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Principal's Piece

"A glimpse of the fantastic things our students experience."

Welcome to the first edition of our new publication, Pulse. Pulse will be distributed twice a term, and include articles and reports from many of the great learning opportunities and experiences that occur across our amazing College. We will also include a reminder of upcoming dates. We hope Pulse becomes a document you look forward to receiving and reading.

We will no longer be producing our traditional fortnightly newsletter. Instead, Pulse will provide a supplementary publication that works in line with other communication means such as School Stream, the College website and social media.

There are many great articles throughout this publication that give you a glimpse of the fantastic things our students experience. I hope you enjoy reading Pulse.

I have been working through a book recently called "Mission Drift" by Peter Greer, Chris Horst and Anna Haggard. This book talks about the importance of staying true to the original mission and purpose of organisations, and in particular Christian organisations and not for profits. It is a great reminder to me about the importance of our Christian Education framework that we hold to dearly.

As a school that is currently experiencing strong growth, I am constantly reminding myself of our College Vision, which is "To develop the full potential of each student, equipping them to engage with and impact their community for Jesus Christ."

This is to be achieved through a number of focus areas, including the following:

- Being Christ centred in all that we do, encouraging students to develop and grow their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Partnering with families and churches to reinforce Biblical principles.
- Teaching from a Biblical Worldview.
- Providing excellence in classroom teaching.
- Developing a culture of lifelong learning.
- Providing opportunities and encouragement for each student to excel with their God-given gifts, talents and abilities.
- Utilising the material and financial resources God has blessed us with, with integrity and honour.
- Developing a heart for mission and providing practical mission opportunities for our students to express Christian love.
- Developing community and relationship within and between all parts of both the College, and the broader community.
- Providing a safe and supportive environment for all students.

We are so blessed to have a strong Christian College in which to raise our children, one that is unashamed of the Gospel and seeks to provide excellent education with a Christ focused worldview.

God Bless



Chris Aiton



Principal Chris Aiton

Life School Musical Production 2019

Wow!!! The School Production was amazing. Over 120 students took to the stage to sing, dance and act. Many students took on roles and tasks that they had never tried before. Students sang solos, duets, went on the stage, had speaking roles and worked back stage for the very first time. Other students helped choreograph their items or sections on the plays. Many students helped set up and worked behind the scenes. So many students stepped out of their comfort zone and had a go. The staff were very proud of every single student who participated. All the students put in 100% and the show was proof of this. We'd like to thank all the staff, parents and volunteers that helped make the production such an amazing evening and we'd like to thank everyone who came to watch our performances.

Mrs King

This year in Term 3 the whole of Shepparton Christian College primary put on a school musical. It was called Life School Musical. There was a matinee and a night performance. In this article I will take you through all the things I loved, learnt and what I was challenged by, in this play.

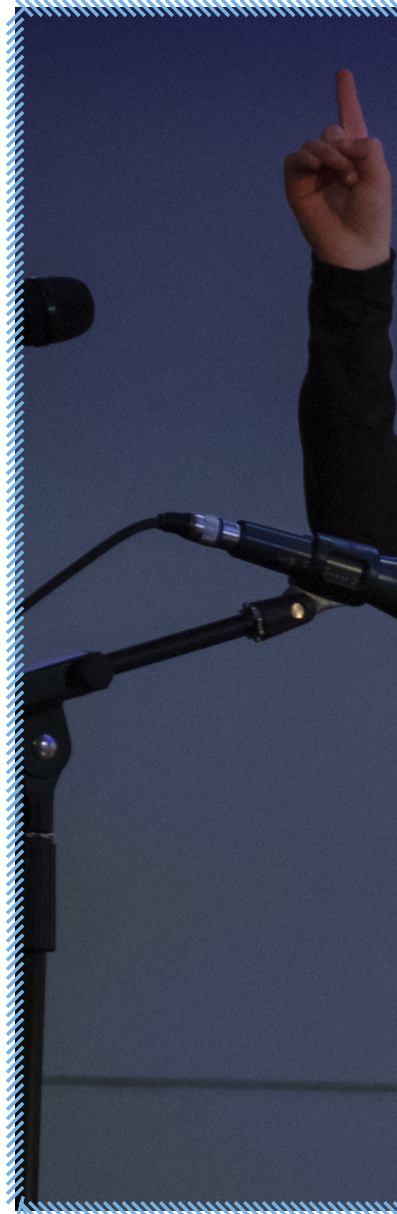
What I loved about this production was that everyone put in their best effort and if they made a mistake everyone would just keep going and trying their best. I also loved that everyone expressed their lines really well throughout the play and did that in the matinee and the night performance as well.

