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FREGON CAMP RETURNS

On a drizzly Monday morning, 33 year 7 Victor Harbor students embarked on their once in a lifetime experience to Fregon. Fregon is a round trip of roughly 3,700kms, making stops at Woomera, Coober Pedy, Fregon, Yulara, back to Coober and Pt Augusta.

After 34 years of operation, Fregon camp allows students the opportunity to be involved in mixing with the Fregon students, teachers, parents and elders to learn more about the rich culture and history of the Fregon mob.

Celebrating our arrival, we were fortunate enough to experience a traditional dance called the Inma. Some of the other special experiences had while at Fregon included traditional art lessons, punu making (wooden craft) and necklace making. This year, we were separated into genders to allow for ‘men’s business’ and ‘women’s business’ activities. We were all privileged to learn how to hunt for Maku, or Witchetty Grub, some choosing to try the local delicacy raw while others took one back to camp to cook on their own fire. After a busy, and quite cold, five days in Fregon, we celebrated our last night with a disco at the Fregon school with Fregon students and some of the local community.

We departed Fregon for Yulara where we continued our cultural journey. We experienced a lesson from a park ranger and local elder who helped us understand the history of Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Park. We had a couple of spectacular walks through The Valley of the Winds, Uluru base walk with only a handful choosing to climb to the summit.

We would like to thank all who were involved with the set up, parents who provided snacks, participation during and after the camp. It is a very special experience that has helped create a strong bond between the year 7 students. They have all learnt something about themselves, especially how resilient they are and have become.

In November, the exchange program will continue and we will see some upper primary Fregon mob, including some elders, come to visit Victor Harbor and our community. We will be asking the year 7 students involved on Fregon camp if they would be interested in billeting a couple of Fregon students during their stay.

We are looking forward to continuing this Victor Harbor/Fregon school tradition next year and welcoming year 7’s for 2015 to the exciting and rewarding experience.

Alex Ball, Teacher
The Year 7 Fregon camp experience was a lot of fun. 33 students travelled North to the APY Lands in August, on our journey there we stayed at Woomera where we looked at old rockets. We continued onto Coober Pedy and stayed in the school gym and we looked at the underground buildings. The next day we travelled to Fregon and set up camp 20km out of the community. The Aboriginal Elders did a welcoming Inma for us. The following night the Fregon school children camped with us. We played lots of sports and became friends. That night we had the opportunity to do an Inma as well. In the Inma I did we had to hit a branch on the ground and the Elders painted fires on our arms. The next day we went back to the school. We sat around a camp fire with the elders and they showed us how to make jewellery and wooden animals. We painted gumnuts and burnt holes in seeds for making bracelets. We also got to make burn marks with hot wire on wooden carved animals.

Our last night at Fregon we had a disco, we had lots of glow sticks and we said our goodbyes to the Fregon kids. In the morning we left Fregon and stayed at Yulara. We went to Uluru and six students climbed the rock while the rest did the base walk. The following day we went to Kata Tjuta and we did a walk called The Valley Of The Winds. The next day we departed Yulara and started to travel back to Victor. On the way back we stayed at Coober Pedy and then Port Augusta. The following afternoon we arrived back at Victor at 5.00pm. The Fregon Exchange was a great experience and I would love to do it again! Thank you to the teachers for organizing such a great camp.

By Amelia Moore
Due to the unseasonal weather conditions in the Flinders prior to our arrival the 28 year 6 students adapted and managed the change to the itinerary extremely well. An additional night camping at Willow Springs was welcomed by all. We also took a leisurely 7.5 km walk through station country along the creek bed among the very tall River Red Gums noting the different rock formations and natural vegetation. Markers along the way ensured we were on track and able to locate and discuss points of interest, including Aboriginal engravings (Petro glyphs) believed to have been carved before the Adnyamathanha people. The students experienced camp cooking at Beltana and received a visit from the resident alpacas at breakfast.

Small group discussions/speculations occurred around many of the very old grave sites at Blinman cemetery. The varied flora and rocky terrain walking trail to Arkaroo Rock, The Ridge Top Tour at Arkaroola, Wadlata Outback Centre at Port Augusta, Balcanoona Station or seeing what remains of Ram Paddock has reinforced the knowledge and understanding of the Adnyamathanha people.

We are looking forward to continuing this camp tradition next year and welcoming year 6’s for 2015 to the exciting and rewarding experience.

This camp would not be possible without the help and support from the staff and parents who kindly donate their time to make this a successful and enjoyable camp.

