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Flying High at Camp

Grade 5/6 Students attended camp from 21 to 24 June. The camp was at Camp Clayton in Ulverstone and involved activities on site and in the area. There was a strong Aboriginal focus, with students following up learning from the classroom. There were also many physically challenging experiences, such as the Giant Swing or Zip Lining. For many students, it was the longest they had been away from their family. Our students were outstanding. Please enjoy our camp edition of the newsletter.

Principal's Message

I was fortunate enough to attend the recent Grade 5/6 Camp. It was such a pleasure to attend with our students, who represented the school with energy, enthusiasm, and outstanding behaviour. They were pushed outside their comfort zones, learning more about themselves and each other.

I would like to thank the staff who attended as well; Mr Quilliam, Mr McGuinness, Mr Hallsworth, Mrs Collinson and Mrs Belbin. They worked feverishly to give our students every opportunity and to keep them safe.

A week's long camp is a challenge in many ways in 2021, but the recent experience has reinforced my belief that camps are an enriching experience for students and a time for significant personal growth.

Brendan Gill | Principal



Dear God,
Let us prepare for winter.
The sun has turned away from us
and the nest of summer hangs broken in a tree.
Life slips through our fingers and,
as darkness gathers,
our hands grow cold.
It is time to go inside.
It is time for reflection and resonance.
It is time for contemplation.
Let us go inside.
Amen.

Michael Leunig, A Common Prayer, Collins Dove, 1990.

All about Camp

Last week we went on Grade 5/6 Camp to Camp Clayton. The excitement was high, the challenges, discovery and fun rolled out during the week and marshmallows were cooked on campfires. But enough from us, here is what the students had to say when we asked them what their favourite, funniest and most memorable experience was about their camp!



I really enjoyed camp and the activities were really fun. My favourite thing was definitely gaga ball and indoor soccer. Hunter Auksorius

Having my birthday at camp is a great memory and Joel's birthday too. Benjamin Buck

Going on the giant swing was my favourite! Leland Seward-Halliday

Getting out of my comfort zone on the giant swing. Lilly Upton

It was fun, joyful, cool, relaxing and funny. Max O'Brien

Eating garlic bread and pasta and doing my funny move. Riley Morgan

The giant swing was the funniest. Oliver Taylor



It was fun. Nieka Sheppard

Eating garlic bread and pasta and doing my funny move. Riley Morgan

I liked the people in my cabin consisting of Aidan, Ben, Malachi, Sampson and shortly after Hunter and Charlie joined. Jack Reilly

Camp was really fun and it was very helpful to get better friendships and overcome your fears. Madaline Ede

My favourite experience was the giant swing. Ava Spratt

It was my first camp with my friends and first school camp. It was so fun. I wished I could stay for longer. The giant swing, zip-lining, gaga ball and volleyball were my favourite activities. Liam Headlam

It was the first time I've been away for three nights. I would recommend it for other people even though I got a bit homesick and missed everyone. Aidan Mead



My most memorable moment was getting an arrow in the red in archery. I'm still shocked that I did that! Ollie Holmes

My most memorable moment was getting everyone through the tyre of the obstacle course. Logan Oates

The funniest thing was when someone in my cabin kept saying funny things! Nevisha

The campfire and how warm it was. Hamish Smith

I loved the zipline. I have never done it and I was so excited!
Bisandu Perera

Probably going to the Tiagarra Aboriginal Education Centre and Museum with the class and the giant swing. Tom Scott

Camp was fun. I loved the rides. I loved all the food and I especially liked the cabins. Caleb Brown

The giant swing was my favourite activity and seeing Mr McGuinness missing every arrow in the target was the funniest! I wanted to go home but I was brave and I stayed. I loved it. Samson Coates

Oliver's face lighting up with joy on the giant swing. Nyasia Kean



Oliver totally surprising us by having the biggest smile on his face and laughing all the way down on the giant swing. Lily Rossiter

The funniest thing was watching people on the giant swing when they screamed! Logan Farr

Camp Clayton was the best camp I have ever been to and the staff were very nice. Riley Hallsworth

The funniest thing at camp was me telling my jokes. Seth Benbow

Spending lots of time with my friends, doing activities and having heaps of fun. Charli Fitzgerald

We played gaga ball and volleyball. We even ate marshmallows around the campfire. Nyla Syeda

The funniest thing that happened at camp was Mr Gill waking everybody up in the morning singing the Melbourne Demon's footy song! Charlie Burnett



Student Name Violet | **Age** 10 | **Grade** 4

What grade were you in when you started at this school?

Grade 3. I used to go to Lauderdale Primary School

What are your favourite subjects?

Art, writing and music

What is your unknown hidden talent?

I make fabulous earrings and my friends and family love them

What is your favourite thing about JP11?

I like how there's lots of opportunities here. At my old school it was a big school and it was hard to get the chance to interact with people in a meaningful way or even represent your school because there were so many people there. At JP11, because it's smaller, I get the chance to do lots of different things.