What I learnt about doing this play is that practice makes perfect! Well, it really does. Although sometimes during practices we had lack of concentration, we tried our best most of the time. I also learnt that the teachers helping us like Mr Lim, Mrs King and Mrs Harland actually try really hard to get these awesome plays running. So I am very thankful for that.

What I was challenged by in this play was that it took a lot of teamwork and that was very challenging! But I was also challenged by the fact that we had to be patient through the whole play and while practicing.

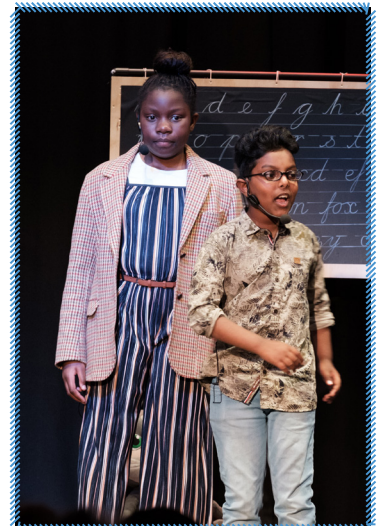
In conclusion, I can say that this experience has been fun and educational in practicing and performing for all of us and we all got something out of it.

Nathan Lloyd Grade 6



"I loved the Production and I loved it. I like singing."

Zachary Ferguson Prep



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At the production we did singing. I loved the production. I loved it because I liked the dancing and singing the songs.
Oscar Benton - Fletcher Grade 1



At the production we dressed up as bugs.
Wolfgang Peric Prep



"We did the Production. I was a butterfly."
Harper Chasemore Prep

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Rakela Gjokola - Year 8

The school production was a memorable time when students got together to form a well organised play. Everyone worked hard to know their lines and the lyrics to the songs. The preparation wasn't just hard work, friends were made, and the students had heaps of fun. None of this would have been possible without the amazing teachers at SCC and the parents who helped out. The teachers and parents devoted their time and energy towards preparing and teaching us for the production. We performed well in both performances but our last performance in my opinion was flawless. After the last performance the students were ecstatic, all that hard work and time had paid off. I would like to say thank you to all who helped out and well done to the students who performed.

DRAMA

"I liked the production because it put me out of my comfort zone and I enjoyed all the dancing." Chloe Galt Year 7



"I liked production because it was fun and I got to know more people well." Gabby Doherty Year 9

Ultimate Superstar School Production



The secondary production saw about 30 students step up and volunteer giving up their time during lunchtimes, and some classes to put on an amazing performance. They put in a huge amount of effort and faced fears that most of us find too daunting to even consider.

All of the students were outstanding in their performance, attitude and strength. Many students were on stage, in this format for the first time. Some who normally assisted backstage agreed to be on stage. Many danced, others sang songs while some spoke lines for the first time. Students had to grow in their voice control, projection and in character development. They pushed themselves out of their comfort zones to pull together an absolutely incredible performance. Those on stage were supported by another great team of students who managed lights, sound, computers and backstage.

The performance that we all enjoyed and loved watching was rehearsed and planned over a 12-week period. This was an incredible effort by all involved. The secondary production was a huge team effort with every part being crucial to the success of the show.

