The past weeks has seen the Lavers Hill P-12 College community rally behind the family and friends of the late Aaron Mahoney. In the true tradition of the College, staff, students and parents have supported each other in coming to terms with the tragic loss of such a fine young man and highly respected past student.

Support for each other and the wider community has included a number of initiatives designed to honour the loss of Aaron and to provide continued sustainable support to his family. Students have taken the lead to generate financial support and to implement an appropriate legacy.

Whist only a small community numerically, Lavers Hill P-12 College demonstrates a huge capacity and preparedness to show genuine compassion and caring in times of crisis and challenge. It is with a sense of pride I would like to formally thank all those who have served their community with a selfless commitment throughout a challenging period.

Lavers Hill P-12 College continues to strive to provide the highest quality educational opportunities for its students. A strategic program of facilities upgrades has been underway resulting in improved provision in a number of key areas.

The model of “fit for purpose” has seen considerable investment in improved digital technologies provision, the repair of existing equipment and the installation of new infrastructure to ensure greater efficiencies and increased capacity.

This has also led to even higher levels of compliance with Occupational Health and Safety and Emergency Management requirements. Our ability to minimise and manage critical incidents has been improved and will continue to be enhanced.

In the future staff capacity to integrate digital technologies into their teaching design and delivery will be a key focus. This will involve extensive professional learning over the remainder of 2015.

The College is fully committed to being the best in every aspect of its operation and to provide leadership to other schools by modelling exemplary practice.

Tony Grayden

**Dates to remember:**

- **Thursday, 21st MAY** - Canteen Open Today!
- **Thursday 21st MAY** - Yr. 7 Immunisations
- **Friday 22nd MAY** - Barwon Health – Dental Screening – Consent Forms need to be returned tomorrow or on the day of screening
- **Monday 1st JUNE to Friday 12th JUNE** – Dental Van visits College for Treatments
2015 Year 3/4 CAMP – SOVEREIGN HILL in BALLARAT

Last week 10 students travelled to Ballarat to discover the magical world of the 1850’s and the era of ‘Gold Fever’ at Sovereign Hill.

It was a very wild and windy day travelling in the bus but we made it there by lunchtime and were happy to unload our mini bus and set up our beds in Comfort Inn- Esmond Terrace.

The students were very keen to explore and learn about the ‘olden days’ over the next 3 days and it all started with stepping back in time and dressing up in a school room with ‘Sir’ sharing his knowledge about early 1854 and the toys and games children played with.

Other interesting demonstrations we saw throughout the camp were:

- Gold being smelt…and out of the whole auditorium our very own Sophie held the $154,000 dollar gold bar smelt in her bare hands!!
- Confectionery being made- barley sugar!
- Candles being coloured
- Wooden wheels being constructed
- Gold Museum discovery walk through.

Activities and awards we enjoyed included:

- Gold Panning, and yes we did all strike it rich on our second day!! Ryan winning the prize for most gold found and Matty the largest piece!!
- Red Hill Underground Mine – The Bravery Award for conquering fears went to John.
- Visiting local shops and spending our $20- Biggest spender Award went to Zeke
- Seeing the troopers march the streets and fire their weapons
- Horse and carriage ride with Ryan, Sophie and Georgia- the Giddy-up Award going to Georgia!
- Bowling (with the heaviest wooden ball) – our champion was Jack
- Diary writing- Award to best journal was Matty
- Talent quest- our star comedian was Matty and Best Vocals went to ‘The girl group- Georgia, Sophie, Raukura and Ella’!
- Morning room inspection judged by ‘Sir and Mamam’…and guess what?? The boys won by 1 ½ a points!! But the most Organised Camper Award went to Raukura.
- We dressed up in our own olden days clothing and the girl who embraced the 1850’s in character, costume and manner definitely went to Miss Ella.

However the highlight for most of us was the ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’ Light and Sound Show on our second night. It was a travelling show were we moved venue on road trains! It was marvellous to see the students all connect with this very important historical event and when I looked over to see that they were all holding their hands up when Peter Lalor swore on the Southern Cross, I was delighted that their learning and understanding of Eureka Stockade had been consolidated.

Please read the students other accounts for their highlights

On behalf of the Grade 3/4 students we would like to thank Rory Harrington for coming on our camp to support us and for Sue Harrington for also spending the first day with us as well.

