On Tuesday 28th to Friday the 31st October, Hamish, myself and 8 Ariah Park students travelled to the Budawang National Park to finish our test hike to complete our Duke of Edinburgh Award. The bus trip took us 6 hours.

After we arrived, we set up camp which was about 50 metres from the river. By time we finished setting up camp it was dinner time, so most of us cooked noodles. Then by the time we finished it was dark so a few of us went exploring. Then we went to bed so that was the first day.

The second day we packed up all our gear and drove about 14km to get to the start of our hike. We set out on our 14km hike to get to our second camp.

The third day we hiked out to get back to the bus and back to the first night camp. This is where we stayed for the last night. Then early on the Friday morning we packed up all of our gear and we headed back out for our 6 hour bus trip back home.

We would like to thank Mr Stevens for all of his organisation and Mrs Bray for dropping us at Ariah Park and picking us up.

Heather Barnard.
## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### K/1/2
- **Matilda Osborne**
  - Library Award—Great whale picture; and fantastic Reading
- **Toby Osborne**
  - Great thinking in Maths
- **Jackson Oxenbridge**
  - Improvement in completing tasks

### 3/4
- **Jessica Hellings**
  - Trying hard in all subject areas and being a helpful student
- **Jackson Oxenbridge**
  - Library Award—Enthusiastic research on endangered animals

### 5/6
- **Hayley McDermott**
  - For doing an excellent job in filling in on the microphone for “Paint you a song”.
- **Hannah Scarlett**
  - Working hard to improve her Grammar and Punctuation skills.
- **Connor Osborne**
  - Excellent effort in Creative Arts
- **Shaenaya Woodhouse**
  - Library Award—Working well on research topic

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## Good Sports Award

**for a Primary student who displays great sportsmanship qualities**

- **Josephine Bray**
  - Excellent cooperation and skills during our throwing and catching unit
- **Andrew White**
  - Improved concentration and effort in PE

- **Emma Morris**
  - Excellent Cricket skills
- **Sam Clemson**
  - Encouraging his team mates
- **Charlie Hawthorne**
  - Reliable helper with equipment and model sportsmanship

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## Secondary Assembly Award Winners

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## Primary Captain Speeches 2015

Year 5 students who have nominated for Primary Captains in 2015 will be making their speeches at the morning assembly on **Friday 7th November commencing at 8.50am.**

*All parents, carers and community members are invited to attend.*
Year 8 students query “Do I need to Learn Computers?”

Students at school have often questioned the need to learn computer skills at school, and whether they will actually use computers when they leave school? To address this question an excursion to local businesses was organised to answer this question by asking local businesses if they actually use computers!!!

Last Friday morning the Year 8 Computer class visited Delta Agribusiness and the Ardlethan Service Centre to investigate the use of computers in local businesses. The message from the staff at both businesses was ‘computers are necessary in our business and are used every day’ and ‘a new employee of our business will be expected to have good computer skills’.

Students seemed surprised that computers were so integral to local businesses!!!

The question “do I need to learn computers” was answered with a definite YES. Students need to have basic computer skills and be computer literate in almost all workplaces today.

Thanks to Delta Agribusiness and the Ardlethan Service Centre for their support. Thanks also to the National Australia Bank, McDermott Electrical and the Post Office for their offer of support; unfortunately we did not have time to visit you!!
Around Australia in 50 days!

Day 18 – 22 Melbourne VIC to Tasmania

We delayed leaving Melbourne a few days to catch the Melbourne Cup, but our K/1/2 travellers were eager to get to Tasmania, so we soon got moving. Crossing the Bass Strait and sailing down the east coast to Hobart was exciting, and we were all eager to start exploring Wild Tassie.

Day 18-20: In Melbourne, we enjoyed the National Gallery and saw some Sidney Nolan artworks. He’s the artist who paints Ned Kelly. K/1/2 tried their hand at drawing Ned Kelly in a Sidney Nolan style.

Next we visited the Royal Botanical Gardens and especially enjoyed the tulips.

Before we left we saw the Melbourne Cup and well done to Jo, Zac and Ava who all picked winners.