The younger students in the school have been inspired by what they saw and the students involved were challenged and grew in skills and abilities. The end result was one that everyone can be very proud of.

Mrs King



"I liked production because it was fun and I was able to learn a lot of new things." Believer Mukombozi Year 8



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“Surfing was the best part, I nearly stood up”

Gabby Doherty Year 9

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Year 9 / 10 Outdoor Education Camp

Day 1 was a huge success. We arrived at Portsea for lunch we departed on a walk through the Pt Nepean National Park to Fort Nepean. En route we learnt about the fortification and other historical facts linked to the area such as the disappearance of Prime Minister Harold Holt in 1967. We explored fort tunnels, enjoyed coastal views and encountered an echidna, lorikeets, rosellas and witnessed petrels gliding along wave-lines in the distance. At 3pm we went snorkelling in Port Phillip Bay and were able to see various sea sponges, seaweeds (kelp, red coral algae), wrass, leather jackets and zebra fish, weedy sea dragons, stingrays, sea urchin and sea stars. Everyone had a great time, especially the water bombing competition at the end of the dive (jumping into the water off the Portsea Pier).

We camped at Shoreham Foreshore Reserve overnight where students were very efficient and cooperative, putting up their tents and cooking their own dinner. Students and staff fell to sleep quickly, listening to the sound of waves lapping the shores. However, in the early hours of the morning most of us were abruptly woken by a spectacular thunderstorm with lots of flashes of lightning as well as the cracking and rumbling of thunder.

Day 2 started well. Students ate breakfast overlooking the beach, followed by a devotion and prayer on the beach before heading off on a scenic drive through the vineyard district and adjoining farmlands to Sorrento. In Sorrento, we collected our bikes and quickly made our way

on the ferry to Queenscliff. We disembarked the ferry with our bikes to continue our journey to the Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre. At the Centre, we met Phil (our guide) who shared a wealth of knowledge that kept everyone engaged. Our students were perfectly behaved and showed interest by asking some very inquisitive questions. Some of the highlights included the "Touch Tank" experience, participating in the "Adaptation Research Project" and watching a cuttlefish feeding. We moved on from the Discovery Centre, on our bikes to Pt Lonsdale for lunch and enjoyed a tour of the lighthouse.

