

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a sensational excursion to Bathurst last week. The students, living up to expectations, were an absolute credit to themselves, their parents and the school. Every single tour guide or instructor who interacted with our children were glowing in their praise of not only the students' manners and behaviour but also as to their knowledge around early settlement and the Goldrush.

A huge thankyou to Karen Farley for giving up her personal time to assist on the excursion and generously supply yummy snacks for morning tea on Friday. Thanks also to Mrs Farley of Geurie for organising the excursion.

As I mentioned to our travelling students, the positive way in which they conducted themselves will guarantee that future excursions will be organised to broaden the experiences and knowledge of younger children coming through our school. Many schools, because of behaviour issues or the growing amount of regulations, risk assessments and paperwork now no longer conduct overnight excursions.

Well done, particularly, to the Dancing Queen, Mrs Farley, and all of our students

who showed soooooo much endurance in completing the 1.5 hour dancing marathon on Thursday night. There were certainly some movers and shakers on the dance floor participating in a myriad of dance styles from Line Dancing, to Disco to Bird Dances. That was truly living up to our school motto of 'TRY ALWAYS.'

Regards

P. George
Principal

NAIDOC

Unfortunately our planned NAIDOC celebrations for next Friday have to be postponed until Term 4 due to our special guests commitments to the Indigenous Rugby League Knockout competition on that weekend.

However to have a fitting culmination to Term 3 K-2 (Miss Muir's class) will conduct the last assembly for this term.

Try Always'

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3

Wednesday.....September 26
P&C meeting

Thursday.....September 27
K-3 Dubbo excursion

Friday.....September 28
K/1/2 assembly at 2pm in hall
NAIDOC Celebrations postponed until in Term 4.
Last day of Term 3

NOTES & PAYMENT DUE

K-3 Dubbo Excursion
P&C Raffle books

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Can be paid at the school office or online at <http://www.wongarbon-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

SCHOOL TERMS 2018

Term 3..... Jul 23 - Sept 28

Term 4..... Oct 15 - Dec 19

Term 1 2019..... Jan 29 - Apr 12



END OF TERM

NEXT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM 3.
SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 4 ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 15.

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy

All parents of Year 3 and Year 5 parents who sat the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests this year should have received them via their children this week.

Well done to all of students for their effort, particularly Year 3 for whom this is the first assessment of this kind that they have undertaken. These assessments give us important diagnostic information which will assist teachers in their programming to ensure that all students develop their skills in Literacy and Numeracy to the very best of their ability.

It is also interesting to analyse the individual growth of students in Year 5 compared to their achievements in Year 3.

It must be remembered that because we have such a small cohort in Years 3 & 5 the averaging of results can be very extreme in either a negative or positive way.

The results of the UNSW English and Mathematics Global Assessments should be arriving soon.



End of Term 3

Next Friday, September 28, is the last day of Term 3.

School resumes for Term 4 on Monday, October 15.

Students will bring home the abridged term 3 report on this day.

If you would like to discuss your child's report then please organise a suitable time early Term 4.

K/1/2/3 Dubbo Excursion

Our younger students are now getting excited about their very own excursion to Dubbo next Thursday. This will be a very full and engaging day with many learning and fun opportunities. There is no truth to the rumour that Mrs Rich and Miss Muir are already choosing which students may be locked up in the Old Dubbo Gaol.

Please make sure all notes and money are returned by Monday if you haven't already done so.



P&C Meeting

Next Wednesday, September 26 at 7pm in the school library there will be a brief meeting (not a regular meeting) to finalise organisation for the school holiday chocolate drive, with information sent home this week, and the running of a Bunnings Barbecue in the near future.

Please come along and help in decision making that benefits all of our students.