Margaret Wilkinson, Teacher Librarian
NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

In week 5 this term it was National Science Week. To mark the occasion, the students in the Dawson/Refchange/McClaren year 5 classes all took turns to research, prepare, practise, demonstrate and explain a simple science experiment to the rest of the class. It was a big success with a huge range of experiments including a carb soda volcano, a lava lamp, a hovercraft, the ever popular mentos/coke eruption, and many more. Pictured here are a few of the students enjoying demonstrating their experiments.

KISS AND DROP/CARPARK

It has been reported that some parents/caregivers are using the kiss and drop incorrectly and turning right into this area from The Parkway. There is a sign clearly directing ‘no right turn’ and we ask for your support in not doing this as it is a significant safety risk and you do risk a fine if you are caught. Police have been alerted and will do regular ‘drive bys’ over the next few weeks. The other thing that has been noticed is the number of adults who are using the bottom car park as a thoroughfare to drop off and pick up their children from the classrooms. This is also a safety concern and we ask that you do not walk through the car park as a shortcut but go along the street and through the kiss and drop area. Students have been reminded about this as well.

Kind regards
Julie Kelly and Brenton Robins

MATHEMATICS AWARDS

Mathilda and Lachlan, from Mrs Reilly’s and Miss Leila’s Year 4 class, were recently awarded with medals and certificates for their achievements in an on-line maths challenge called Numerical Acumen. The challenge encourages the development of mental strategies when working with number facts. The People’s Choice Credit Union sponsors our school’s involvement in the challenge. Dora, from the Victor Harbor branch, came to a recent middle primary assembly to present the awards.

SRC

The auditions for the Talent Quest have been going really well. The Talent Quest will be held on the last Thursday of this term. The kids at the school that have auditioned have real talent. The Onesie and Pyjama day was a real success.

ICAS RESULTS

Monday Week 1 Term 4.
At the whole school assembly, students will be awarded their certificates in the subjects that they participated in.

UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

If your contact details have changed please notify the school by ringing the front office on 8552 1166, coming to the front office in person, emailing us on the above address or writing a note in your child’s diary. You can also notify the school of your child’s absence the same way.
PORT ELLIOT SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

Port Elliot Surf Lifesaving Club

www.portelliotslsc.com.au  email: peslsc01@bigpond.net.au

Junior/Nipper registration days 11th 19th & 25th Oct 11am – 2pm
Nippers starts 1st Nov @ 1:30 pm
Efpos & merchandise available
All nippers must register on a registration day

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FLEURIEU SOUTH COUNTRY CUP TRIALS

FLEURIEU SOUTH COUNTRY CUP TRIALS – U12’s /U14’s / U16’s

For all cricketers from the Great Southern CA, Alexandra & Eastern Hills CA & clubs previously aligned to the Southern Cricket Association

When: Sunday 14th September 2014
Where: ICA Sportsworx Morphett Vale

Time:

- U12’s: 1pm-2:30pm
- U14’s: 2:30pm – 4pm
- U16’s: 4pm – 5:50pm

Cost: Free
Wear: Rubber soled shoes (no spikes)
Bring: Batting equipment (wicket keepers bring gloves)

Please register by Friday 5th September 2014
For more information or to register, please contact SACA Country Cricket Officer, Shelley Nitschke on 0447 081 634 or snitschke@saca.com.au
Space Encounters:

2 shows 10.30am & 1pm, Friday 10 October all tickets $10.
Presented by Emma Knights Productions. Space Encounters is an interactive children’s opera which tells the story of two astronauts, Harris and Jefferson, and their robot Roland who venture into space to find the source of a strange signal. They arrive on a distant planet and encounter something they did not expect. With Harris’ empathy and Jefferson’s temper what will happen next? And when Roland malfunctions, will they ever get back home?
The opera covers topics of acceptance, not judging a book by its cover, asking for help and friendship. Written by Sean O’Boyle and Ian McFayden with the original production by Opera Queensland.
Come dressed up as an astronaut or a robot and have your photo taken with the cast (photos will be available to purchase.)

Foster Carers can be single, couples, people at home, working full-time, part-time or studying. Free training and ongoing professional support (including 24-hour assistance) is provided. Find out more at one of our upcoming information sessions:

Tuesday 21st October 2014
Flinders University Rural Clinical School
Bay Road, Victor Harbor SA 5211
(Car Park end of the South Coast District Hospital)
3.00-6.30pm
For more information or bookings call Linda on 8131 3456 or visit www.anglicare-sa.org.au/foster-care