Apparently... so I’m told by very ‘reliable’ sources... a few of our parents have actually ridden in the Melbourne Cup.... and won. This hasn’t yet been confirmed, but I see no reason why my ‘sources’ would have got a little mixed up. You can decide for yourself.

Day 21-22: As soon as we made it into Hobart, on the Derwent River, our seasoned travellers couldn’t wait to look around. We saw Hobart, saw a Tasmanian Devil up close, learnt about the extinct Thylacine (Tasmanian Tiger) and discovered the most famous yacht race in Australia, ‘The Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race’. We made our own yachts and they sailed around our classroom.

So next week we have a change of scenery as we venture off to Kalgoorlie in Western Australia. Not before we explore the Tasmanian Wilderness, which makes up a large part of the state and see Cradle Mountain, see Launceston and experience the Light Shows over Hobart as part of the Dark MOFO Festival. Stay tuned in to find out what happens next as we head for Australia’s largest open-pit gold mine.
5/6 Literacy: During Stage 3 Literacy, the students were required to write a short story using as many words from their spelling list as possible, which they underlined. Below are a few examples:

The doll

As Mary woke in a puddle of sweat, she soon realised it was because of the dream she had just had. Her pyjamas were soaked and her heart was racing. Mary had told everyone she knew about her creepy miniature doll, which was hidden behind her picture at the back of her room. Her big brother Randy would always come into her room and tell her scary stories about her doll. As soon as he would leave her mum would come in and give her a lecture about the poor doll and would assure her that her doll wasn’t evil. But ever since her brother started telling her the creepy doll stories, she has never slept solidly. Her mum owns a toy business and Mary would try and try to get her mum to sell the doll, at the shop but her mum would just say.

“Mary, that belonged to your grandmother, stop being selfish and trying to get attention, her mother would state.”

Marys mum has a very strong opinion about her shop, its design has to be perfect and she doesn’t want Mary’s doll in her shop ruining the look, because she too knew it was evil although she has never told anyone, not one soul.

Hannah Scarlett

There once was a savage man who went on a voyage. One day his bird brought back a package on its daily looks out. Everyone on the ship thought that he was the happiest man in the world but he is not well… mainly in the Pacific area of the world. He has a voice of a lion and it is not a pretty sight.

He had always dreamed of getting married but he never did. He would always focus on the job at hand and always complete it and never failed.

Some said that he was looking for something; some said he was just on vacation. Some of the crew found it a bit suspicious that he would tell the coordinator to look in certain spots. The next day he left the Pacific to go to the Atlantic when he got to the Atlantic he yelled out, “Pull in the anchors and go ashore”.

When they got to the shore they found a skeleton frozen in ice and the surface as hard as rock. The men stood there and gulped and carried on their journey across the ice in hope of shelter and food.

Brodie Semmler

The journey

There once was a minister of tourism named John Diddy, who in 1854, was to embark on a yet to be famous journey. Diddy was obsessed with exploring. When he told the government of his plans to travel from Ardlethan to Canberra, the government had a debate on whether or not they should send some men with Diddy on his exploration. After a while, they decided that they would send some men with Diddy to create a team. After alerting the men that were to make the group, they began packing. As they finished packing, Diddy checked over the provisions and gear that they would need for the treacherous journey.

Finally, they left and after a few uneventful months, Edward Getty, an experienced explorer, fell sick and died of malnutrition. The team dug a shallow grave and left Getty to bask in the sun. They trekked on battling the sun and their emotions. On his trip, Diddy began writing an autobiography. The autobiography reveals that Diddy had seen many species of animals that he and many others didn’t think would exist. The autobiography also reveals that a large Malaria epidemic broke out among the team, killing almost half of the men. As you read on, the diary says that, ‘the weather has held out so far.’ But further on, the book tells us a story in great detail of a freak storm thathits the camp. The storm kills a horse, blows away tents and provisions and sets fire to one of the wagons. Diddy was very specific in his diary, telling us everything that happened, from the day they left to the day they arrived in Canberra. Diddy said when he arrived in Canberra, ‘My favourite part of this whole journey was when we crossed the large dessert plains.’