YEAR 4/5/6



**BATHURST
2018**



Bathurst Excursion



On Thursday 13th of September Years 4/5/6 and Geurie went to the Bathurst goldfields. On the bus not long after Molong we started to have a sing along. The songs we sang were `We Will Rock you`, `Seagulls` and `Bushes of Love`. The bus ride was awesome because I didn't get sick that way. On Thursday night after dinner we went line dancing with Cris. It was really fun because we did some of my favourites and they were Nutbush, YMCA and we got to learn some new ones. But my favourite song out of all of the songs that we did was Achy Breaky Heart by Billy Ray Cyrus. At the end we got in a circle and we each got a turn to go in the middle and do a dance move. All of the Geurie kids would go in, do a dance move and go out before the whistle. When I got in the middle I did a disco move. When it was Logan's turn he tried to make us do the worm but I just flopped there like a dead fish. On Friday, not long after we had breakfast, Gary took us out to do some boomerang throwing and making our own sticks (boomerangs that don't come back). So Geurie, Jessie and Leah painted the boomerangs first and the rest of Wongarbon threw the boomerangs with Gary then we swapped. Jessie was the best female thrower but in our group Mitchell was the only one that came back besides Mr George. Mitchell hit Will Lawson right in the stomach.

After that sadly, we had to go home. But on the way home we got McDonalds and that made me happy.

By Ella Hinchcliffe

Bathurst Excursion

On Thursday, September 13th. Wongarbon joined Geurie for an excursion to Bathurst. We had a three hour drive on the bus and had comfort stops though the journey. As we were near our destination we had a lap on Mt Panorama. We slept at a little property called Bathurst Goldfields. We slept in a little cabin with a lot of bedrooms while down the hallway were toilets.

We met up with a nice man named Merv and we were all allowed to call him Uncle Merv at any time. He took us into another little cabin with different rooms telling us about the history of gold. In the second room we learned about a dolly pot and a dolly for crushing quartz. Leah was chosen to crush up a rock to see if there was gold in it. Then we went to the third room and learned about people finding gold and what they had back in the 1700's, 1800's and 1900's.

After looking and learning about everything we had some activities to do. My favourites were tug of war (the girls were stronger than the boys), Mud Brick making (I liked this because we got our hands dirty) but my most favourite was making damper. It was the first time I have ever cooked damper and eaten it and I have to say it was delicious.

After a lot of History we had dinner, but first we had to wash our hands and leave our hats in our rooms, we had spaghetti bowl with some chips and it was delicious, the after having dinner we did line dancing for 1hr and 30mins and we did musical statues and I won.

On Friday we threw boomerangs and Mitchell threw a boomerang and it came back and hit Will in the tummy, luckily he was fine. Logan, Mitchell and Mr George were the best throwers. Then when we all had our second throw we went over to a little shack on a hill and made our own boomerangs.

Then we had recess and left after recess. We got back to Wongarbon at 3:40pm and I have to say Bathurst was a really good excursion, it was really interesting and fun.

Mia Holland



Bathurst Excursion

On Thursday the 13th of September, Wongarbon and Geurie School went to Bathurst. We got there at 10:30am and we went around Mount Panorama, to get to the Gold Fields. It is a world famous racing car circuit.

My favourite part was gold panning. Merv showed us how to use a gold pan to look for gold. There were five ponds and you had to go very deep to find gold. And I found gold. If you found specks of gold you got keep them in little water filled tubes.

I was sharing a room Benji and Zander. Benji, Zander and I had a lot of lollies and I fell asleep very fast.

Tyler.barnes



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Bathurst Goldfields

When I woke up on Thursday, September 13th, I had never wished harder for there to be a Starbucks in Wongarbron. I was ready to fall asleep from the moment I left my house to the moment I stepped onto the bus. My cat had been hiccupping while I'd eaten my breakfast, which had brought a spark of delight to my day, but my energy was still lacking.

I enjoyed our lap around Mt Panorama when we arrived in Bathurst; the scenery was magnificent. After we'd placed our luggage together in a large pile, we listened to our guide's information about the goldfields. It turns out that it was not real goldfields we were standing on; we would be panning in a replica. I didn't mind. They'd done a fantastic job of recreating the goldfields.

Merv taught us more about what life was like during the gold rush. He showed us living conditions, mining tools, even a blacksmith's shop. Patrick was helping in the shop, which probably tripled our chances of being burned to death.

