

The Cassowary

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VICTORIAN 'TRIVIA CHALLENGE' CHAMPIONS



Beverley Hills students once again demonstrated their outstanding General Knowledge at the Epilepsy Foundation Trivia Challenge at Monash University on Sunday 9th November. With 28,000 students competing from all over Victoria, it is a credit to a school of our size that our students achieved so well. Our Grades 3 & 4 teams, having successfully completed the semi-finals, competed admirably during the grand final. Although they did not win, the exemplary manner in which our students participated left us all feeling very proud.

The announcement that our grade 5 team had finished fourth in Victoria caused great excitement, particularly as they had recently returned from a very active and tiring camp.

The tension continued to mount as the ten place getters in the year 6 teams were announced, beginning at 10th place.

The response from the parents and teachers when Beverley Hills was announced as State Champions was anything but subdued. Our students were gracious in victory but did not object to smiling during the 'photo shoot' that followed.

Not content with the State Championship, our year 6 students now have their sights set on the National title, which is to be conducted at Parliament House in the very near future.

Thank you to our school community for their support in promoting awareness about Epilepsy in the community whilst raising essential funds to assist with research.

Mrs Nicola - Grade 6

**Congratulations to our
'Victorian Champions'
Liam, Georgia, Katie and Georgia.**



BAKE OFF COMPETITION AND MORNING TEA

The parents, grandparents and teachers joined all the children for morning tea. Thank you to Peter Higgs and Mrs Wallace and children for selecting our winning cakes. First prize went to the Williams family for their Banana Cake, 2nd prize to the Kent



Family for the One Bowl Cupcakes and 3rd prize to the Ezard family for the passionfruit sponge. Thank you to all the families who entered or donated cakes and slices.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

The Halloween Disco was held last Friday week and was a huge hit with the children. The costumes were fantastic and the children had a great spooky night. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the night.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 22nd November and the theme will be 'Thriller Spooky Night'. Get cracking and organise a table with your friends, neighbours and family, as there are hundreds of prizes and lots of the usual fun, music and of course trivia. We are asking for donations (costing between \$5 -\$10) such as chocolates, cosmetics, home wares, sporting goods, books etc...

We will be sending a flyer home this week, with raffle tickets that cost \$ 1.00 each, please try to sell these to your friends and family. Tickets for the trivia night are now available at the school office for \$12.50 each, please come along and support our school!!!

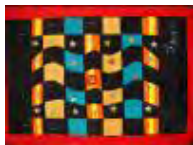
DECEMBER FOOD DAY

Tuesday 2nd December. We will be selling pizza, muffins and hot chocolate for lunch. An order form will be sent home shortly so that orders can be placed.

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BEVERLEY HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL ~ ART SHOW
Friday 28th November 5.00pm – 8.00pm



The Art show is an important event on the school calendar. This year we are featuring not only the student's work but also music and choral items and a family BBQ. We have even acquired the services of an Artist to draw caricatures on the night. To be successful and to reward the hard work of our Art Teachers we need the community support. Every family should take some time to visit the show, enjoy a BBQ and generally celebrate the excellent Art program we have at Beverley Hills.

A fun night for all – please do not leave this to others to give support.

Calendar

November

17th – 28th Grade 4/5 Swimming
19th – School Council Meeting
20th – Transition (Week 4)

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22nd – Trivia Night (Thriller Theme)
27th – Transition (Week 5)
28th – 'Art Show' (5.00pm – 8.00pm)

4/5 FOREST LODGE CAMP

On the 5th of November 2008, grade 4, 4/5 and 5 went to Forest Lodge Farm. It was a long way. When we got there, Paul showed everyone around. The activities included a Giant swing, Flying Fox, Archery, Ropes Course, Hut Building and Bush Cooking. My favourite activities were the giant swing, flying fox and ropes course. The giant swing was cool. You had to pull the person up and they pulled a red cord and they swung down just like a normal swing.

For the flying fox, somebody had to run the string and clips. The heavier you were the faster you go! The ropes course was fun. You had to go around the course. It was fun! After the ropes course I had rope burn! But I had fun!