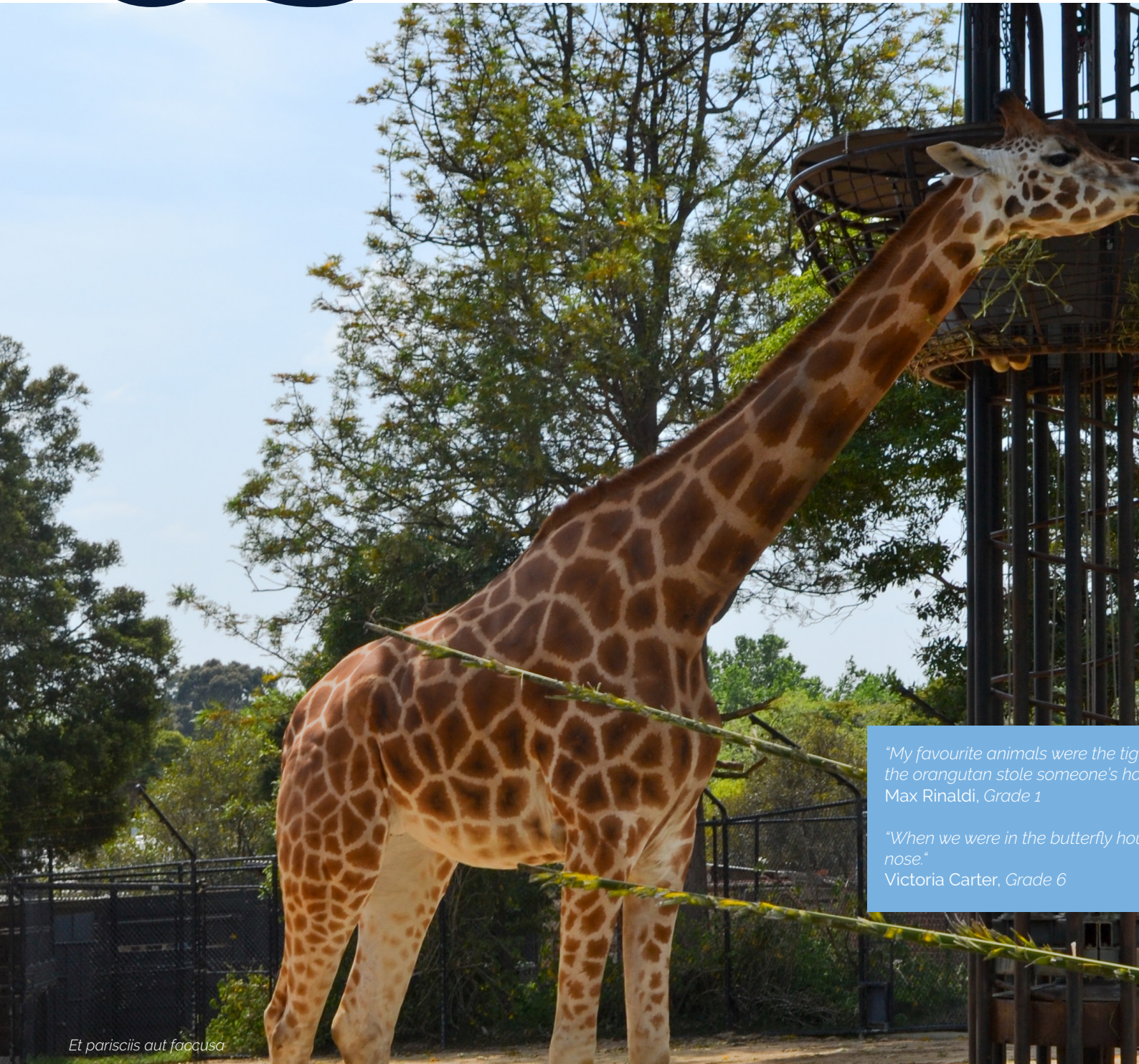
Day 3 began with a quick breakfast and with the packing up of all camping equipment. Students and Staff were all excited to depart for surfing lessons at Pt Leo beach. EastCoast Surf School, sang us a friendly welcome song before we quickly donned our wetsuits and received instructions about how to catch waves and stand up on our surfboards. A short time later we headed into the water to practice our skills on some small waves with lots of laughter. The next activity for the day was the Arthurs Seat Eagle Chairlift ride. The ride provides spectacular views of Port Phillip Bay and showcases the Mornington-Peninsula. From inside the gondola we were able to track our movements over the days of our camp.

Thank you Mrs Du Preez and Mr Mallon for assisting us on the camp.

Mr D.Clark



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Melbourne Zoo

Primary School Excursion

Prep - Grade 6, Friday 1st November

On the 1st of November the whole primary school gathered at the school at 7am. We boarded two buses and travelled to the Melbourne Zoo. We had a great adventure.

Everyone participated in the education program put on by the zoo educators. The patting of the blue tongue lizard was a much loved activity.

Lots of the animals put on "tricks" and "antics" to entertain the children. For some children it was the first time they saw particular animals. It was a great time of exploration, bonding with each other and learning about animals.

On the way home the buses were delayed due to a fire on the freeway. The students showed great patience and resilience as we waited for permission to safely travel home. Overall it was a fabulous day.

Mrs L. King



er and the orangutans because
t and it was really funny."

use a butterfly landed on my



Year 9 / 10

Visual Communications Excursion

Students in Year 9&10 Viscom Design attended the Melbourne Zoo on Friday for a special school STEM design competition.