Eventually, after lunch, we got around to panning for gold. We used tin pans and scooped up sand in the ponds of the goldfields. Some people found gold, but most people left with nothing more than murky water in their plastic tubes. I didn't find any gold, but I did find a pinecone. Caleb was lucky enough to find eight flecks of gold, but, like the maniac that he is, he swallowed them all.

We then moved on to our next activities; mud-brick making, cooking damper and playing games. Afterward, we held a tent building competition, during which the girls were pitted against the boys.

The boys won.

Dinner was the best part of the day, in my opinion; spaghetti bolognese, chips and a slice of buttered bread. Ten out of ten.

After dinner we went to the hall for line dancing. I remember being full of energy when we began, but after about thirty minutes I was exhausted. I had to persevere for another hour, and I was about to pass out when we finished. I slept easily that night.

The next day, after some lessons in Aboriginal culture, we learned how to throw boomerangs. Dangerous, when most of the wielders are primary school students. In fact, William ended up with a bruised stomach by the end of it. We then painted plywood boomerangs; mine had a black background and white patterns depicting a long journey during the night. When we finished the boomerang were placed on trays and into the bus, reserved for NADOC week.

We boarded the bus soon after. I had been up in the night to get a blanket, and it'd taken me a while to get back to sleep, so when we finally stopped moving the tiredness caught up to me. After our brief stop at the Motor Museum, I spent most of the ride sleeping.

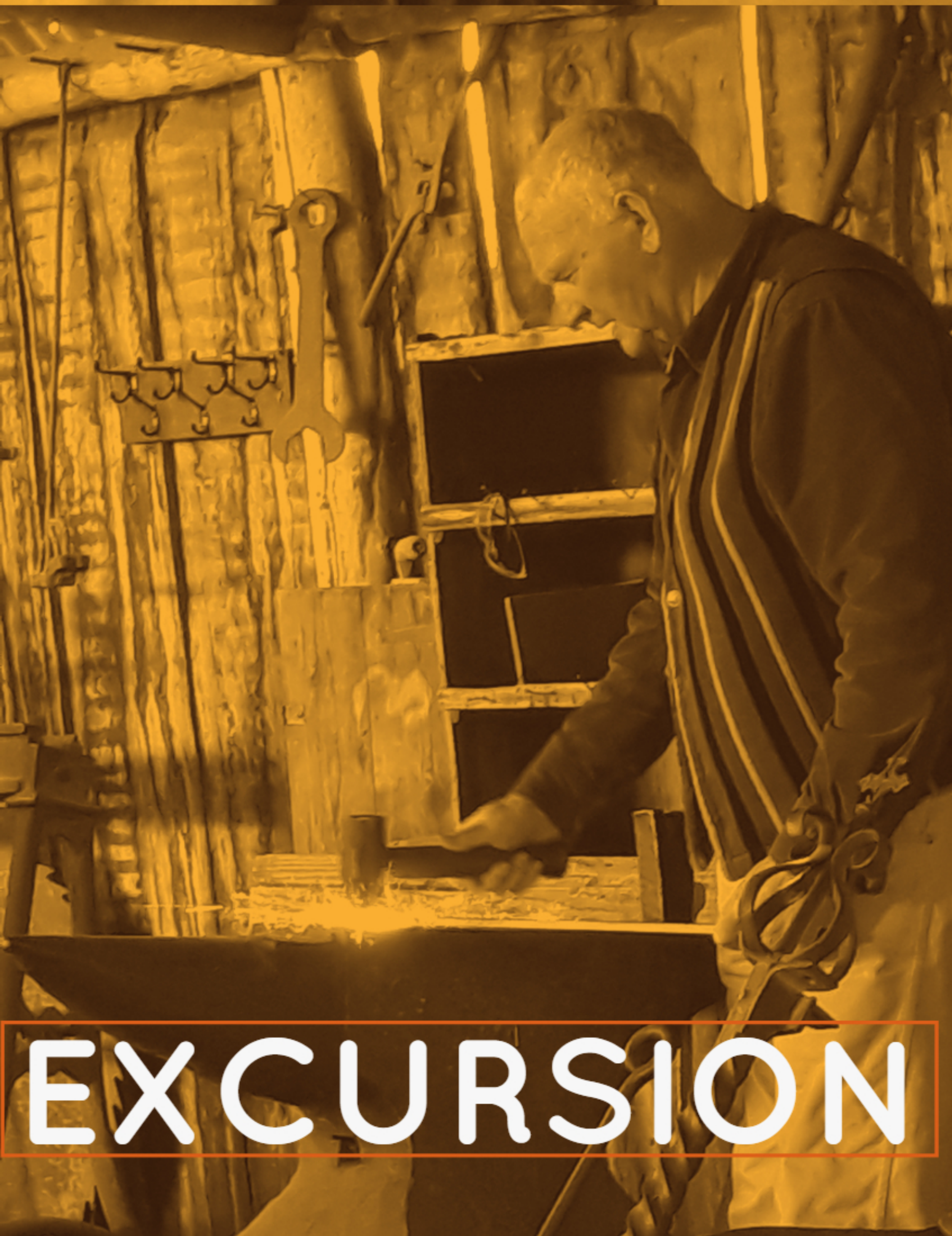
When we got back, I was happy to find that we were on time. In fact, we were a little bit ahead of schedule. As fun as the excursion was, I was still quite tired, so I went to bed the minute I got home.

