

THE UNFORGETTABLE CAMP

On Monday, July 30 at 9.30am all Year 5 and 6 students from St Brigid's Primary School Ballan set off on the train to Melbourne for two nights and three days. When the train had arrived in Melbourne, it was a quick dash to drop off our bags and to have our recess. After recess the next stop was the Melbourne Cricket Ground where everyone got to have a tour inside. It went for two hours, going into clubrooms and into the sports museum, on the oval and in all of the different rooms. Next was tea time, which was chicken, peas, pumpkin and potatoes. It was really delicious. You would have thought that was the end but it wasn't, it was then time to head to MSAC which is an aquatic centre in Melbourne. After catching many trams, we arrived, firstly going in the wave pool for about thirty minutes, then we all got to go on a waterslide three times each. When you were on it, it would turn corners all of a sudden. It was so, so much fun. Now it was time to go on an inflatable, which you had to jump over things or go through them. That wasn't the end though, now everyone got to go on a diving board. It was hard to do at first but then every student got the hang of it. The last thing was a jump off a three metre platform. Some people thought it was scary, some thought it was awesome. When you jumped off the platform you felt like it was taking forever to hit the water. MSAC was an amazing experience.

The next morning came, it started with breakfast with a choice of cereal, toast and yoghurt. After breakfast we broke up into groups of four, as we were going to the Queen Victorian Market. There were so many different things. Some things people bought were American jam donuts, Spanish donuts, fidget spinners, splat balls and jewellery. Now it was the really exciting bit coming up, GOING ON THE MELBOURNE STAR! Every student got into groups of 11 or 12 including a teacher. It was such an amazing view, even from the start when we reached the top it was so high but not scary at all.

After lunch, we went to the Immigration Museum and explored it. The creepy part of camp came, going inside the Old Melbourne Jail. It was amazing how many cells there were inside, there was even one cell with a fake person inside. Every student and teacher was hungry so we went to have tea at Crown, most people got KFC or Maccas, and a couple of students got Subway. It was delicious. The last stop of the day was the Kingpin Arcade. We had unlimited cards for one hour. There was so much to do, basketball, dancing, motorbike riding and more.

On the last day of camp we went to ACMI which is the Australian Centre of Moving Images. Inside were old television shows, games, movies and the car from Mad Max. It was so cool to see. Not long after we had the staff from Urban Camp come and bring us lunch at the train station. Sadly that was the end of the adventures of our Melbourne camp and it was over in a flash but it was a camp to remember.

Emma and Bella, St Brigid's Ballan students.