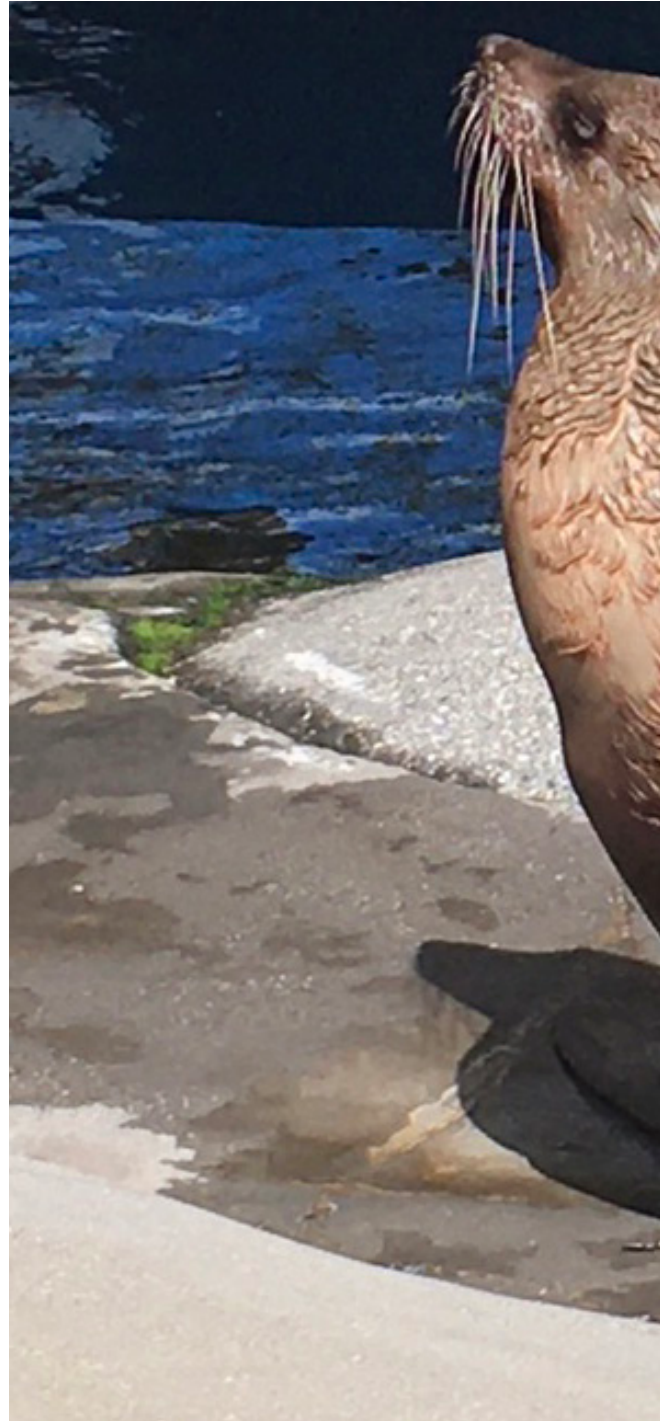
The Steve Irwin style presenter enthusiastically discussed the design challenge to create a safe and engaging animal enclosure for two of the zoo's favourite animal families; the meerkats and the lemurs.

The SCC design students answered questions, (thanks Will Galt for answering most!) and also completed a second photography project throughout the day.

It was a great day out with perfect weather, cooperative animals (most of them showed themselves) and excellent students!

Thanks so very much to Mrs Bognar for managing the bus so well, (which was not very cooperative), and for the patience of Ben trying to get back to work on time, and to all the parents for waiting for us to get back slightly later than planned.

Mrs L Bryan



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Sport Update

Primary & Secondary

Congratulations to the following students for excelling in their sporting fields.

- Nathan S - 1st 800m GMDSSV Athletics & 5th in the Primary Regional Athletics.
- Declan K - 3rd 800m & 1st 1500m in the Secondary Regional Athletics.
- Shekinah S - 3rd javelin in the Secondary Regional Athletics.
- Ben G - 1500 3rd in the Secondary Regional Athletics.
- Elliott.H, Ben M, Seth S, Declan K - 3rd male relay in the Secondary Regional Athletics.