I might not have found any gold, but I'd bought bubble gum from the gift shop and that was just as good.

Elliot Rice



BATHURST



EXCURSION



On September, Thursday the 13th, we went on an excursion to a recreated Gold field. We left a 7.40, but we should have left at 7.30. After what felt like forever we arrived at Mount Panorama.

We got off the bus put down one of our bags and recess. After that we went into the museum and had a talk about the things the miners used such as kibbles, dolly pots and skips.

After that we went to the next room and talked about the horses and how they used them. Later we split into three groups, the first group played games, the next group made mud bricks and the last group made damper.

After diner we went line dancing. It was great until it wasn't.

Most of us were exhausted and we were ready to leave but someone [cough Caleb coughs] asked for one more dance at the end. We all got to do one dance and everyone else had to do it.

In the morning we left after making and throwing boomerangs. When we left we had McDonalds, Caleb and I had to ask for ours because they forgot us but all and all it was a good trip.

Logan

On the 13th of September 4/5/6 hand the opportunity to go to Bathurst Gold Fields. Along the way we started to sing 'Seagulls stop it now', 'YMCA', 'Bushes of love', and 'High Hopes'.

When we got to the Bathurst Gold Fields, we whet to the museum but thing was that I thought we were going gold panning and I didn't bring my camera. However the first room was made to look like a mine in the old days, in there is a skip (a mining cart) along with old mining tools. In the next room there was a diarama of what's inside of a mine in the old days and a model of 'Welcome Stranger.' (a really big piece of gold)

Our tour Guide (Uncle Merv) made a fancy hook to get a soup bucket of the fire in a black smiths hut.

Jessica and Patrick kept the fire going by working the Billows in the black smith hut.

After dinner we did line dancing, IT WAS VERY TIRING!!! Well at one point the teachers got up on the stage and danced and everyone had to copy everything they did, and at another point everyone made a big circle and one person would dance while the others would copy. When the whistle blew it was time for another person to come in. It was full on dancing for an hour and a half but I stuck to it.

Finally we did boomerang throwing. I'd say this was the best activity ever, I was to be called up first. I THREW Then the suspense

Then the turn and then the THWACK as it turned right into Will Lawson's stomach. Luckily he wasn't badly hurt. I'd say Mr George, Josh , Logan and I had the best throws.

So that's it. We got back on the bus and headed for home.

I loved this excursion.

Mitchell.

On Thursday, September 13th we went to Bathurst goldfields on Mount Panorama. We were staying at a re-created gold village. On the way down I had lots of fun talking with my friends on the bus.

