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## Principal Report

Hi everyone,

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year. What an exciting year it has been.

Thank you for everyone who made this year so successful for our students, there are indeed too many highlights to mention.

I wish our graduating students all the best for their futures and new adventures and extend my best wishes to their families and carers.

I would like to advise that the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 will be a student free day and that students will return to school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

I wish you all a safe Christmas and holiday period. Looking forward to seeing back in 2019.

All the best

Peter



## ***Congratulations!! 3 Victorious Basketball Premiership Teams- SAABL 2018***



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Start of Term 1	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Labour Day Public Holiday	11 March 2019
Last day of Term 1	5 <sup>th</sup> April





# Class 3

## ***LIFE EDUCATION VAN WITH 'HAROLD THE GIRAFFE'***

For Class 3, Term 4 has started off very busy, with lots of exciting activities. In Week 2, we had a visit from 'Harold the Giraffe' and the 'Life Education Van'. The students were very excited to meet Harold, and they learnt about 'Friendship' and what it means to be a good friend with Harold and Sophie in the 'Life Education Van'. With the other junior classes we enjoyed a healthy picnic with Harold, being able to taste lots of different fruits. When Harold had to leave, we were very sad and missed him so much that we decided to make our own Harold's!!







### ***HALLOWEEN IN CLASS 3***

Class 3 had lots of 'Spooky' fun on 'Halloween'. The students enjoyed many different activities: cotton bud skeletons, masking tape mummies, cotton wool ghosts and hand spiders with googly eyes! One of their favourite activities was the 'Monster Goop' with blood shot eyeballs, the students had sooo much fun putting their hands in it. At the end of the day we went 'Trick or Treating' up to the offices, everyone dressed up in a costume, and each student was lucky enough to receive some chocolate pumpkins and lollies!!







# CLASS TEN

What a fantastic Term 4 we have had in Class 10. Students have been involved in a variety of incursions and excursions this Term including a visit to see Harold in the Life Education Van where we learnt more about how to treat others with respect and integrity.

The Science Fair saw us join with other schools from our community and we learnt all about what other schools are doing during their Science sessions. We learnt how we use energy, more about sustainability and we all loved the virtual reality experience.

We were lucky enough to be involved in our school's Cricket Clinic which ran for 4 weeks and class 10 students brushed up on their Cricketing skills with Kyle.

The highlight of the Term was our class visit to 'The Corner' in Mornington where we enjoyed our end of year celebration. We played pool, table tennis, basketball and used the lounge and technology area to just chill out and have some fun.





# MUSIC IS LIFE

The music room has been a hive of activity this term! Choir have been learning songs for the Christmas Carols and classes have been eagerly exploring instruments. Lots of music making fun!

Primary classes explored many percussion instruments and investigated how sounds are made by shaking, tapping, banging and scraping. They discovered some instruments can be played in many ways, for example you can bang, tap or scrape a drum skin. You can shake or bang a tambourine. Students used their listening skills to identify instruments by sounds only. Guess My Instrument was a favourite game, comparing a hand bell, cow bell or jingle bells. Tom drum, gathering drum or Djembe drum. They had to listen very carefully to the tone and sounds of instruments.

Secondary classes worked together as team, playing different parts and instruments of songs. Drums, tambourines and shakers were played along to the steady beat in the verse and chorus. We Will Rock You, YMCA and Rolling in the Deep were favourites.

The students enjoyed exploring our new Hang drum, which can be played using fingers, hand or a beater. A variety of emotions and feelings were experienced and discussed as a group when listening to and playing the Hang.