When Diddy arrived in Canberra, parliament awarded him an honouree medal to congratulate him on being the first man to travel from Ardlethan to Canberra. It was 1875 when Diddy died. He was always remembered by being such a great explorer. Before he died, Diddy said, ‘I give a large recommendation to anybody who wants to explore the now named Diddy plains. It is a famous place and I give my blessing to anybody who wants to explore it!!’

By Katie Doyle
The Ugly Troll

Once upon a time lived a famous but ugly troll, who always grew up wanting to be in the government of Australia. The ugly troll's name was James. He was smelly, 1001 years old and lived in a bin. He had friends that worked in parliament. Their names were Julia Gillard and Tony Abott.

One day, Tony and Julia told James about a debate that was happening in five minutes. So James booked a plane that boarded in two hours. He got into his car and left for the airport, but it wasn't easy because he had to drive through traffic. He got to the airport in time to board his plane. On the way, he thought about what it would be like being the Prime Minister of Australia. The troll loved species that didn't even exist anymore and also thought about writing a book about them.

Later, he was at Canberra. He got to a taxi that took ten minutes to get to Parliament House. When he had arrived, the weather was terrible. He walked into parliament and saw Tony and Julia walking towards him.

“You're late,” Tony and Julia said at the same time, as James looked at his watch. “Sorry,” James said. “It took me two hours to get to the plane, two hours in the plane and half an hour to get here.” “That's OK,” they both said. “We both lost even though we put forward our best arguments. Whether you came or not, it wouldn't have mattered.” “That's OK, even though it cost me one thousand dollars to get me here.” “We were thinking, we are going to give up parliament. Would you like to take over us?” Tony asked. “I'd be honoured,” said James.

So in the end, James won every debate because it was favourite thing and he won heaps of money, became rich as was one of the most famous trolls that ever lived. Meanwhile Tony and Julia now lived in the bin that James had lived in, looking for scraps was their favourite past time. Julia, Tony and James kept in contact and lived happily ever after.

Jack Hawthorne.

The little boy.

Once upon a time there was an indigenous boy named Anthony. He was very poor and his parents couldn't look after him so they dumped him in the bush. Anthony was six years old, one day there was a rich couple walking and they saw little Anthony. Anthony was extremely weak so the nice couple took the little boy home to their mansion, where they had the most expensive furniture. They had a person design him some new clothes, including some pyjamas, gave him food to eat and a bedroom and bathroom all to himself.

The male was named Jason, he had a certificate from college in America. Jason was rich and a perfect candidate for the manager's position in the new business. The lady's name was Julie, she gave the little boy so many lectures.

One day Julie took Anthony for a walk to the mall where they ran into a person who wanted to take his picture because he was so cute. The photographer assured Julie that Anthony could have a career in modelling one day.

David White.

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Jack Hawthorne.
Thank you

I would like to thank the 24 children I took trick-or-treating. You were all well behaved. Thanks Janet and Ellie for trailing behind, also to Kerri for the sausage sizzle.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

Lindsay, Mervyn and Ethel Smith and families would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate their 80th birthdays. Thank you for all the well wishes, cards and the amazing cooking for the afternoon tea.

A special thank you to Nicole Anderson and her team for the wonderful lunch and the Ardlethan Bowling Club and staff.

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ARDELTHAN SWIMMING CLUB
Swimming Club will commence on Tuesday 11th November at 3.45pm
- Registrations at the Pool
- Cost $80.00 *NB Fees this year include Coaching Fees & some operational costs
- Two week trial free for new and potential members
- All swimmers must be confident in the water and able to swim 25m unaided
- Registrations will be completed on line (more info to follow)
- Training will take place Tuesday & Thursday afternoons at 3.45pm
- Time trials will be held every Friday at 4.00 pm
Unfortunately we have not filled the position of President and we are asking all members to please consider this position, contact Kate Hawthorne for more information.

LIONS CHRISTMAS CAROLS & TWILIGHT MARKETS
Sunday 14th December
- Markets start—4.30
- Carol’s start—5.30
- Santa arrives—7.00pm

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