Lightning strikes twice at sports day

By Harry Wooldridge

On Thursday, March 20, classes three to six took part in the annual Summer Lightning Premiership. I played cricket in the Boys A team. We came off the bus and our coach Dave huddled us together and told us that we had three games to play, to try our best and have fun. We improved with each game and won one out of three.

I represented the school in basketball as part of the summer Lightning Premiership. We walked to Mornington Secondary College to play our four basketball games. It was a hot day and the stadium we were playing in was so much cooler than it was outside. The stadium was big, with three courts and a few benches that you could watch from. The first game the girls team played was against a team that made it to the State finals the year before, so it was pretty hard work. There were ten of us girls and only five on a court at a time so we swapped every half time. We got a few goals over the whole day so we were pretty happy. The boys got lots of goals throughout the whole day so they did pretty well. They had six boys so they rotated through their games with one person off at all times. We all tried our best but unfortunately we didn’t win any games. After playing four games, walking there and back, we all were pretty tired. When we got to school we were exhausted! We had lots of fun and enjoyed ourselves.

On Wednesday, March 19, Mornington Park Primary School gathered together and celebrated Harmony Day. Students were allowed to wear a splash of orange for the celebration. At lunchtime we sang a song that the school had rehearsed in music the previous day with our music teacher Paula. The song we performed was called ‘There is So Much Magnificence’. We sang the song with our other instrumental teacher Dave while he played guitar. We sang that song to everyone in the world who needs more harmony and we send love, blessings and harmony to them all. At lunchtime we had activities including making paper chains and kites. I would like to say a big thank you to our school Chaplain Trish for running those activities. I’d also like to thank everyone for participating and to all the staff who helped to make the day a big success.

Students celebrate Autumn's arrival

By Jai Masters

Even though it was a school day, we were in the little kids’ playground celebrating the coming of Autumn! First everyone made Autumn wands and we had to snap the big sticks to make little sticks. After that we made corn dollsies and weaved the fence with fabric and ivy. While we were doing the activities some parent helpers were barbecuing corn. I didn’t have any, but Xavier said, “the corn after the festival was good.” Some of the activities included food we could eat, like popcorn necklaces and apple bobbing. Tilly said, “the popcorn was yum!” Another good thing about Autumn festival was the music. There was Autumn singing and Talia said, “I think the 5/6S class must have worked really hard because their song was very powerful.” We all sang songs and welcomed Autumn.

Right: Students dressed in Autumn colours as part of the festivities.

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Looking back on the first term

By Simone Healey

During the first term work began to get harder and harder each day and that was good. We had lots of special things happen which made term 1 great. On Harmony Day, we made kites and sang a song. The Minister for Education Martin Dixon came to open our renovations which was also a great day – especially the people on stilts blowing bubbles! Gina, Jamie and Rosie were picked to be I Sea I Care ambassadors for the school. “We saw amazing dolphins and we also saw fish when we were swimming,” Gina said. We also went sailing, the water was a bit rough but everyone said it was still fun. The new radio station is a great hit! Everybody loves the music, which gets played every recess and lunchtime. If you have music you want played, see Leon or Marcus. Recently we also learned Roman numerals. It has been a fun and busy term.

April birthdays:

- 4th: Amelia Segan
- 7th: Shannon Derham
- 12th: Valery Popko
- 14th: Hayley Pendlebury
- 23rd: River Prosser
- 26th: Louni Egan
- 29th: Krishna Patel
- Max Broersen

Nude food equals a healthy body and a healthy planet

By Gina Godwin

Starting on the first Wednesday of next term, we’re introducing Nude Food Day to our school. We’re asking that every Wednesday, parents send your children to school with food without wrappers. Instead of junk food in packages, please send healthy food to school with your children, or please take wrappers off food at home. Every Wednesday from next term will be Nude Food Day.

We’re doing this for a number of reasons; firstly there will be less rubbish at school and less rubbish in the environment and secondly, we’ll all be much happier and healthier if we eat good food! “It might be hard, but it will be a fun challenge,” said MPPS student Esther. If we get 100 Nude Food Lunches in one day, we will get a trophy for the school. “It will be fun and good for the environment and I want to help get the trophy for the school,” said MPPS student Heath.

Art, history and culture all in a day’s excursion

By Jamie Burnett

Students from Mainstream and Steiner took a trip to the city on Wednesday, March 26, visiting the Polly Woodside, the graffiti lanes in the city and the Museum. I’m surrounded by colour, wonder and wild weirdness. I feel special in a colourful way. I am inspired to draw my own creations. Such is the power of Melbourne’s graffiti lanes. This is where we ended our journey after a day in the city. The main purpose of our visit was to learn about the early settlers.

Here are some thoughts from students about the day:

“I am surrounded by inspirational creations. Such is the power of Melbourne’s graffiti lanes. This is where we ended our journey after a day in the city. The main purpose of our visit was to learn about the early settlers. We started at the Polly Woodside, the graffiti lanes in Melbourne. But this was only where we ended up. We started at the Polly Woodside, a mighty ship yet famous for being horrible and disgusting. Why did we want to go on this ship? To learn about settlement of Australia. Our guide’s name was Justin. He showed us around the ship.” - Harry

“I enjoyed walking along the Yarra River and listening to Leanne talking. She talked about Batman trying to claim 500,000 acres for 100 knives, 20 blankets, etc. I really enjoyed my trip and will definitely go again.” - Leonidas

“As I walk down the graffiti lanes I see amazing work. I see a girl on a trapeze. I thought it was done by professionals. I see an amazing tree with a heart in the middle of it made of rubbish. I want to do that when I’m older.” - Monique

“The sights were amazing. Right from when I walked into the graffiti lanes my eyes widened in amazement. The art work that some people have done was mind blowing. I really loved a tree that someone had done. It was big and the branches wrapped around a heart that was made of garbage. It was spectacular. I also loved the beautiful picture of an Aboriginal boy with ochre rock on his face. His eyes looked like they were really shining.” - Jemiah.

“I felt so inspired being there in the moment. I felt colourful and comfortable. I was looking for something to draw and then I saw an awesome chicken. I sat down, looked at him for a while and then I drew him. When I’d finished we walked back to the bus. I sat next to Harry again. Rosie and Amelie sat in front of me and Chloe beside. We started drawing pictures of each other. It was hilarious. I had so much fun. We got back to school and it felt so quick.” - Connor L

“What a divine day spent with divine company. Thank you to my marvellous students and to Trish and Rose for sharing the day with us. It is an absolute pleasure and privilege to teach 5/6S.” - Leanne