senior Camp:**
Ian Wormell, Manieka Radford, Lisa Bonici, Cheryl Van Deursen, Maryelle Gillett, Sarah Callus

We must also say thanks to everyone back at school for their overwhelming flexibility this week, which has been a great support to the Camping program.

*Di Fernand (on behalf of Cheryl Van Deursen – Principal)*

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**Quote:**

Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.

- Chinese proverb
Homework Questionnaire:
Thank you to all of those parents/carers who took the time to complete the questionnaire and return it to school. I have been reading through your responses and you have made lots of valid and interesting points. Your responses make one point very clear – all families are different and have different expectations in regards to homework. Some parents want more, some want less, and some are happy with what we are delivering at the moment.

The Curriculum committee will be reading all of the responses, and in line with your comments, DEECD guidelines as well as our own School Council input, we will be modifying our current Homework Policy to best suit the needs of our school community. During the process, we will be ensuring that we allow time for our students to have “Down Time”. It was evident from many of your responses that a lot of our students are involved in a variety of other activities, such as sports or musical interests. This is fantastic to see, and we want to ensure that all of our students have a balance between school work, homework, extra activities and family time.

It is so important that our children have time to relax and spend time with family. Creating a positive work ethic and developing effective study habits are important, but so is allowing them to be children and play! Our goal is to try to get the balance right!

Thank you again for your input and support of this process.

Di Fernand - Assistant Principal
STUDENT NEWS

Personal Development

The Preps have been learning about the school rules, how to make friends and keep friends and the different activities that they can play at lunch times.

The Junior Learning Community have been learning about respect and responsibility and have been participating in activities to help them develop their persistence including learning to juggle.

The Middle and Senior Learning Communities have been learning about the school rules and how to take responsibility for their own choices. Students have also been looking at bullying in the school grounds and what they can do to prevent bullying. The Senior Learning Community have focused on Cyber Bullying as well bullying in schools.

If you have any dress ups, toys or games you would like to donate to the Personal Development room they would be greatly appreciated. 😊
A reminder to all families that school banking day is every Friday. Students are reminded to bring their bank books and hand them to their teacher each week.

Choc Top Ice Creams

Choc Top Ice creams will be sold on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week at lunchtime. The cost of the ice creams is $2.00.

Cookie Dough Drive

A reminder that Cookie Dough orders will be delivered to the school on Friday. Thank you for your support with this Drive.

Jenni Lorne PFA

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Easter Bonnet Parade
2013!

Thursday 28th March
2:30-3:15
In the gym

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  Easter Bonnet!

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dressed’!

• Parents welcome!