Stage 3 Ballarat/Bendigo/Melbourne Excursion

Bendigo Mine
At the Bendigo Mine we went 61 metres underground. We had to wear hard hats and a light. It took us 90 seconds to reach the 4th floor of the mine. It was a great experience.

Sovereign Hill
We spent the whole day at Sovereign Hill. We saw the blacksmith, played old fashioned bowling, dipped candles, panned for gold, went to the lolly shop and took selfies with some friends we made. We went back to Sovereign Hill at night to watch the “Blood on the Southern Cross” sound and light show.

MCG
At the MCG we saw how they painted the sponsor signs on the field. We saw a tapestry of the evolution of cricket. We went into the interview room and the change rooms. We saw where the cricketers practice.

We had a great time on the 5/6 excursion.

We would like to thank Ben our bus driver, parents waking up early to get us to school, Mrs McPherson, Miss Kew, Mr Hewson, Mrs Goss and Miss Cooper. Also to the students for being so well behaved.

Topaz students
Stage Two Beechworth Excursion

On Thursday, 3rd September 2015, Stage Two set off to Beechworth for our annual excursion. We had many mixed feelings as we boarded the bus. Feelings of excitement and angst, as for some it was their first time away from home for a night. Nevertheless spirits were high as we headed to our first stop, Glenrowan, to visit Ned Kelly and his gang.

At Glenrowan, we participated in a Ned Kelly light and sound show. For some of us this proved a little more lifelike than what we had expected. The show definitely kept us on our toes.

From Glenrowan we headed into Beechworth, where we had a tour of the gaol. The gaol was absolutely freezing and left many of us wondering how someone could survive in such a place.

We then went back to our accommodation and burnt off some energy and stretched our legs before dinner. Dinner was Spaghetti Bolognaise! After dinner we played ping pong, listened to music, watched TV in our deluxe cabins and turned in for the night. It was a successful first day.

Day two of our Beechworth adventure began with a courthouse tour and re-enactment of Ned Kelly's trial. The tour guide was very impressed with the knowledge of our students, and their behavior was impeccable. We may have some budding actors in Stage Two.

We then headed to arguably the most exciting and most anticipated part of the excursion. The Beechworth Sweet Company!!! Students and teachers purchased some lovely candy and thoroughly enjoyed their purchases when they returned home to Coolamon. A huge thank you to Brett, our Bus Driver from Allen’s Coaches, for transporting us safely to and from our destinations.

In summary it was a wonderful two days.
P&C Battery Drive

Start compiling those old vehicle batteries as P&C are once again coordinating their battery drive.

Please ensure that batteries are delivered by Wednesday, 14 October 2015 as we will arrange for the recyclers to collect them.

Ask your neighbours, ask your friends. If you can’t deliver them to the CCS Ag Plot in Douglas Street yourself please phone the school office and we will arrange a pick up time.

This is a great way that you can assist the school financially and clean up your yard at the same time.

Skoolbag

Apple is releasing the new version iOS 9.0 on 16th September and we are pleased to confirm that your Skoolbag App will function fine on this iOS 9.0 update.

However, for the first time ever, Apple has also released a public Beta version of iOS 9.1 which is due for release in a couple of months time. Please do NOT install this version, because many apps do not work on it, including Skoolbag.

We will continue to monitor this beta version, but at this time, your users should not install it.

regards

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Primary Playground

During the upcoming holidays the Primary playground will be receiving exciting new ground works. The school, along with the P&C are funding the following works to be done:

- Removal of existing sand and replacement of clean white sand in the sandpit.
- Removal of existing grass, trenching for irrigation, rotary hoeing.
- Irrigation
- Turf

A working bee has been organised for staff and P&C volunteers to lay the irrigation pipe on Thursday, 24th September.

A further working bee will be required on Saturday, 10th October with as many people as we can muster to assist lay the new turf. Requests for assistance will be sent out first week next term, so please mark this date on your calendars.

This fabulous new system will allow us to water the turf at night during summer so that the students are able to play on it during the day.

Our school would like to thank the P&C for donating over $5800 towards this project.

Secondary Seating

The P&C have donated $1500 towards new seating for the Secondary playground. Rocky Rollins has generously offered his skill and expertise to construct the new seats which will be similar to the current seating. Thank you to Rocky and the P&C.

Community Announcements

- **Coolamon Preschool** are currently taking enrolments for 2016. Join us for our open day Saturday 17th October, 10.00am -12.00pm.
- **Coolamon Touch Association** Registrations Thursday 8th October, 4.00pm—6.00pm. All registration forms must be filled out online this year. Links to online forms can be found on our webpage (just google Coolamon Touch Association). Lower & Upper Primary Players only register as Individual Players (we place these players into teams). Secondary and Adult players must register a team and then invite their players into that team. All fees must be paid on Registration Days (they can also be left at St Michael’s Primary or Central School outside of registration days).
- **Coolamon Amateur Swimming Club** AGM. Wednesday 7th October, 7.00pm. Coolamon Sport and Recreation Club. Some positions need to be filled so please step up and help us out. “Many hands make light work”.
Diary

Primary
Secondary
Whole School

Term 3

**Week 10 (A)**
- **Tue 15 Sept** Kindergarten Information Evening in School Library
- **Wed 16 Sept** Year 12 staff and games night 6.00pm - 9.00pm
- **Thur 17 Sept** Step-a-Thon 12.00pm - 1.00 and lunchtime
- **Fri 18 Sept** Year 12 Final Assembly and Breakfast periods 1-4
K-6 tasty fruit platters for Primary

**Term 4**

**Week 1 (B)**
- **Tue 6 Oct** Wellbeing Program for Years 3-6
- **Wed 7 Oct** Years K-2 participating in League skills for PDHPE

**Week 2 (A)**
- **Mon 12 Oct** Science Technology Year 6 readiness test
- **Wed 14 Oct** Years K-2 participating in League skills for PDHPE
Kindergarten Taster Day 9.00am-10.00am
Vaccinations for Year 7 Boys and Girls Periods 1 & 2
P&C Meeting 7.30pm in School Library

**Week 3 (B)**
- **Thu 15 Oct** Kindergarten Taster Day 9.00am-10.00am

**Week 4 (A)**
- **Fri 16 Oct** Aboriginal Parents/Carers and Community members morning tea 10.30am-11.10am
Primary Assembly 2.10pm featuring Diamond and Garnet
- **Week 4 (B)**

**Week 5 (B)**
- **Fri 30 Oct** Primary Assembly 2.10pm in School Hall featuring Ruby

Week 6 (A)
- **Tue 10 Nov** Science Test for Year 8
- **Wed 11 Nov** P&C Meeting 7.30pm in School Library
- **Thur 12 Nov** Year 7 Orientation Day
- **Fri 13 Nov** Kindergarten Orientation Day 9.00am-3.00pm
Primary Assembly 2.10pm in School Hall featuring Sapphire

**Week 7 (B)**
- **Fri 20 Nov** Kindergarten Orientation Day 9.00am-3.00pm

Week 8 (A)
- **Mon 30 Nov** Primary Swim School over next 2 weeks
Years 9 & 10 and Year 11 Excursions

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