My favourite thing was the gold panning and tug-o-war. The first night for dinner we had chips and spaghetti bolognaise which I really enjoyed. Everyone else seemed to enjoy it too. When I was doing gold panning I found two specs of gold and I was really happy. I was panning at the bottom pond of the place we were panning. We also used a little water filled tube to hold the gold.

On the second day we were learning about aboriginal culture. We did boomerang throwing and painted our boomerang which is also known as a stick because it doesn't come back. The design was to create our story using aboriginal symbols or dots. I chose dots.

I thought the excursion was great.

By Nate

BATHURST EXCURSION

Thursday-September 13th I had to wake up extra early to get to school at about 7am. We were having a two day excursion to look at an early goldfield.

The re-created gold village was at Mt Panorama, in Bathurst. Before getting to the village we did a lap of the Mt Panorama racing circuit.

When we got there we went into a museum. We had to walk through a dark and gloomy hallway. Our guide Uncle Merv pointed out that on the walls they had painted gold. It was really pretty. In the first room we talked about the type of light they would use in a gold mine. In the next room I got chosen to grind up quartz into powder using a dolly and a dolly pot, I really enjoyed it.

By Leah Diamond

I`m writing this to pass time on the bus, so... yeah read ahead.

On Thursday the 13th of September at 7:40am, the bus arrived at Wongarbon public School to pick up 22 kids and drive them safely to the Bathurst Goldfields on mount panorama, as soon as the bus was full it left as quick as it had arrived.

Boomerang throwing:

An act of tuning 45 degrees, pulling your arm back and releasing the projectile.

"Ok," Gary said to me and Logan, "you`re up next."

We were in the line for boomerang throwing. We had already done so much at the Bathurst Goldfields, Damper cooking, fun games, making mud bricks, Dinner, souvenir shopping, Gold panning and Dinner (whoops I`ve already said that... meh)

Anyway all this writing has taken me... Like, um... five minutes, so it's my turn to throw a boomerang (yaaaaaaaaaaaaaaay)

I take a deep breath, pick up the boomerang, I drew back my arm, built up the momentum that I needed, I then put my arm in a forward motion, I released the boomerang .

It didn`t exactly come back, buuut it was still quite a good throw, it was great fun, we got two throws each, Mitchell and Logan did the best throws.

Damper Cooking:

Mixing self-rising flour and water together than either plopping it on a tray or putting it on the end of a stick, then roasting it in/on the fire.

"Ok," Sarah shouted over the deafening chatter of my schoolmates, "who`s next."

"Me," I tried to say as politely as I could with 14 noisy kids being relentlessly loud no matter what you tried to do about it.

I walked up to the table and grabbed my stick while Sarah put the dough on the end.

After that process was finished I waddled over to the little fire burning in the corner of the room, I then stuck the stick in a nice warm place and while it was roasting and sending a lovely aroma out into the air, I decided to right this paragraph that you`re reading now.

Well by that smell that is drifting in the room silently spreading into the corners of the room, my damper is ready to eat, so I took it out of the fire pit and squeezed the lovely sweet tasting golden syrup in the hole in the damper.

I took a bite out of it... The flavour exploded around my mouth, it was so good that I finished it really fast.

When both days where finished we piled into the bus and drove off to our next destination with a boy in the back writing this recount.

Caleb Aldridge



BATHURST EXCURSION

On Thursday, September 13 we got on a bus to go to Bathurst. This was a two day excursion to look at early gold mining. We were staying on Mt Panorama.

We arrived at the gold fields where we had recess. Then we entered the museum which I enjoyed as we learnt more about life on the Goldfields, and the size of some mines.

After lunch we did some panning for gold, where I was lucky enough to find a small amount. My roommates were Tyler and Benji. On Thursday night we did line dancing.

On Friday we got to throw and paint boomerang before heading back home and doing a quick visit to the racing car museum on Mt Panorama. This trip was awesome.

