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A message from the Principal

Dear parents,

We are now right into Term 2. Our Grade 3 students have gone to their day camp today and the rest of our school is very settled and calm.

Special Thanks

I would like to thank our parents for setting up and running our Mother's Day stall. The students really enjoyed purchasing gifts for their loved ones and I hope everyone had a wonderful day yesterday.

Mother's Day Open Classrooms

I would like to thank all of our parents for rocking up and making our Mother's Day open classroom afternoon a big success. Our students loved having their loved ones in their classrooms and it was terrific to see so many people in the school. I would like to acknowledge our school council who suggested an activity to celebrate Mother's Day as well as Father's Day later in the year.

Pyjamas Day

Our school has a casual clothes day on Tuesday May 13th. Our theme for the day is "Pyjama Day". If students do not feel comfortable wearing their pyjamas they are welcome to wear a tracksuit. We ask all students to bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to 'Food To Go' who provide our students with sandwiches if they do not have any food for lunch.



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Additional Soccer Goals

Our school has purchased additional soccer goals to place on our oval. We will have 3 sets of goals on the oval.

School Tours

I am amazed at how many school tours for 2026 I am already completing. If you are an existing parent at our school all you need is to come to the office and pick up an enrolment form for a younger sibling to be enrolled. For all new prospective parents, we ask that you call the school on 9390 3388 and book a time for a school tour.

Martial Arts School

Our martial arts school– Taylors Lakes Kempo Karate has started. Please find a full page brochure in this newsletter. Sensei Dane welcomes all of our children to come and give martial arts a go. Parents are welcome to come to our school hall from 4.45pm to ask Dane any questions about the program.

School Uniform

I have noticed a lot of our older students not wearing their full school uniforms. Can I please ask parents to ensure that their child is dressed in school uniform every day?

NAPLAN

Our school has received preliminary NAPLAN results which cover whole school performance only. It looks like our children have performed very well once more. I would like to congratulate our students and teachers. NAPLAN is a reflection of whole school learning.

Regards Chris.



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Term 2	22/4—4/7
Term 3	21/7—19/9
Term 4	6/10—19/12



T.L.P.S 2025 Calendar

May		August	
15 th	School Photos	1 st	Parent/Teacher Interviews - No classes - Children attend interview
16 th	Grade 1 Community Walk	14 th	Casual Clothes Day
20 th	Cross Country	27 th	District Athletics Carnival
21 st	National Simultaneous Storytime	September	
22 nd	Alpha Theatre Performance Incursion	4 th - 5 th	Father's Day Stall
27 th	Grade 4-6 Athletics Day	18 th	Casual Clothes Day
June		19 th	Last Day of Term 3 - 2.30pm finish
9 th	King's Birthday Public Holiday - Pupil Free Day	October	
10 th	Grade 3 – iMax and Aquarium Excursion	6 th	Term 4 Begins
18 th	Grade 2 – Toy Making Incursion	15 th	Casual Clothes Day
19 th	Casual Clothes Day	November	
July		3 rd	Whole School PPD Day - Pupil Free Day
4 th	Last Day of Term 2 - 2.30pm finish	4 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday- Pupil Free Day
21 st	Term 3 Begins	7 th	Casual Clothes Day
		24 th	Grade 6 Swimming Program Begins - Week Program
		December	
		12 th	Casual Clothes Day
		17 th	Grade 6 Graduation
		18 th	Last Day of Term 4- 2.30pm finish
		19 th	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day



Sovereign Hill Grade 4



Excursion 2025



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SOVEREIGN HILL -

THE TRIP TO GOLD MANIA!

"At today's prices it is worth just over half a million dollars!" the blacksmith said as he showed us the 22-23 carat gold ingot. It shimmered in the light as my eyes lit up with amazement. It was real gold! "This wouldn't smelt 'till the furnace is at a temperature of 1,064 degrees or over!" the blacksmith told us. It was truly amazing to see the way it sizzled when he put it in the freezing cold water. The shimmer and shine of the ingot was outstanding. I really wanted to keep it. It looked like a metallic yellow and apparently, it weighed over 3 kgs. It was awesome to see.

'ZOOM!' went the tram as it soared downwards into the pitch-black caverns. As we went down into the crust of the earth, a gust of wind hit me and then it all turned to black! I was trying to close my eyes but there was no difference in the way that it looked compared to when my eyes were wide open. We slowed down and I could see light flickering in the distance. 'SCREECH!' We had stopped. There was a hallway where the guide told us to go. It was dark and gloomy with cobwebs in every corner. This was the Red Hill mine. Our guide insisted that we call him 'Sir'. He led us deeper into the mineshafts.

We came to a stop in a place so called platform 2. We headed to the secret chamber and watched a short film that explained the journey that two brothers took to find the gold in the mine. While we were walking back to the tram, I spotted some creepy things. There was stairs and hallways that had a pitch-black entrances! As we sat down in the tram, I realised something. "Guys, we got to go up backwards!" Turned out it wasn't that scary after all. Going backwards was kind of fun.



