



## NEWSLETTER 16 August 2022

### Dates for your Diary

Aug	Thu 18 Music/Italian	<b>Fri 19 Tree Pick up 3:30pm</b>
	Tue 23 Cooking	Wed 24 Library
	Thu 25 Music/Italian	Fri 26 Winter Sports Whitfield
29-31 Aug	Melbourne Camp Grade F/1	29 August - 2 Sep Melbourne Camp Grade 2-6
Sep	Mon 5 Father's Day Breakfast 8am	Mon 5 Musica Viva - Whitfield
	Tue 6 Italian Cluster Day	Tue 6 School Council 6:30pm
	Wed 7 Library	Thu 8 Music/Italian
	Mon 12 Art	Thu 15 Music/Italian
	Fri 16 End Term 3 <b>(2:30pm dismissal)</b>	

Dear Parents,

Can you please note the following:

#### **Student of the Week**

Our congratulations go to the following who have recently received a Student of the Week award:

Doogal - demonstrating respect and honesty

Tom L - challenging himself in maths

Lachie - giving everything a go on camp

Sally - displaying determination on camp

Alex - his Information Report

Max - his amazing efforts with his Big Write

Cody - being a responsible and committed learner

#### **Writing**

Our writing genre over the last five weeks has been Information Reports. This has involved our students undertaking research into a topic of their choice and then crafting a piece that both engages and educates the reader. Students have looked at the importance and function of an introduction and conclusion and also looked at various ways of presenting their information in order to assist the reader e.g. through the use of sub headings and the use of paragraphs. Across the school students have written about topics such as gorillas, black holes, photosynthesis, lions and the Battle of the Somme.

#### **Camps**

The Grade 3/4 Cluster camp to the Outdoor Education School recently was a great success. The students even managed a days toboggining on Mt Buffalo. Other activities included bush cooking, a creek walk, cubby building and mountain bike riding.

Then our F/1/2's enjoyed a sleepover at school as a prelude for our Melbourne camp. The children enjoyed a night of fine dining at the local restaurant (aka the classroom) before tucking up into bed.

Thanks very much to Joseph and Nat for your time and efforts with these camps.



### **Father's Day Breakfast**

For the first time in a long time we will be able to once again hold our annual Father's Day breakfast to recognise all the wonderful dads we have. Breakfast will be served at 8am on Monday 5 September and we hope to see as many of the dads here as possible. You will be getting an invitation with all the details shortly.

### **Tree Drive**

The trees that were ordered recently through our tree drive will be arriving here this Friday. They will be available for pick up from 3:30pm. If you are unable to collect them at that time, Kasey Flanigan has kindly offered to take them back to her house and you can pick them up from her over the weekend. Alternatively, let me know before Friday and we can leave your order in the school grounds. Kasey can be contacted on 0408 0954 77.

Thanks Kasey for all your efforts organising this venture for us - very much appreciated.

### **Parent Opinion Survey**

Last week you will have received an email from us regarding the annual Parent Opinion Survey. This is now live and available for completion. Last weeks email had the PIN and address you will need in order to access it. Should you have any queries please feel free to contact us. Your feedback is important to us.

### **Social Enterprise**

Our group leaders accompanied Nat and I to Wangaratta recently in order to purchase the materials they needed in order to make their prototype. Work has commenced on these and then each group will make their pitch to us about their product and how much money they will need us to invest so they can set up their business.

We have six businesses proposed at the moment - face masks, picture frames, dog leads, dog biscuits, cheese boards and marmalade/lemon butter/preserved lemons. Early next term we

will be combining with other schools involved in the Social Enterprise project in Beechworth for a trading day where the groups will have the opportunity to sell their wares.

### **Melbourne Camp**

You should have received detailed information about this exciting experience last week. We still have one or two minor things to finalise, but once they are we will send home confirmed details. In the meantime if you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Please return the permission and medical forms as soon as possible.

### **Winter Sports Whitfield**

On Friday 26 August all cluster children will be meeting up for an afternoon of Winter Sports at Whitfield. Your Local Excursions permission form will cover this. The Grade F/1/2 students will be involved in a Tabloid Sports afternoon, while the older students have selected which sport they would like to play on the afternoon at the Recreation Reserve.



### **Musica Viva**



On Monday 5 September we are heading to Whitfield to join the other cluster schools for a Musica Viva performance. Again, your Local Excursions Permission form will cover this. We might have to leave all the dads to clean up the breakfast dishes!!!!

