

Newmerella Primary School

Learning Excellence Caring Honesty

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Bike Education – Staff Professional Learning

On Friday, our staff joined colleagues from Swan Reach Primary School to complete their Bike Education Accreditation.
The day provided valuable professional learning, equipping staff with the skills and knowledge to deliver safe and engaging bike education programs. It was also a fantastic opportunity for team building, collaboration and networking with colleagues from a like school.
We look forward to putting these new skills into practice and helping our students develop their cycling confidence and road safety awareness.

Planning for 2027 – Looking Ahead!

On Monday, our staff began planning for the 2027 school year. While this is just the beginning of the process, it is an exciting time to reflect on our current practices and begin shaping the curriculum and learning opportunities for the year ahead.
We look forward to sharing more information with families as our plans develop.
Our 2027 Whole School Transition Day will take place on Wednesday 2 December, providing students with an opportunity to experience their new learning environments and prepare for the year ahead.

School Review – Shaping Our Future

This week, Newmerella Primary School will undertake its School Review, a process that occurs every four years in Victorian government schools.
The review provides an opportunity to celebrate our achievements, reflect on our progress and identify priorities for improvement. The findings will inform our next four-year School Strategic Plan and help shape the future direction of our school.
As part of the process, the review panel will observe teaching and learning and engage in discussions with students, teachers and education support staff.

Welcome

Welcome to Newmerella PS 'Valley of Plenty', we acknowledge the ones that come before us and thank the people that teach and share the stories of the past. We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai elders past, present and emerging and extend our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students and families.

Important Dates

MARC Van
24th November
8th December

School Council 5:30pm
TBA 2027

Assembly
20th November

Pupil free days

19th November
Grade 2/3 day trip to Coolamatong for activities and sleepover at school.

Last Day of Term
Friday 18th December
2:15 finish

Term 1 2027 starts
Friday 29th January



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Parents and carers will also have an opportunity to share their perspectives, which are an important part of the review. Once the session details are confirmed, we will communicate these through Compass.
We look forward to showcasing the strengths of our school community and identifying opportunities to continue improving outcomes for our students.

Remembrance Day – Lest We Forget

On Wednesday 11 November, our students will take time to reflect on the significance of Remembrance Day and honor those who have served and sacrificed for our country.
Students will explore their understanding of Remembrance Day, sharing their thoughts and reflections through drawings and stories. These activities will encourage conversations about courage, sacrifice, peace and gratitude.
At **11:00 am**, students will lead a special commemorative service, bringing our school together for a moment of reflection and remembrance.
Lest We Forget.

Prep and Grade 1 – Raymond Island Excursion and Sleepover

By all accounts, our Prep and Grade 1 students had a fantastic time during their recent Raymond Island excursion and school sleepover!
It has been wonderful hearing their exciting stories and favourite moments. Experiences like these provide opportunities to build independence, confidence and friendships while creating special memories.
A big thank you to our staff for making this such a memorable experience for our youngest learners.
Be sure to read Class One's report for some wonderful student reflections and highlights from their adventure!

Grade 2 and 3 – Camp Coolamatong and School Sleepover

The revised date for our Grade 2 and 3 Camp Coolamatong excursion and school sleepover is fast approaching!
Students will head off on their adventure on **Thursday 19 November**, with plenty of opportunities to build confidence, independence and friendships beyond the classroom.
Ms V will send home further information closer to the date to help families prepare for the excursion and sleepover.

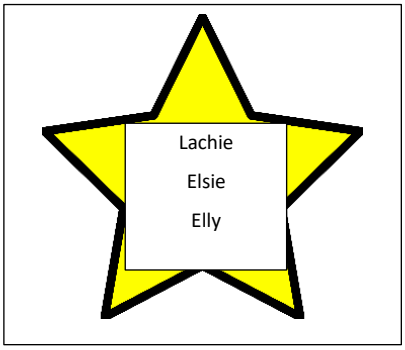


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Student of the Week Awards

The winners for the fortnight were:



Positive Behaviour Raffle

Students who are displaying positive behaviours that are aligned to our school values which are LEARNING, HONESTY, EXCELLENCE AND CARING in the classroom /or in the yard can receive a raffle ticket.