By Erica 4G



At Forest Lodge Farm my favourite activity was the Giant swing. On the Giant Swing I wasn't quite sure about going to the top of the swing which was 20 metres HIGH! After a while I decided to go. First the children pulled the rope until I got to the top then I pulled a red cord which made me free fall backwards. It was awesome!

By Rachnaa 4G

On Wednesday the 5th of November 2008, grades four and five went to Forest Lodge Farm. It was a long trip down. We got there at 12:30. We went inside to have a look where we were going to sleep. We had a look around the farm which was really large. Our first activity was the giant swing. Mrs Waterhouse had to go first. I'm usually the dare devil. So I went first out of the kids. I went all the way to the top - (20m) twice. The way you had to go was by all the other kids pulling you up with a piece of rope. There was a red piece of rope you had to pull then you would go backwards and then forwards.

By: Emma 4G



At camp my favourite activity would have to be the giant swing. I went to the top and so did everyone else in the same activity group as me including Mrs Waterhouse. The top is 20m high. When you get to the top you have to pull a red rope then you fall and that's when the fun starts. Some of the boys screamed like girls but Mrs Waterhouse still screamed the most and loudest. I didn't scream though. It was really fun.

By Emily Safe 4G

FOREST LODGE CAMP REPORT

Sixty-four excited Grade 4/5 children departed for Forest Lodge Camp anticipating the fun times ahead. We arrived safely and after a quick camp tour we began all the scheduled activities.

The Giant Swing caused a little noise, but brave Mrs. Waterhouse went first and the majority then overcame their fear of heights and conquered the Giant Swing.

The Hut Building was a fabulous team building activity which all the groups excelled at and enjoyed. Unfortunately, the huts were not quite water proof and a few got a little wet but luckily we had fantastic weather so they all soon dried.

The Flying Fox was an exhilarating experience and the smiles on all the children's faces were fabulous to witness.



Archery exposed the sharp shooters of the group with many popping the balloons. A huge improvement was achieved by all children as they were successful.

The Rope Course tested the children's agility, strength and balance with most children completing each section and some of them were very tough, even my legs were sore. The support they gave each other was outstanding, super spotters!

The Dairy visit was a highlight of the camp as the students experienced some

new smells, learnt about other occupations and had a few laughs as unfortunately a staff member whilst milking received a smelly deposit, and then took it back to the camp as a memento of the farming experience.

Our night time activities were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The night walk was supposed to make the children tired, but they still had energy to burn. A gruelling 6.00am run ensured we had a great night's sleep on the second night though. The Red Faces Concert was a lot of fun as all the campers performed and dazzled us with their hidden theatrical talents.



On the return trip home the children were very tired and surprisingly quiet as we visited the Power Plant on Georgia's Birthday and learnt about the importance of coal to our community.

All the parents should be very proud of their children as their behaviour, manners and help on kitchen duty was outstanding with all required tasks completed with enthusiasm.

A big thank you to the staff members, Mrs Kaye Body, Mr Tass Nicola, Ms Suzanne Parsons, Mrs Trish Peel and Mrs Julie Waterhouse for giving up their time for an outstanding camp ensuring that the camp was a fabulous experience for all. Camp Co-ordinator Mrs R. Wallace



GRADE 4/5P COMMENTS ABOUT FOREST LODGE CAMP

On Wednesday the 5th I woke up at 8am and got ready to go to school and go to camp. I was just in time. I put my bag on the bus. I sat next to Melody. It took 3 hours to get there. We stopped at a park for a snack. We watched Daddy Day Camp on the way. By Sahar



The second day at camp we had pancakes for breakfast. I loved them. After that we did archery then bush cooking. We cooked damper and toffee apples. The damper and toffee apples were delicious. By Stanley



We got straight into our events. I was in Mrs Wallace's group. Our first event was hut building. Nick D., Nick S. and I made a small hut. Nick S. got very wet. After that event was archery. Leigh hit 2 balloons. Mrs Wallace and I tried hitting the same balloon. By Chris



On Wednesday 5th November 2008, the grades 4's and 5's went to Forest Lodge. Half way there, we had to stop and eat lunch. I used up more of my battery in my camera than I should have so I couldn't take any more photos. We went back on the bus and got to Forest Lodge Farm..... finally.