We would not have been able to go unless we had their support and we really appreciate you giving up your time to make our camp such a success.

A HUGE thank you also to our Parents Club for their generous contribution and to Tracey Brauer for cooking us a delicious cake to share!

Mrs Kathryn Doherty
¾ Camp at Sovereign Hill for 3 days and 2 nights.

The ¾ went on camp to sovereign hill on May the 5th, 6th and 7th.

On the first day of camp we all got on the bus and Ryan and I played celebratory heads, nots and cross, paddock we also listened to music on my mp3 player. Later on the way we stopped to have morning tea at a town. We had a run around, went to the toilet and had a drink. On the way to sovereign hill it was so wet that when we went out Sind it was freezing.

On day two we firstly in the morning we all went bowling. I had a great time. I nearly got a strike. Secondly we all saw lollies getting made. It was bailey sugar. We all got to taste it. Thirdly we all went to the candle making shop. We all got to dye a candle. We all got to choose a lumpy or smooth. You had to have five colours on it. I had blue, orange, pink, purple and red. Lastly we all dressed up and eureka we find gold it was so much fun.

On day third day at 7:00 we all went to the café for breakfast I had nutrigrain. It tasted good. Secondly at 9:30 we all went to the gold museum to lean all about gold and history. Did you know that gold forms in to a crystal to become a big block of gold. Thirdly at 11:00 we all went shopping in sovereign hill. We went to the confectionary shop, bakery were miss d brought me an apple slice, the gold smelting demo, the tin shop, the candle shop where I bought and dye a candle for mum it is purple, blue, pink and green.

Finally we all went to the café to have lunch we had chips, sandwiches and a primer. After lunch we all got on the bus and went back to school.

By Ella Brauer

SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP

On camp I did panning, watching lollies get made, gold smelting and candle dipping.

We visited the Education centre where we dressed up and played marbles and spinning tops, and more.

The best Thing on camp was Blood on Southern Cross

It was soooooooooooooooooooooo awesome.

The scary thing was going underground.

Plus the dinner was so so so yum.

By John
Sovereign Hill Camp

The camp I went on was called Sovereign Hill. We went for 2 nights and 3 days and our whole class went.

On the first day it rained. When we got there we went into our rooms and played games. Then we had lunch. I had a honey sandwich. Then we saw gold smelting. After gold smelting we saw gold panning. No-one found gold!! Then we got changed we had tea. The tea was yummy!

The next morning we had breakfast it was yummy I had toast. Then we went bowling I got a 5 and we watch lolly making I ate one then we sore candle making and made one. Then we had lunch it was yum then we went on a mine tour. Then we went gold panning.

On day 3 I had beaky. It was yummy. Then we packed up. When we finished we went to the Gold Museum. I saw lots of interesting stuff. When we finished Miss Doherty told us to think of a question about the gold museum. When we got back we went shopping. I bought a lot of stuff. Then we had lunch I had a sausage roll!!!!!!!!!!!

After lunch we went back to Lavers Hill. When I got home I watched T.V.

On May the 5 6 7 we went to Sovereign Hill camp it was the best.

**Day one** when I got on the bus I thought of my family. I had tears in my eyes, we got here a bit after 12 then we went down to Sovereign Hill and we went to the gold panning. Then we went to the pouring then we went to the education centre and we learnt about old games and I dressed up as a rich guy.

**Day two** today was a great day

We went to the bowling and jack got 17 and he won. We went to the lolly making and we got a lolly called barley sugar and it tasted so good. We went down under ground and there was a dude and he said there was a lot of money gold nugget and it looked so cool.

**Day three** at 7:00 we had breakfast at the café and I had nutrigrain because I always have it at home and it was good. At 9:30 we went to the Gold Museum and there were buttons and when you touched them it showed you gold. At 11:00 we went to the bakery and I got a pie. We went to the lolly shop and I brought raspberry drops for Hannah. Then we went on a horse carriage and then we went to the tin shop and I brought a spinning top and a brass ring for my mum.

By Ryan Harriott.
Sovereign Hill Camp

On May the fifth we went to Sovereign Hill camp we stayed in the Comfort Inn for three days. The fifth sixth and seventh of May.