Term 4 started with a very sporty theme for the Primary students with the Grade 3 - 6 each enjoying their own day of Interschool Athletics. A terrific day was had by all, especially Nathan S from Grade 5 who qualified for the division athletics where he came 1st in the 800m. After this success he then represented the school at the regional level where he came 5th.

The Secondary Regional Athletics saw a talented team of athletes compete at a high standard. Representing the College across a range of track and field events, our students performed well achieving the excellent results listed above.

The year 7 & 8 students all enjoyed a day mixed with other local schools and competed in tennis, volleyball & cricket. It was a windy and chilly day with lots of fun had by all.

Mrs L. Smithers-Shaw

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Lower Primary Sleepover

Grade Prep /1 /2 /3

Sleepover Recount by Lachlan Jackson

On Friday the 25th of October, we went to the sleepover with the Grade 2/3, at school. We played some games with the Prep/1s. When the Prep/1s left we set up our beds. The boys were in the 4/5 room and the girls were in the Prep/1 room. Miss Stone was with the girls and Mr Tan was with the boys. After we had free time, Zayne and I played soccer. Next we had a Science Show with Mr Aiton. After I said thank you to Mr Aiton. Next we watched Magic School Bus. Then we had popcorn with the class. Finally, we went to bed. In the morning we got dressed in our clothes. We packed our bags. Our Mums came to pick us up in the car to go home.



ACTIVITY 1

Students used their imagination with Miss Stone to create crazy little animals out of pipe cleaners.



ACTIVITY 2

Mrs Harland organised for students to decorate biscuits into the shape of an animal, which students found to be a tasty and enjoyable challenge.



ACTIVITY 3

Mrs King planned outside games to encourage teamwork and develop problem solving skills.

Grade Prep -3 students enjoyed a jam-packed evening of activities during the Sleepover and Late Stay at School. Students were blessed with an amazing donation of fruit, pancakes and muffins to enjoy for afternoon tea. They were also kept busy with three different activity rotations. Before Prep/1 students left to go home, we had all the students come together for a very yummy and filling tea which consisted of hotdogs, fruit and and icy-poles.

