



5/6P Classroom Feature

Dear families,

We have had a great start to the term and it has been a hectic three weeks with Cross Country trials, ANZAC Day and an immersive visit to Sovereign Hill. Our inquiry Unit on Migration to Australia investigates the various waves of migration to Australia. We began the unit with the first contact between Indigenous Australians and Europeans with Cook's exploration of the East Coast of Australia. As the term continues we will explore the First Fleet, the Gold Rush, and post-war migration through to refugees from the many war-torn countries in the modern era. Sovereign Hill was a great opportunity for our students to experience the excitement and hardships of life on the goldfields.

These are some comments from some of our students:

'Last week the 5/6s went to Sovereign Hill. It was fun to see how people lived during the gold rush. My favourite bit was when we went underground into the Red Hill Mine and watched how hard the miners worked to find gold.'

Sophie



'Sovereign Hill was a great place for an excursion. We learned a lot about the gold rush and how people lived. We went to places like an old photography shop and a candle dipping shop. Then we went panning for gold, it was so much fun and I got very wet yeah I didn't find any gold. After panning for gold we had our lunch, and then we went to the Red Hill Mine which had hologram projections and sounds of what it would be like in that mine back in the gold rush. Then we went panning for gold again and got even more wet and I still didn't find any gold. Soon we were back at Saint Ambrose and went home it was a fun and educational day.'

Riley

'My favourite part of Sovereign Hill was when we went gold panning and learned the history of the miners. I loved it when we looked at the old school and houses and we went to the underground mine. I also enjoyed when we watched the gold being melted down to get all of the impurities out and turn it into 24-karat gold.'

Maeve



'Our excursion was really fun when we went down the mine and saw a short movie about finding gold. Also seeing the gold being melted was satisfying and interesting. The presenter was funny and told a great story. All the dress-ups were realistic and they all acted naturally.'

Dash



'Hi, my name is Jack. Last week we went on an excursion to Sovereign Hill, to see how people lived in the gold rush. The best part for me was panning for gold and I found lots of it! Later we went down the Red Hill Mine. It was dark and scary and we saw a miner find the second-biggest nugget ever found in Victoria. I had a great day.'

In Maths, we are using our thinking and problem-solving skills to solve Multiplication and Division problems. In Literacy, we are working on information reports and reading a class novel 'Warhorse' using our comprehension skills to answer questions about the book.

Until next time Micheal and 5/6P.