"Whoa!" I said as we walked into the candle shop. We weren't here to buy candles...we were here to make them! "It's simple" our guide said. "Just get a candle, dip it in colours and wash it in cold water." I was confused. There were only 3 colours. Pink, yellow and blue. Then it hit me! Who said we can't mix colours!? So that's what everyone did. Mine turned out great. I really enjoyed it but I think the gold pour was definitely my favourite. **By Colton 4CD**

SOVEREIGN HILL

My heart was racing and my chest was tight. 'Whoosh!' The wind slapped me straight across the face. I thought my eyes were shut but they weren't. Instead, it was pitch black. I heard screaming and laughing. I thought it would go on forever, but the guide told us that it only lasted 90 seconds. Finally, we came to an unexpected stop when the gates opened, and the lights flickered on. Eventually my eyes adjusted to the change of lighting. We walked into a small passageway with dim lights flickering called the secret chamber. Our guide told us we were 60 feet underground and explained all about the history of gold mining here at Sovereign Hill and we watched a short film. I remembered that we would have to go on that horrifying ride again only this time we were going backwards!



Earlier in the day we went candle dipping. I made mine purple and pink. It was cool because you grab a plain candle, dip it into the molten wax and then you dip it into cool water so it wasn't hot anymore. You can only dip the same end of the candle in twice otherwise it will turn brown. After I dipped my candle in the wax it amazingly dried in seconds after putting it in the cold water.

After that we went to an education session and the lady there taught us what school was like in the 1850s. We had to sit with our feet together and back straight. We had to address her as "ma'am". we got to wear some old hats and after that we had to guess by pictures which family was wealthy and which family was poor. I learnt that it is rude to see any of a lady's skin other than her face and hands. Aso, the more important the man, the taller their hat is. We also dressed up a mannequin. Her name was Mallory, she was a poor mother of 2 children, who mined gold at Sovereign Hill for more money.

Right after that we went to the gold pour and watched a man make gold. He explained to us that carats weighed how clean the gold was and the best gold you can get is 24 karat and the worst is 1 -2 karat gold, which means that it has a lot of copper and silver in it. To get rid of that you need to burn it at over 1500 degrees. The melted gold is then poured into a mould, placed in a cold water bath and then you get a block of gold. The weird thing is that the water stays cold!

Earlier in the day we went to the lolly shop and bought Raspberry Drops. They were delicious, so sweet and sour at the same time. I really liked Sovereign Hill because it is a living museum.

By Evie 4CD

Spectacular Sovereign Hill 2025

By Scarlett Maass 4AA

'AAHHHHHHH!' I screamed. Vivienne was touching my shoulder, pretending there was a spider on there while we were in complete darkness for 90 seconds on the capsule (train) heading down underground into the secret chamber.

Once we got out of the capsule, we started walking in a mine and we watched and listened to a story about two miners. When it was finished, we went to see the gold that the Chinese brothers (miners) had found. There was so much gold, it was an amazing sight. I couldn't believe it!

It was Tuesday the 6th of May and the Grade fours were at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. It was a beautiful day and we completed many fun activities.

One of my other favourite activities was the gold pour. And guess what? Jaycie from 4DC got to hold the 22-carat gold! She said it was heavy and very shiny.

We also went to the lolly shop and I bought Sour Grape



Drops, Raspberry Drops and a Toffee Apple. My favourite were the raspberry drops, they were delicious 😊.

The last part of the day was gold panning. You got a little steel pan and a shovel.



Here's how it works: you use the shovel to pick up rocks, put them into your pan with some water from the stream and then move your pan around and slowly sift and move through the rocks and look for the gold! Sovereign Hill was by far one of my favourite excursions ever!! I rate it a 10 out of 10 🌟 I hope I can come here again with my family soon!



I've Found Gold! By Walker 4AA

'Yummy, these sour grape drops are so good 🍷!' We were at the Lolly Shop at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat and we started the day after the tour at the Lolly Shop.

Then we went to the education session. In groups Sarah asked us to dress up a mannequin with the clothes that we had in our basket. These clothes were very old. The name of our mannequin was Oliver Smith 🧑 and he was a farmer.

'Ahhh! Everyone screamed!' It was so dark in the Secret Chamber. We had to go in this minecart underground. It was pitch black and no one could see. When we got underground it was so freaky! There were so many spider webs and even sculptures of faces on the rocks. There was a hologram of two brothers who got an explosive to explode a rock because they wanted to find gold. In the end one of the brothers got caved in and died.



Finally, we completed the activity that I had been waiting for all day- Gold Panning. 'I've found gold!' So many students screamed! I was so unlucky. I didn't find any gold, but maybe next time I will 😊.



If you are in grade 4 next year, you are lucky and you will love the excursion to Sovereign Hill. I rate it a 10/10 *

I would love to go here again with Mum and my siblings.