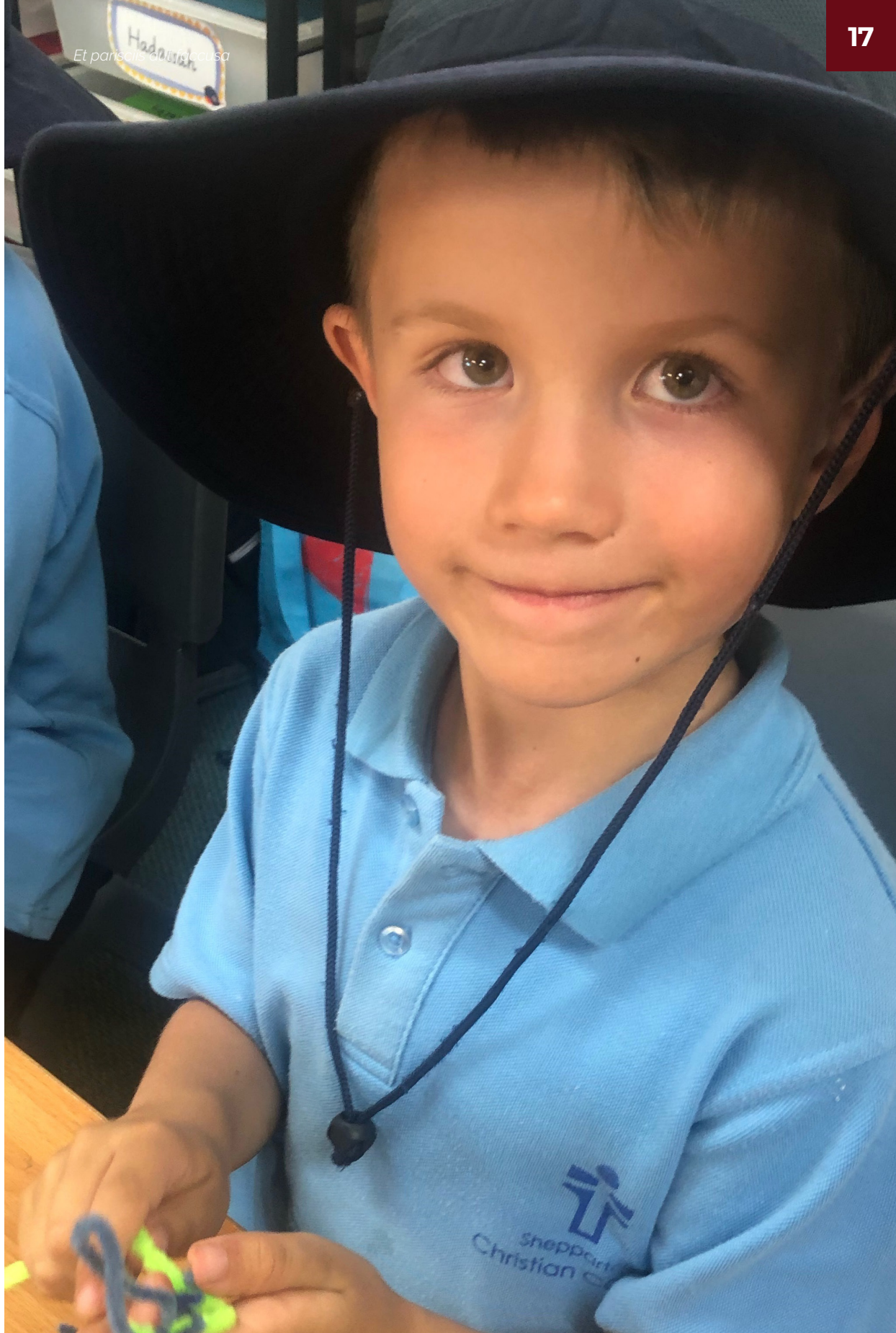
Once Prep/1 students had headed home for the night, Grade 2/3 students were then dazzled by Mr Aiton with a wonderful science display and then students went twirling long the dancefloor with Mr Tan.

Throughout the whole event, students displayed outstanding behaviour and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. We would like to say a big thank you to those parents that came to help to prepare and cook food, as they helped to make the whole even run smoothly.

Thanks to Parents and Friends for the donation of fruit and to parents who also donated food. Students would also like to thank Mr Aiton for the Science Show, Mr Tan for staying over and for the cool dancing.

Miss Stone

Et parlez anglais



In the morning some of us got
up really early, so we played a
game in Room 7
Ruby Wallace Grade 2



2020 Missions Team

We are excited to announce our 2020 Missions Team.

The trip will involve students and staff travelling internationally. We will be spending the majority of time in the Northern-Thailand city of Chiang Mai. We will travel from Chiang Mai to some hill tribes to the south-west of the city and stay there for three days. On the journey home, we have a one-night stopover in the capital, Bangkok.

For the majority of our time in Thailand, we will be hosted by an organisation who have a long standing history of impact and compassion within Thailand, especially in the northern city of Chiang Mai.

The Missions Team has begun fundraising to help cover the cost of the groups expenses. It would be wonderful if you would support their fundraising efforts and keep the team in your prayers.

Prayer points

1. Pray for the smooth processing of participants' passports.
2. Pray for the spiritual preparation and development of the mission team and for unity and friendship as they get to know each other and start working on projects.
3. Pray for the financial management of the mission team.
4. Pray for the spiritual development, strength, and growth of The River Church, churches in the Hill Tribes and openness with the schools that we will be working with.