When we got to Forest Lodge Farm, we had a farm tour. The leaders name was Paul. He showed us some animals. Their names were Popcorn (rooster, wakes you up at 6.00am), Natasha (horse), Salt and Pepper (alpacas) Spider Pig (pig) and Daisy and Milo (dogs) We then went to put our bags inside, made our beds and did all that crazy stuff. By Kalli



ECU CAMP EXPERIENCE

'What I enjoyed MOST about the E.C.U sleepover'

The best things we did were the performances on the stage. Mia, Carmen and I performed together. The dance we did was from dancing lessons and it was called the Charleston it was so fun to dance too. I also liked when Luke sang. He sang Linnver'noe'passato and Christmas Tree Fugue and the translation for the Italian song is Winter is over. Yvonne also sang and she sang a Chinese song and it is called Toccata. She is a great singer too. At night it was so annoying when we were trying to sleep as some people were talking. But it was also funny because Mia, Carmen and I couldn't stop giggling. Finally, I went to sleep. In the morning, I had to go to basketball and I was so tired. Thank you to all of the teachers for organizing such a wonderful sleepover.

By Ally 3W

On Friday night it was the ECU sleepover. It was so much fun. First we did a Limbo competition. Carmen and Samuel were the winners of our grade. After that we had dinner. For dinner we had fish and chips. It was very yummy!!!! Then we watched Shrek 3, it was so hilarious. After the movie the preps and grade ones went home, while the grade two's and three's stayed and slept in the hall. There was a Talent show too. There were a lot of skilful acts and some funny ones as well. After the talent show we watched Kung Fu Panda. It was also hilarious. The funniest bit was when the teachers were dancing and the kids were laughing. Then it was BEDTIME. It was a wonderful sleepover!

by Brandon 3W

The things I enjoyed most about the sleepover was the food fish and chips, with a healthy cup of water. I loved all the performances including my own. For my performance I wanted to sing. I sang Linnver'noe'passato and the Christmas Tree Fugue. I love to sing. I even got a prize for my singing! The other things I liked were the movies {Kung Fu Panda, Shrek 3}. They were so exciting. I had a great night. I also love the way we slept in the hall. I did not get to sleep until about 3 O'clock. I planned a secret pillow fight with some of my friends as well as secretly talking to the girls. I had a really good night. In the morning, mum picked me up. I had the best time ever.

by Luke 3W

On Friday 7th November the Grade 2's and 3's slept over at the school. The game that we played was the limbo. After the limbo we had dinner. For dinner we had fish and chips. It was yummy. When we all finished dinner, we watched Shrek 3. We went in the staff room and got dressed in our pyjamas. We went back in the hall and we danced and sang. It was so much fun. Before the next movie started we all had hot chocolates. Then we watched Kung Fu Panda. That was the best sleep over I've ever been too.

by Mia. 3W

On Friday after school, we went back to school at 5:30. At the talent show I played Canon in C major on the piano. Yvonne played on the piano as well, most of the girls did a dance, and Luke sang two lovely Italian songs. We played the game limbo and the grade 2's won. We had fish and chips for dinner. We watched Shrek 3 with the grade 2's, 1's and the preps. The best part was when Shrek had a dream, and he dreamed that he had thousands of babies. We got dressed in our pyjamas and then watched Kung Fu Panda, the funniest part was when Kung Fu Panda pretended to be Master Shi Fu. I accidently forgot to bring my sleeping bag, but I still had a wonderful sleep. In the morning on Saturday, we got dressed and had cereal, orange juice, apple juice, and toast with butter, jam, vegemite for breakfast. It was so yummy! It was the best sleepover I ever had!

by Samuel 3W