Winners for the fortnight were:



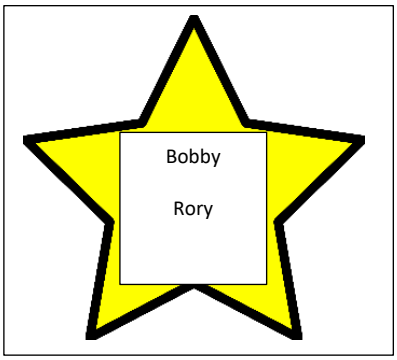
Specialist Subjects Awards

Students that displayed a positive attitude to their specialist subjects for the fortnight were:



Reading Raffle Awards

To be eligible for the weekly reading raffle, students must read 5 out of 7 nights. The winners for the fortnight were:



Curriculum Days

Professional Practice Day

School Holidays

Term 4: Friday 18th Dec.

Fortnight School Values – Caring and Learning

We encourage parents to discuss and reinforce with their children what the actions for the weekly values might look like.

School Council 2026

President: Jo Austin
Treasurer/Secretary: Lisa MacFarlane
Acting Principal: Lauryn Geddes
Staff Representatives: Nicole Mathers and Janet Munn
Community Members: Elaine Hofen and Pam Beveridge
Parent Representatives: Jason Griebenow, Megan Sage, and Lisa MacFarlane.

Every Day Counts

Please contact the school if your child is going to be away.

Bus Travellers

Please notify the school if your child is being picked up so we can mark them off the roll.
Parents are reminded that changes to bus travel arrangements require 24 hours notice and approval by Orbost Community College.

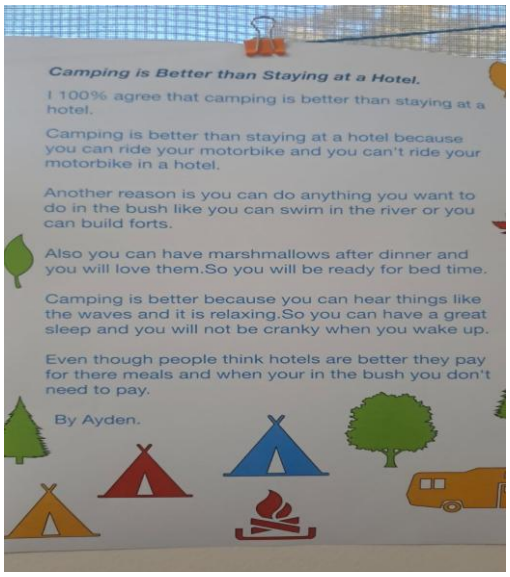


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CUTTING PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Grade 1/2/3 Writing



Camping is Better than Staying at a Hotel.

I 100% agree that camping is better than staying at a hotel.

Camping is better than staying at a hotel because you can ride your motorbike and you can't ride your motorbike in a hotel.

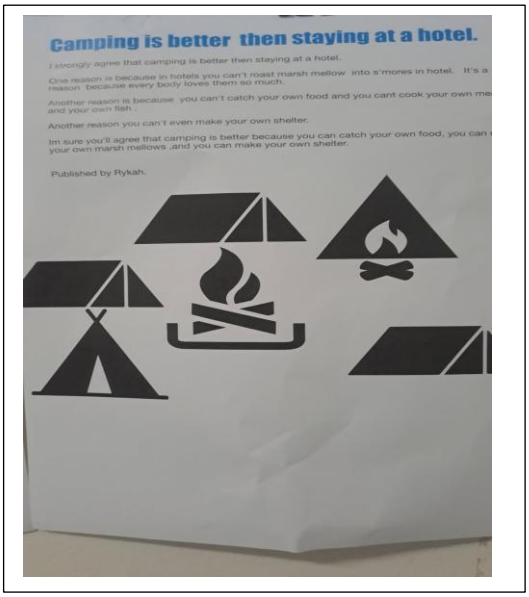
Another reason is you can do anything you want to do in the bush like you can swim in the river or you can build forts.

Also you can have marshmallows after dinner and you will love them.So you will be ready for bed time.

Camping is better because you can hear things like the waves and it is relaxing.So you can have a great sleep and you will not be cranky when you wake up.

Even though people think hotels are better they pay for there meals and when your in the bush you don't need to pay.