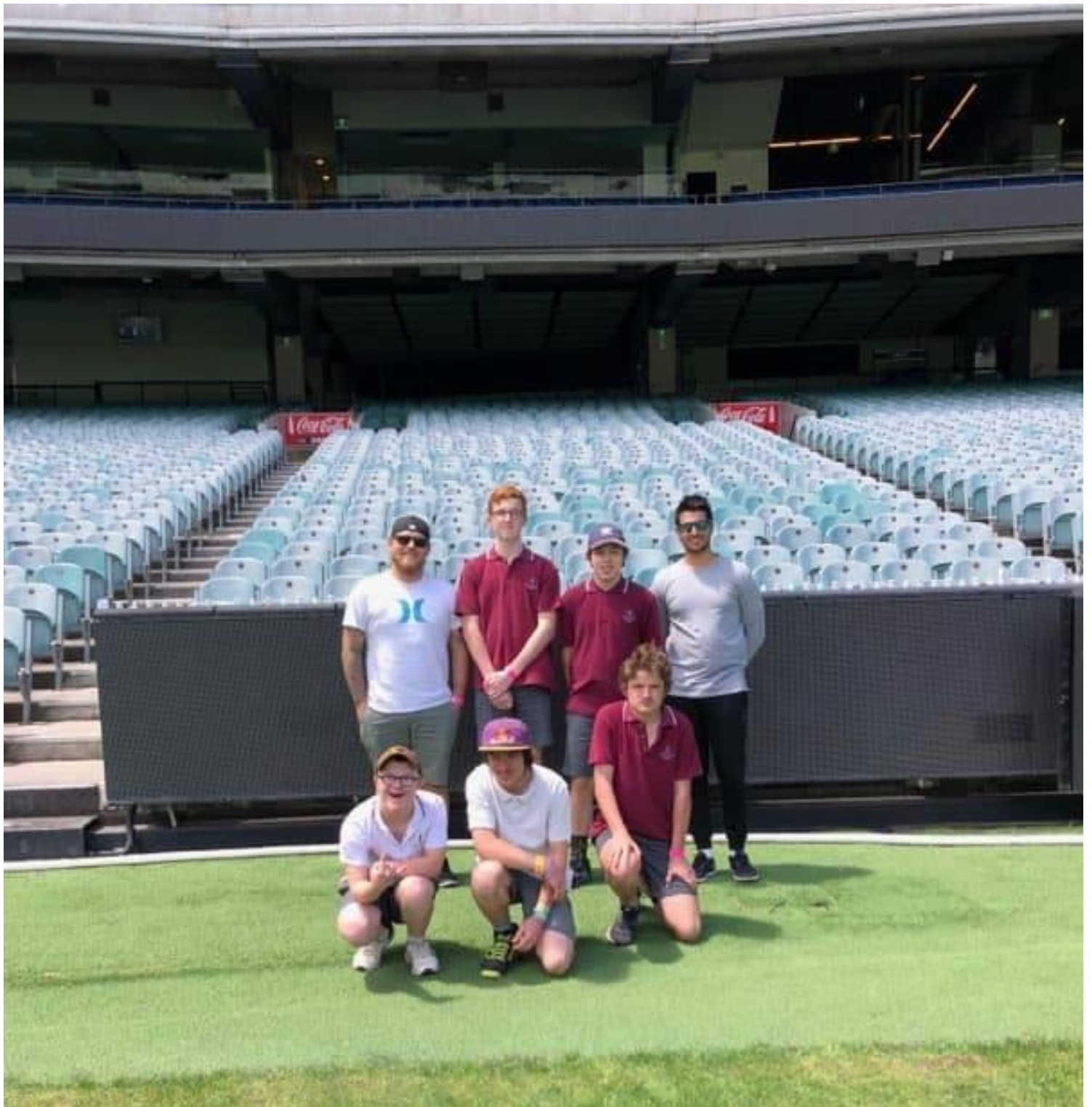
The Boomaphone was fun to play and compared to the xylophone, glockenspiel and metallophone. The Senior students enjoyed playing the Boom Whackers along to music, playing different notes along to songs. We Wish You A Merry Christmas was a lot of fun to play together, the students had to work as a team to play different notes and parts of the song.

The Senior Elective group explored lyrics of songs, chose their favourite lyrics that promote positivity. As a group, they became compose's of their own music. The students edited song lyrics to create their own mash-up song which when completed was saved in iTunes. Their music composition was created using digital instruments on iPads, recorded and saved into their song track before downloading to their own devices.

Great music making everyone! I look forward to working with all of you in 2019.