Student **Voice**

Three favourite things you like about this school

1. Spending time in Ludo (Early Learning Centre)
2. Friendly people that are part of this school community.
3. Different excursions we get to go on.



Favourite staff member and why?

Ms Davies because she's really funny and good for our class
Ms Auksooris because she's really kind.
Mr Gill because he's funny and kind.
Coach Fitz because she gets the job done.

Tell us about the new school uniform.....

I like the new school logo because I like that it has the different blue colours in it and makes it stand out. I love our new school uniform because it's really comfy to wear.

Most funniest/memorable experience at school?

Entering and winning the Talent Show at the end of 2020.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A Kindergarten Teacher

If you could change or add one thing about our school to make it better what would it be?

Our new hall that we are getting will be great. When that is done I think the school will be great!

Any other thoughts you would like to share as a student at JP11?

I'm glad I came to JP11.
It's a great school.

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Benefits of Participating in Sport

by Mr Matthew Desmarchelier - P.E. Teacher

During recent weeks, students have been learning the rules and skills necessary to participate in the sport of Lacrosse. This term, we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to learn from Jack and Felicity. Prep all the way up to Grade 6 were able to join in and enjoy the benefits of the sport, regardless of ability level. Personally, it was great to see both the development of Lacrosse skills and the development of a positive approach towards trying new things. There were plenty of beaming smiles that followed shortly after a student had successfully scooped a ball off of the ground for the first time or caught an overarm throw.

With this in mind, it's important for us to think of the benefits that come from sport beyond skill development. Improved sleep and improved personal, social and emotional skills such as leadership and cooperation are just a few examples of the ways our kids develop through participation in sport.



GETTING TO KNOW DI



Name Di O'Rourke

Position: Deputy Principal - this role is multifaceted and involves pastoral care, administrative, and teaching responsibilities. I am blessed to be able to be heavily involved in the lives of all of our students.

Special interest or hobby outside of work?

When I'm not working, my main interests are traveling overseas, reading, and catching up with family and friends. Since we've not been traveling much lately, I have tried to read books that take me far away in my imagination.

How long have you worked at JP11? I have worked at JP11 for almost three years in my current role. However, I worked as a classroom teacher at JP11 for three years earlier in my career (2007-2009).

Favourite part of working in your position at JP11?

JP11 is a very special place and I love coming to school each day. I love to see our students flourish and grow. My role is very diverse which means that no two days are ever the same. Working in Catholic Education is my vocation and I am grateful for the opportunities I've been afforded in my career.

Best moment at JP (so far!)

Something I have been proud to be part of is the opening of Ludo in our school. I think this is a wonderful opportunity for our school and the wider community. We have a fantastic team of people working in our Early Years Centre and the children are the beneficiaries of their dedicated, hard work.

What is your unique experience/skill that you bring to the JP11 team?

I pride myself on being able to effectively build relationships with students and adults alike. I also think I have a good sense of humour - just ask Mr Gill!

Any last word before the school bell goes.....?

'You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book'. Dr Seuss



FREE Setup for Success at JP11
Birth to 5 years with parent /carer

Come along Friday
mornings 9am-10:30am

Explore, Create, Discover,
Together

Setup for Success takes a break during the upcoming school holidays and returns in Term 3 on Friday 23 July. All Welcome.

END OF TERM STUDENT AWARDS



Kindergarten Awards
Top: Niya
Middle: Matilda
Bottom: Rylan

Kindergarten

Most Consistent
Niya Lajith

Most Improved
Matilda Coates

Special Award
Rylan Magrath

Prep

Most Consistent | Jax Blackaby

Most Improved | Daisy Cook

Special Award | Shacara Ford



Grade 5/6 Huon Awards
Top: Lilly
Middle: Leland
Bottom: Malachi

Grade 1

Most Consistent | Kobin Macrath

Most Improved | Alexis Peck

Special Award | Scarlett Stanton

Grade 2

Most Consistent | Thomas Hallsworth

Most Improved | Pavneet Kaur

Special Award | Aavnish Adhikari

Grade 3

Most Consistent | Adnah Saifullah

Most Improved | Charli Brown

Special Award | Katrina McLean

Grade 5/6 Sassafra

Most Consistent
Madaline Ede

Most Improved
Jack Reilly

Special Award
Zoe Chappell



Grade 4 Awards
Top: Storm
Middle: Lachlan
Bottom: Violet

Grade 4

Most Consistent | Storm Green

Most Improved | Lachlan Hull

Special Award | Violet Hodgkinson



Grade 5/6 Sassafra Awards
Top: Madaline
Middle: Jack
Bottom: Zoe

Grade 5/6 Huon

Most Consistent | Lilly Upton

Most Improved | Leland Sward-Halliday

Special Award | Malachi Venegas

Have a fantastic holiday everyone. See you back on Monday 19 July 2021.

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