On the first day at nine o'clock we left the school. We got to the Comfort Inn at one twenty-five. The first thing we did was go in our rooms. I shared a room with Ella, Georgia and Raukura. Then we put our luggage in our room. The first thing we did was have lunch. While we were waiting for our education session we played Mr Wolf it was so much fun. So was the education session.

In the morning the girls woke up early. The first thing the girls did was dance and listen to music. We had so much fun until Miss D came into our room. Next we did bowling. I got four pins and seven. It was the best of all the activities. Then we went to the confectionary factory. While we were listening and looking the funny blacksmith witch let me hold the golden bar came in with a police costume on. After lunch we went on the gold mine tour. It was scary at times but I learnt lots and lots of cool stuff.

After breakfast we went to drop of the card to get into the rooms. We had to make sure that we didn't leave anything because there was no going back. Then we went to the gold museum we saw lots of interesting stuff like golden nuggets, a plastic horse pulling a carriage, olden day fancy dresses, golden coins, gold crystals, a golden necklace and we watched this movie thing. It was amazing.

Do you know Ballarat first found gold in 1851. Before lunch we went to spend our twenty dollars. First we went to the bakery. I got a wagon wheel. It's a biscuit with a squashed marshmallow on it covered in chocolate. It was delicious. Then we split up. Most people went to the gold smelting factory but Miss D, Ryan, Georgia and I went on the horse carriage. It was awesome. For Mother's Day I got her a brass ring at the tin shop and some soap at the candle shop. Then we had lunch and went back to school.

By Sophie

Sovereign Hill Camp

On the first day it was really rainy at Sovereign Hill. We saw gold being made. We saw road trains.

Day 2- The first thing we did was bowling. I came second. We saw lollies being made and ate them!

We saw candles being dipped in wax. I coloured one. We went gold panning and a man came and gave me some gold.

Day 3- Today we went to the Gold Museum, we saw lots of different types of gold. Jack bought a bell for me. I bought a lollipop. At the bakery I bought a jam tart. We ate lunch and hopped into the bus and went home.

My favourite part of camp was finding GOLD!!!!

By Zeke
Sovereign Hill Camp.

Day One.

Every one packed all their bags than we went on the bus for 2h. When we got there we did all sorts of things like GOLD panning. We saw HORSES!!! And Ryan kicked the horse POO!!! On to Sophie's boot!!!

Day Two

Firstly we went crazy in the morning we played music, Marco Polo, Duck, Duck GOOSE!!!. Secondly everyone got up and we went to the café to have breakfast IT WAS THE BEST!!! Then we went back home.

Finally we went Gold panning, boil lolly shopping, candle making and it was the best day ever.

Day Three

Day three was the day when we could buy anything we wanted, so that was the best day ever!

By Georgia
In term one, Amy, Chloe and Jasmine went to Melbourne with the Apollo Bay and Lorne VCE Biology students to participate in practical work in a Science Laboratory at GTAC. They completed experiments to help them do their School Assessed Coursework in Year 12 Biology (Units 3 & 4). Skills in doing experiments are an important component of their learning. The students are assisted by University students or employees who work in a field of Biology.

The three Lavers Hill students are being taught Biology by the teacher in Apollo Bay this year, using the Polycom to do Video Conferences for five periods per week.
On the 7/5/15 Zoe, Treah, Josephine, Jasper, Bryanna, Tom, Bryce, Jacobi, Jai, Ibu Sarah, Ibu Yanti and Matt went to torque for a Indonesian speaking contest. It was a four hour drive there and back. When we got there we went through the back of their gym and out the other side then down the path to the right place. There were so many people and the lady who we talked was so nice. She asked us questions and the 1,2s had to sing a song and the 5,6,7,8s had to read a story. We sat on the steps and had our lunch. We had fried rice, chicken and prawn crackers. We left in the bus. The bus trip was really bumpy. The bus had no seat belts except the front. Everyone was playing an iPad and talking about stuff. When we got to school the 3,4s were back from there camp. We thank Ibu Yanti for coming.

Matt Wyld

Congratulations to all students for their participation in the Sayembara Lisan at Torquay. We also wish Jasper and Treah *semoga sukses* (good luck) in the State Finals in Melbourne this Saturday.

- Ibu Sarah
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