The best excursion to Sovereign Hill

THE BEST EXCURSION TO SOVEREIGN HILL

Gold pour

SWOOOSH! The gold was being moulded into a gold bar, it looks so shiny, it looks like lava, I want to touch it, but it's 900 degrees so it would burn my finger off! When it became solid, the man put it in the cold water for it to cool off, it took a few seconds and it had turned into a bar of gold goodness. It looked so cool, it was worth \$500, 000. I wanted to take it for myself! It was heavy, and one of the grade 4's even got to hold it, they said it felt like gold and it was like a dumb bell. It looked wonderful, it looked like what I think cold metal would feel like, I could hear it bang when the instructor had knocked it on the fence post. It smelt like smoke from the fire. I loved the gold pour and I'd definitely watch it again to get a chance to hold it.

Mines

CRUMBLE! The Mines at Sovereign hill are dark and cool It's like we were on a roller coaster, and there's no light. When I close my eyes. It looks the same as when I open them. We reached the bottom, finally, some light! I love how the mines are made out of wood and rocks, it looks so realistic and there were rocks everywhere. There are old elevators and I imagine how they looked back then, it looked so amazing and it actually worked. The lift was moving up and down, but it didn't go fully up. Next, we saw a little story about when the Chinese men came to the mines, they looked for gold, when they saw a big vane of gold the cave crushed on one of the brothers, he died but the other brother's fortune wasn't gold, it was family. Finally, we walked back and we went back up the roller coaster.

The school

"Which person wore this in the olden days?" We went to an olden day school to see how they dressed. We had a poor person, so we had to dress them up like they weren't wealthy. We put a little long skirt on her, then an old top with buttons, with a crossed pattern, then we put an old green hat with flower patterns on them, it was so fun. Next, the teacher asked how this hat was worn back in the day. I got one of the hats, it was a gentle man's hat, it was so soft and fluffy, I felt like a master wearing it. At the end we asked questions, I asked "why couldn't ladies show a little bit of them selves at all back then, like their ankles or something?" she said "well back then it was rude for a lady to show themselves at all."

By Eva.k 4AG



☆A DAY AT SOVEREIGN HILL!

I was in the middle of eating my snack when a MAGPIE SQUAWKED AT ME! How rude! I yelled back though, hoping that he wouldn't annoy me anymore. I was a bit scared since magpies remember your face. Though they stopped squawking, thank god.

We arrived at the "secret chamber" and the little coaster WAS SO SCARY! IT WAS DARK AND COLD! ALSO, SUPER LOUD! I loved it though! We watched a story that was projected onto the rocks in the mine and looked at gun powder (shaped as fake fossils).

After watching, we then crept back on the dark scary coaster... it was AMAZING! Afterwards, we watched a man make candy and got some yummy grape lollies for ourselves too!

I got pulled over by my bestie to watch another man pour gold and make gold blocks! He pranked us into thinking he got his finger cut off when he touched the very ,VERY hot gold. By the way his finger was still there. We then arrived at the gold panning river. Tyra found a BIG chunk. I found a rather little one ☹️! AT LEAST IT WAS STILL GOLD! I caught a bunch of little specs of gold though!

Right after that we had to go back. It was getting late and we could get hurt or unsafe if we stay here for too long. On the bus everyone was SCREAMING LIKE HYENAS! I couldn't sleep... it was like the bus didn't want me to go to sleep. ALSO, BECAUSE JAIDE AND LUISA KEPT ON WAKING ME UP AND CALLING MY NAME 🙄 !! At last we finally arrived back at Taylors Lakes Primary School.

I saw my grandpa and told a teacher I was going. I left and arrived back home! I ate so many raspberry drops and finished a whole packet already! I loved Sovereign Hill! I would totally go again someday! ☆*: ... o(≧▽≦)o ...:☆☆

By Jacquelyn Yan. 4AG



Sovereign Hill

On the 6th of May 2025 all of the grade 4's and teacher's all went to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat.

First, we had to arrive at school at 7:45am then at 8:00am we left the school on the bus. The bus ride took so long. When we arrived, we ate our snack.

Then we saw the Black Smith where they make all the weapons. After that we went down into the mines on a minecart. It was so creepy and dark. Then we saw a movie/story and then we came back up. Next, we saw an education session about what people used to wear and stuff. We got to dress up the mannequins and tell if they were rich people or poor people.

Next, we got to color the candles and my one looked good. Next, we went gold panning but I didn't get any gold. I went to the souvenir shop and bought a small gold canon. I didn't get lollies from the lolly shop. We ate our lunch. We went to see the gold pour and it was really cool.

Finally, we went to the old-fashioned bowling alley. I only knocked one pin over because the ball was so heavy and the alley was so long.

Lastly, we went back to school. I love Sovereign Hill because of the mines, the bowling and the candle making.

By Valence 4DC.





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