The River Team

The River Team is led by Erik and Mariaana Klar, long term missionaries to Thailand since 1993. The River Team consists of over 40 Thai nationals and several long and short-term foreign volunteers based in Hang Dong and in surrounding tribal communities. The team is constantly growing with new trainees regularly joining the team from within Thailand and surrounding nations. Community transformation projects are now underway in many communities and villages across the nation.

The River Training and Convention Centre Facilities

Students will be staying at The River Training and Convention Centre which is located 15 kilometres south of Chiang Mai, Northern Thailand. The River Centre offers onsite training and mentoring in holistic community development to individuals and organisations throughout Thailand and South East Asia.

As a part of the training facilities, The River Centre includes a 28 room accommodation facility, four conference rooms and a swimming pool, as well as a Café with a separate meeting room located in the centre of Hang Dong. The River Centre facilities are run solely by The River Team, providing opportunities for hands-on training in hospitality, business, grounds and vehicle management, and English & Thai language learning. These facilities also assist The River Centre in its goal towards becoming self-supporting. All the profits from these facilities are invested directly into The River Centre's training and community development projects.

To date, The River Centre has mainly focused on meeting the needs of communities within Chiang Mai and tribal areas of Northern Thailand. However, The River Centre is now having an impact all over Thailand and into South East Asia, seeing people empowered to empower others for holistic transformation.

2020 Team Members

Alex Aiton, Simon Polpouk, Sandra Mathai, Hope Mioni, Lily Coulson, Thomas Honey, Jasmine Chasemore, Emma Bacon, Gabby Doherty, Rakela Gjokola & Joey Evans
Staff: Mrs Harland and Mr Arnold





The year 12 final day was an excellent opportunity to appreciate and celebrate our past 13 years of schooling. It was a memorable and meaningful farewell that was shared by the entire school, as well as friends and family, of whom's support was greatly appreciated.

Nekija O'Shannessy

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On 23 October 2019, our Year 12 students celebrated their final day at school with a Christmas theme and in various meaningful ways. The day started out with a mouth-watering BBQ breakfast which was prepared by the school staff. As the morning went by, students took advantage of the wonderful Christmas decorations which were set up in the middle of the outdoor basketball court.

After breakfast, our senior students went into town to complete a scavenger hunt and then returned to school to celebrate their farewell in their final assembly. The assembly presentation items consisted of a simple speech by our school captain Jonah Green, a musical parody of a classic rock song 'It's a hard way to the top' - if you want to get an A, and the main highlight of the teachers & students awards presentation.

All glory to our Father in heaven for His grace upon our Year 12 students! We thank God for His faithfulness and pray that the Lord will continue to make their paths straight, as they keep acknowledging God and trusting in His guidance with all their hearts.

Mr Tan

Graduating Class of 2019



Important Dates

Primary & Secondary

November

12th	Volunteers Morning Tea
13th	Prep Orientation
20th	Prep Orientation
21st	Year 12 Graduation Dinner
22nd	Report Writing Day (<u>Student Free Day</u>)
25th	Year 7 Information Night
26th	Parents & Friends (7pm, McDonalds North Shepp)
27th	Prep Orientation

December

3rd	Whole School Orientation (Day 1)
6th	Awards Assembly
9th	Grade 6 Graduation Night
10th	Whole School Orientation (Day 2)
11 - 13th	Secondary Activity Days
12th	Celebration Night at Eastbank
13th	Final day 2019 - 2.15pm
19th	Office Closes 12pm

January

20th	Office Open
28th	New Staff Orientation Day
29 - 31st	Staff Development

February

3rd	First Day of Term 1
6th	Secondary ID Photos
11th	Welcome BBQ (5.30 - 7.30pm) Primary Information Session Edmodo Information Session Secondary Information Session
12th	Swimming Carnival (Grade 1 - 3)
14th	Swimming Carnival (Grade 4 - Year 12)
18th	Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting
19 - 21st	Year 7 Camp & Year 9 /10 Camp
20 - 21st	Year 11 & Year 12 Camps



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