On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, a group of Senior School students were fortunate enough to go to the MCG for a cricket clinic run by Cricket Victoria. Students ventured onto the hallowed turf and were in awe whilst looking up at the big stadium. They enjoyed learning the skills of cricket from a variety of coaches and participated in a game to end the day. A couple of students were good enough to hit sixes into the seats! It was a fantastic experience enjoyed by all and we look forward to taking another group of students next year.

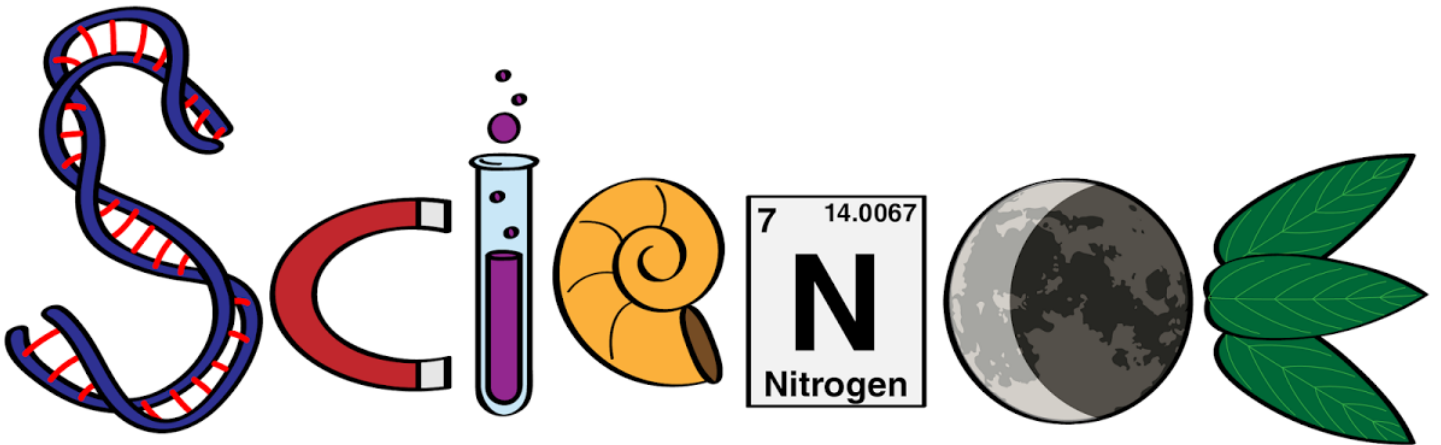




# GARDENING

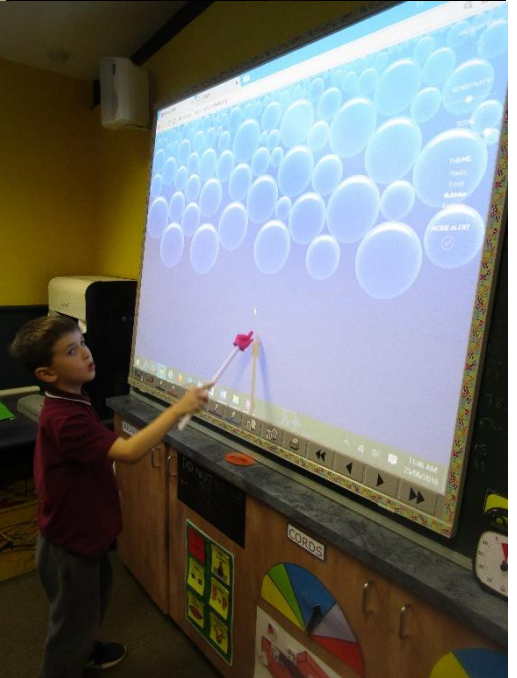
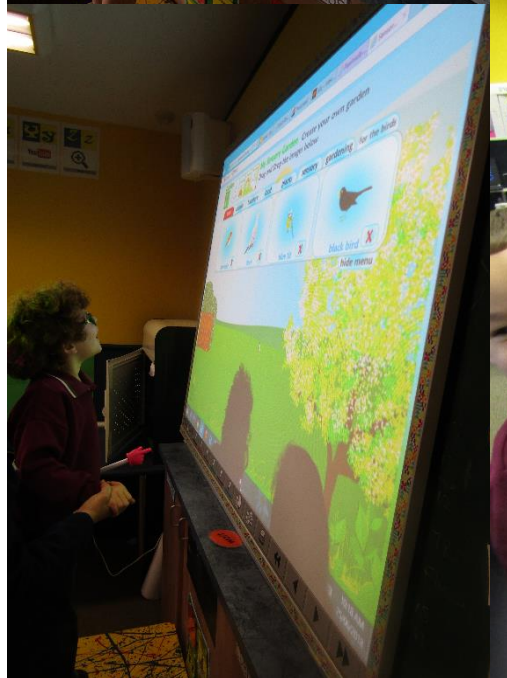
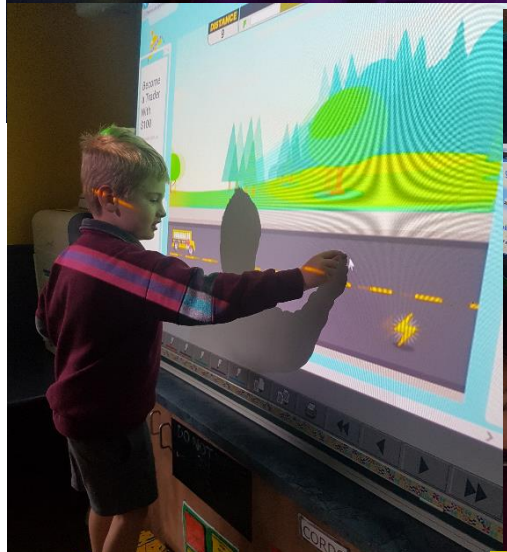
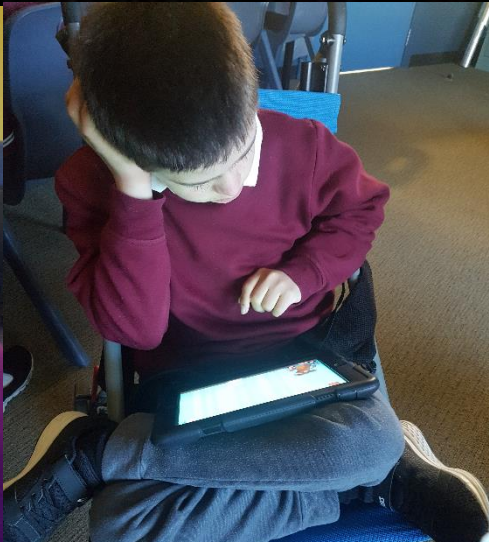








# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY







Wow, what an awesome time we had at The Summit Camp! Classes 13, 14, 15 and 16 ventured to Trafalgar in early Term 4 for a fun packed three days. Students slept in a tent village and were treated to a range of activities including an underground mine tunnel, a tandem giant swing, outdoor laser tag, mud run and obstacle course. Students pushed themselves outside their comfort zone and achieved things they never thought possible. It was an awesome experience for students and staff alike. Well done everyone!





# Somers Camp

On Friday Class 11 and 12 went to Somers Camp for the day to complete Outdoor Education activities. We first did 'Rock Climbing' as an activity. We all did 5 walls, but some chose to do only 2. Some people were really nervous but were very proud when they made it to the top of the rock wall.

Then after we finished Rock Climbing, some of us did 'Archery' and 'Mini Golf'. We all met at the Barn House. I got to have a look at the Goat and Guinea Pigs for a bit then we were asked if we wanted to go to the Flying Fox even though it was raining. Most of Class 12 decided to go to the Flying Fox and some from Class 11 did too. We took the bus to the Flying Fox, it took us 5 minutes to arrive there. Then we got all of our gear set up and we went to the area where we can do the Flying Fox in the rain. We all got 2 shots of going on it, it was awesome. Then when we arrived back at the camp site, we all said our thanks for letting us come to the camp and thanked Jeff for organising the trip. We gave them a Cake and an award certificate. On the second last week of school it was a crazy and fun experience. I hope to come back next year and try it all again!

By Steven Class 12