By Zander

On Thursday the 13th of September. Wongarbron and Geurie went to Bathurst on a bus it took about three hours to get to Bathurst. We drove around Mt panorama but much more slower than a v8 super car.

Then we went to Bathurst Goldfields where we did all the activities. Our tour guide was called uncle merv. He told us all about the 1700s into the 1800s. He told us stories of the aboriginal dream time.

The first thing we did was going to a cabin which had three rooms and we learned about the history of gold.

Then after the activities we went to our cabins and the good thing was that all my friends were in the cabin with me. And when we were in the cabin we found a crack in the side of the room and we started to talk to the other boys. When it was lights out the girl's except Leah didn't go to sleep so we stayed up but we got in trouble for chatting. My favourite thing was the damper making and the dancing. And then it was Friday and we packed up everything and went on a road trip back to Wongarbron. This excursion was absolutely awesome
Courtney

On September the 13th we headed off to Bathurst goldfields. On the way there we went around Mount Panorama and then went to our cabins.

We did a tour with a guy called Merv who showed us things about the history of Bathurst and goldfields. There were volunteers who pulled ropes to get water going. We also went to a place where they pulled a whistle which sent steam out of the top. They also got a carriage working with heavy rocks in it.

Next we went to the blacksmiths workshop where Jess and I got the bellows working and Merv made a thing to lift hot things off the fire. He and his wife then told us about life on the goldfields. After that we played games such as tug-o-war, throwing horse shoes on a pole, bowling a cannon ball and mud brick making. Then we made damper, we cooked it over a fire. When I finished the lady put golden syrup in it. We sat on hay bales and ate them.

We had to go back and find out who we sleep with. I slept with Logan, Josh, Caleb and Nate. For dinner we had chips with pasta. It was spectacular.

The next morning we had cereal, pancakes and hash browns. It was very nice. Next we went boomerang throwing. I threw it far, it started to come back and almost hit a car. Mitchell threw it and it came back and hit will in the gut. It seemed he wanted to get hit. Then we all went and did boomerang painting. I did dot painting. We then began our trip home.

My favourite things were the food, blacksmith and boomerang throwing.

Patrick

BATHURST

On Thursday September 13 we left Wongarboon at 7:40am.

We set to the goldfields in Bathurst.

When we arrived at Bathurst we went straight to Mt Panorama and we did a lap and we ended up at the goldfields.

Then we went and had recess. After we finished we experienced what it's like to be in a mine.

Our leader was named Merv.

We entered a new room that had a replica of the 'Welcome stranger', the biggest gold nugget ever found and Leah got to crush some quartz using a dolly pot.

Eventually we found who was sharing our rooms.

Then we went gold panning but sadly we only found glitter and some people didn't find anything. We only had about 25 minutes or so which was disappointing.

Then we went and had dinner. We had some kind of pasta and mince which was really delicious.

My favourite things that we did were...

When we were doing activities we made awesome damper which we got to eat with golden syrup.

The next day we got to do boomerang throwing. Mitchell got to have the first throw. He threw the boomerang and it came back and Will Lawson was standing there and he got hit right in the stomach. Poor Will.

And then on the way back a hair dresser named Jess did my hair. She put my hair in pony tails and I had to keep them in for two in half hours, it hurt.

The Bathurst excursion was a great experience!

BY JOSH

NSW Fair Trading and Dubbo Koori Interagency **Family Fun Day**

Visitor Information Centre Park

Bligh Street, Dubbo

10.00am – 2.00pm

Wednesday, 26 September 2018

Free
sausage
sizzle

Face
Painting

Info
Stalls

Jumping
Castle

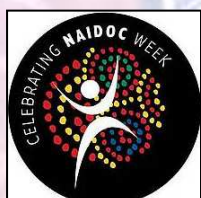
Story
telling

Live Music

Fun for the whole family

Pre-schoolers, senior citizens, Indigenous and non-Indigenous come along for a great day and join in the NAIDOC celebrations.

Wet weather venue – Dubbo Showground Ray Clarke Pavilion



For more Information contact Sharron Withers or Colleen Bruce on (02) 5804 5000