### **Italian Cluster Day**

Then the next day, Tuesday 6 September, we are heading to Edi Upper for a Cluster Italian Day. More details closer to the time, but students will be participating in a variety of rich Italian culture based activities on the day. Again, your Local Excursions Permission form will cover this.



Thank you

Howard Gibson  
Principal



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Oscar showed his respect when he kindly got up and closed the door after someone else left it open. Thanks Oscar for your care and respect.

## **GORILLAS**

Gorillas are incredibly interesting primates. Read on to find out more about these amazing animals.

### **DIET**

How do gorillas get their food?

Gorillas are very selective foragers; they normally eat parts of vegetation. For example they might only eat leaves, pith stalks or roots. But some gorillas might raid the odd termite mound.



### **HABITAT**

Mostly they live in heavily forested areas in Central Africa. Some can be found in Montane Rain Forest and Bamboo Forest.

### **DESCRIPTION**

Gorillas are mostly covered in dark coloured fur. Gorillas from different areas may have different coloured fur. For example, the Western gorilla has the lightest fur and the mountain gorilla has the darkest fur.

## **LIFE CYCLE**

New born: 1 day.

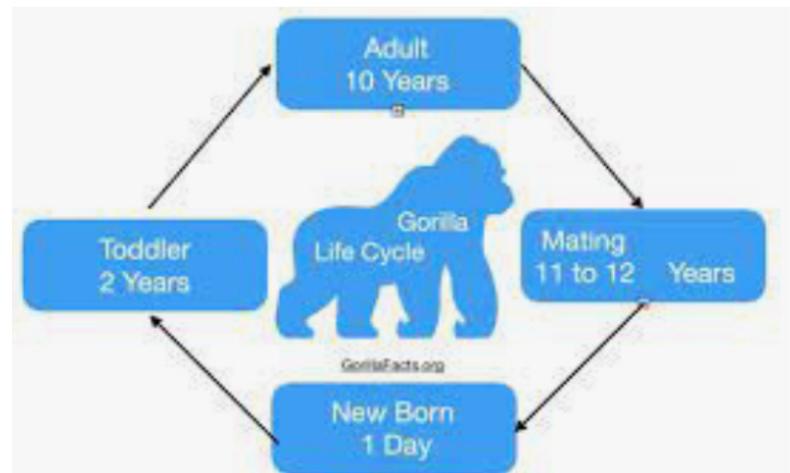
Toddler: 2 years.

Adults: 10 years.

Mating: 11-12 years.

## **LIFE SPAN**

It depends on whether they are in captivity or not. In the wild they live to 40 years of age and 50 years of age in captivity.



## **FUN FACTS**

1. Gorillas have hands and feet just like human hands.
2. Some gorilla species in captivity have learnt to use sign language to communicate with humans.
3. A group of gorillas is called a troop or a band
4. At night gorillas sleep in nests.

## **GLOSSARY**

Primate - the primate is divided into 3 categories: human, monkey and ape.

Foragers - they gather food or water.

Vegetation - it is plants in a thickly forested area.

Captivity - not free

Alex

# Human Migration

Throughout history humans have travelled across the planet for many different reasons. Migrants have travelled upon various sources of transport, all in search of a better life.

## Types Of Migration

Take a look at the following examples of types of migration

- Internal migration: moving within a state, country or continent.
- External migration: moving to a different country or continent
- Return migration: moving back to where you came from.

## How They Migrated

People have been migrating for approximately 2 million years! But how? The first time someone migrated, they waited until the sea level was significantly low and walked across to get to their destination. From there, people migrated on small, wooden, handmade boats. Then, they moved to ships that travelled at around 25 km per hour. Now we migrate on modern planes which are much more convenient.

## Why People Migrated

People migrate for so many different reasons. The main reason people migrate today is re-employment. In 1845-1852 there was a potato shortage in Ireland- The Potato Famine. The Potato Famine caused many people from Ireland to migrate to countries such as America and Australia. People also migrate because of poverty, war and homelessness.

### General Facts

- The very first people to migrate were Africans.
- The U.S attracts the most migrants of all the countries in the world.
- The earliest migration was estimated to be around 2 million years ago.
- In the 1820's-1890's more than 5 million migrants arrived in America from Ireland and Germany.

Migration has impacted many lives, without it lots of people would be poor, homeless or stuck within a war, whether it was in the past or today. Migrants are very courageous, leaving their family in their home country. All migration is in hope of finding a better life.

Arabella

