

Tallebudgera Beach Outdoor Education School

Monday the 6th of August 2018 to Friday 7th August the stage 3 students travelled with me to Tallebudgera, Gold Coast. The week proved to be an opportunity to face challenges, make independent decisions, work with new people and step outside our comfort zones. The first stage of the journey was navigating around the procedures of air travel and in particular check in. Two of our students have never been on a plane so this was quite an experience.

Tallebudgera is a Beach School, it is owned by the Department of Education Queensland and run its program in line with the Australian Curriculum based on a more practical side of learning. The theme of the week was around "The Hero's Journey".

The Hero's journey is a story of individual transformation, a change of identity or the realisation of one's full potential. Students left their familiar surroundings behind and journey to a new exciting "new world" where there are risks, challenges and new problems to be solved. To successfully resolve the problems, participants must venture outside their normal way of thinking and start to reinvent themselves. These experiences contribute to a personal development and the formulation of one's identity. Something we hope will stay with them through high school and beyond.

Our first day was really about "connection to place" where we learnt a little about the traditional owners the Yugambah people and heard some of the dreamtime stories of that area while we took a bush walk up the Burleigh Head National Park. On the way back they students had their first refreshing dip in Tallebudgera Creek. Over the next few editions of the Bulletin I will share the journey plus pictures with you. As a teacher and mother I was astounded at the strength and resilience of our students who all made me very proud.



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Term Dates for 2018

Term 1—30/1/18— 13/4/18
Term 2 - 1/5/18 —6/7/18
Term 3 - 24/7/17 —28/9/18
Term 4 - 15/10/18 — 19/12/18

Friday, 17th August, 2018



"From Small Beginnings"
Established 1881

Dear Parents,

It has been a very big fortnight, firstly a big congratulations to Kody and Josey, who not only represented our school at the recent Trent Barrett Ruby competition, they also competed at the PSSA district athletics. They played their best and displayed the expected high levels of sportsmanship qualities. Well done to you both!

Our Stage Three students were given the opportunity to travel to the Gold Coast by plane for a one week camp at the Tallebudgera Beach School. This was an excellent opportunity for individual growth, independence and finding their inner hero. The experience was so rich I cannot give it justice in my brief blurb, so I will be writing a series of pieces over the next few editions sharing our experiences. The first one is in this edition. The journey was a rewarding opportunity and we thank our P & C who raised the funds to pay for the airfares to the Gold Coast.

In this edition Mr Godman has shared our learning around our history unit "First Contact". Not only did our students learn that Captain Cook wasn't the first European to land on our shores, they also learned the reason why the Dutch accidentally landed on our west coast while chasing the winds to the Spice Islands.

Mr Godman brought in many spices for the children to experience first-hand and also tasted them in some great cooking. We then visited Wallendbeen Cemetery where native grasses and flowers (many which our indigenous communities would have gathered for food), are conserved and untouched. We did observe the information plaque is in disrepair and we will put on our Champion Hero (a trait we learnt at our camp) hat and write to the council and see if this could be repaired or replaced.

Over the next few weeks we have so much happening in the classroom, on Monday we will commence our study on Bushrangers (Hero's or Villains), patterns and algebra and persuasive texts just to name a few.

Have a great fortnight.

Mrs Toni Daly
Principal

2018 Term 3 diary dates to remember

TERM 3

14th Sept — Arabin Cup, Binalong

28th Sept — Arabin back up date

Week 3 & 4 Awards

Kacey - For excellent spelling results

For participation and displaying fantastic "have a go" attitude at Stockinbinal Athletics carnival

Kacey, Joshua, Marley, Josey, Kody and Bradley.

P & C MEETING

TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST, 2018

AT 3PM IN WPS SCHOOL LIBRARY.

ALL WELCOME!

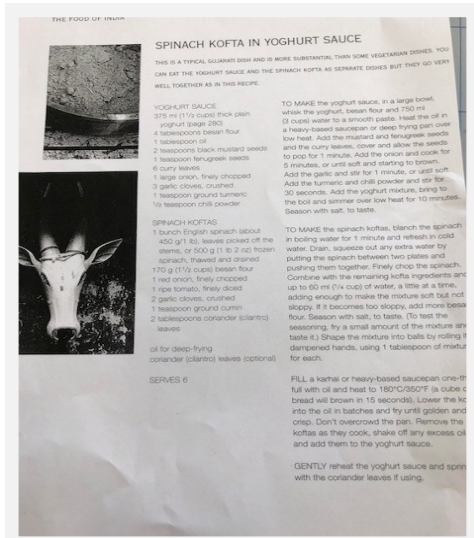
Stockinbingal Athletics & Trent Barrett Shield

Students have been studying a history and geography unit "First Contact".

They have learned that the early European discoveries of Australia were made by Dutch sailors accidentally driven into the west coast of Australia on their way to the Spice Islands (Now known as Indonesia). Sailors ventured south into the southern latitudes to catch the trade winds of the 'Roaring Forties'. If they didn't turn North in time they often ran into Australia. So why did ships and sailors undertake such perilous journeys? They were seeking the riches of the 'Spice Islands'. Pepper, cloves, and cinnamon were worth more than their weight in gold! Students have examined these once exotic spices and were delighted to discover their qualities. Students also undertook a little research to further unlock the secrets of

Students continued to explore the world of spices in their cooking lesson on Wednesday. They made spinach koftas in yoghurt sauce sourcing the spinach from their school garden. They also used kale which was very tasty indeed. This is a traditional Indian recipe and contained spices such as : turmeric, mustard seed, cumin, fenugreek and curry leaves. Whilst not to everyone's liking, perhaps because it was a tasting first for many, students did sample their culinary creation. Staff eagerly consumed the leftovers!

On Thursday students travelled to the Wallendbeen cemetery to explore the protected native grassland that has survived. Although we have to wait until spring to see the flowers we were still able to identify bush tucker plants such as Kangaroo Grass and Flax Lily. In spring students would expect to see Yam Daisy, Chocolate Lily (which does smell like chocolate) and Milkmaids. Aboriginal people actively cultivated food plants such as the Yam Daisy. They were an integral part of their diet.



Trent Barrett Shield. WPS merged with Sacred Heart Cootamundra and had a great time play football!

