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Environmental Education Program

Danielle, Phoenix and Madison travelled to the Riverina Environmental Education Centre in Wagga to take part in a special program along with many other students from throughout the region.

On arrival, the students were all assembled for a 'getting to know you session' where they took part in a few games to help break the ice and learn how to co-operate and work together as a team.

Following that they helped the supervising REEC teacher, Mr Ward, to determine what kinds of tags were the most suitable to use for bird monitoring.

Then it was time to take some water samples. Students collected several samples which they tested to evaluate:

- how much mud was in the water (turbidity),
- oxygen levels in the water
- Ph. levels (acid – alkaline balance)
- salt concentration

Students also used microscopes to help identify insects using pictures and descriptions provided on sample sheets.

All in all it was a very full day of activities and the students seem to have enjoyed the day thoroughly. Many thanks to Mrs Pullen, who provided transport and supervision for the students, and to Mr Ward, of the REEC for overseeing the day's activities.



Congratulations Trinity

Last week Trinity travelled to Sydney for the NSW State Cross Country Championships. Although not finishing in the top of the field, Trinity has made us all proud with her enthusiasm and commitment to the competition.

Having the opportunity to compete at such an elite level is a great experience for any student but Trinity seems to have taken it in her stride, even though she is still only in Year 2.

It was wonderful that her family were able to accompany her to share in this special achievement.

Diary Dates

Week 3 - Beginning Monday 29th July	
Education Week	
Friday	Education Week - Open Day 1.00pm
Week 4 - Beginning Monday 5th August	
Monday	Ski Trip No. 3
Tuesday	Community Health Dental Hygiene Talk
Week 5 - Beginning Monday 12th August	
Monday	Mrs Levey returns to school Final Ski Trip
Week 6 - Beginning Monday 19th August	
Friday	Pet Safety Talks
Week 7 - Beginning Monday, 26th August	
Victorian Goldfields Excursion – Years 3-6	

School Tree Day

Last week members of the Talbingo Progress Association, staff and students gathered for a barbeque lunch before planting some new shrubs and trees in our school grounds.

It was a beautiful sunny winter's day which made the activity even more enjoyable.

Many thanks to Mr Pullen, Mr Parsons and Mr Bilton for their help with the barbeque and planting.

Education Week Open Day

Friday is Open School at Talbingo - bring your lunch and join staff and students from 1.00pm. After lunch the classroom will be open so that students can show what they have been working on lately.

Weather permitting there may also be an opportunity for some games.

Skiing

Although it was very foggy up in the mountains, everyone had a great day. Our students were divided into two groups for their lessons – first timers and beginner-intermediate skiers.

Our instructors were great and the students showed some real progress during the morning. I'm sure they are all looking forward to building on that next week.

Although there have been no snowfalls this week, conditions remain fair with 3 lifts operating. The resort is hoping to get some new snow this weekend and some snowmaking has been taking place so all should be ok for our visit on Monday.

Please note that if you have not already paid for this trip, payment is expected prior to departure on Monday.

Tree Day



Skiing- 29th July 2013

