Grade 4 Newsletter

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a wonderful Easter Break!

Beach Program

Term 1 started off with a splash!

We spent the first two weeks of the term walking down to Tootgarook foreshore to participate in the beach program. The grade fours had so much fun snorkelling and looking at all the wonderful marine life that are found in our waters. They also practiced their surfing skills on the nipper boards and paddled to Tasmania in their surf skis! The beach program ended with a bang with the Iron Man/Woman testing students physically and mentally. Miss Kain and Miss Broomfield were so proud of everyone that participated in the event.

Swimming Carnival

Keeping up with the water theme the senior school headed to Colchester Pool to support or participate in the house swimming carnival. The students wore their house colours as they cheered on their teams and sang their house chants. Well done to Cook, Bass, Flinders and Tasman everyone did a fantastic job!
**St Kilda Football Clinic**

Oh when the Saints, Oh when the Saints come marching into Tootgarook!

The senior school were lucky enough to have a few players of the St Kilda football team come and teach us some new football skills and of course have some fun whilst doing so.

**Briars Environmental Excursion**

Miss Kain and Miss Broomfield’s favourite part of the term!

Now where do we begin… You could feel the excitement in the air as the grade fours stepped onto the bus, the atmosphere was electric, students could anticipate all the fun they were about to have in the day ahead!

We began the excursion exploring all the interesting and mysterious tents that surrounded us. You didn’t know what to expect until you stepped in. Students were brave enough to hold pythons and lizards as well as a myriad of local marine animals. We learnt about the many different environmental habitats of plovers, possums, icky worms and insects which will be so helpful with our integrated topic this term! Lunch was a blast with a rock band playing all sorts of fun music while we ate our lunch and observed those brave enough to shake their tail feathers (Isabella, Ashtyn and Tiana!).

Lastly, we were lucky enough to have some Indigenous Australian activities. We learned about the indigenous culture, ate some yummy traditional tucker and weaved bracelets made from local flora.

A HUGE thank you to those parents that volunteered their time to assist in the excursion, it was much appreciated.