By Ayden.



Camping is better then staying at a hotel.

I strongly agree that camping is better then staying at a hotel.

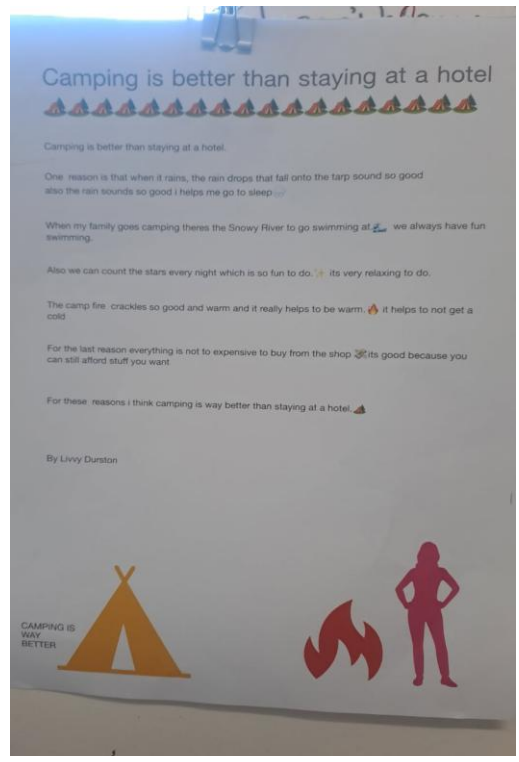
One reason is because in hotels you can't roast marsh mellow into s'mores in hotel. It's a reason because every body loves them so much.

Another reason is because you can't catch your own food and you cant cook your own me and your own fish .

Another reason you can't even make your own shelter.

Im sure you'll agree that camping is better because you can catch your own food, you can your own marsh mellows ,and you can make your own shelter.

Published by Rykah.



Camping is better than staying at a hotel

Camping is better than staying at a hotel.

One reason is that when it rains, the rain drops that fall onto the tarp sound so good also the rain sounds so good i helps me go to sleep

When my family goes camping theres the Snowy River to go swimming at we always have fun swimming.

Also we can count the stars every night which is so fun to do. its very relaxing to do.

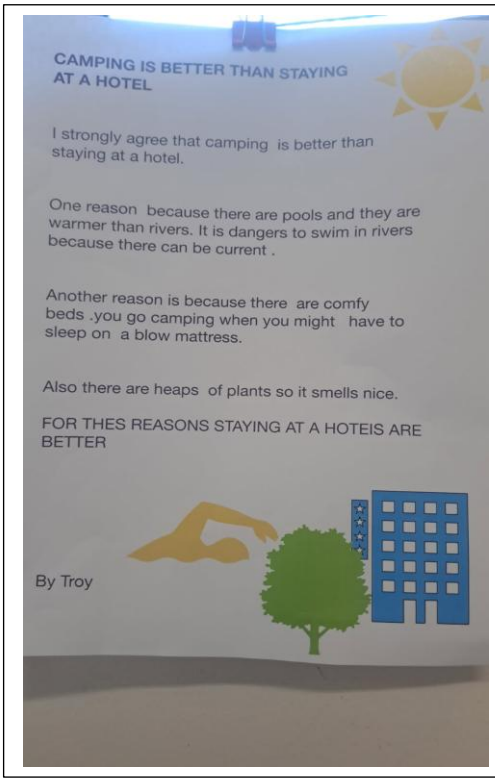
The camp fire crackles so good and warm and it really helps to be warm. it helps to not get a cold

For the last reason everything is not to expensive to buy from the shop its good because you can still afford stuff you want

For these reasons i think camping is way better than staying at a hotel.

By Livvy Durston

CAMPING IS WAY BETTER



CAMPING IS BETTER THAN STAYING AT A HOTEL

I strongly agree that camping is better than staying at a hotel.

One reason because there are pools and they are warmer than rivers. It is dangers to swim in rivers because there can be current .

Another reason is because there are comfy beds .you go camping when you might have to sleep on a blow mattress.

Also there are heaps of plants so it smells nice.

FOR THES REASONS STAYING AT A HOTEIS ARE BETTER

By Troy



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A hotel is better than staying camping.

I 100% agree that a hotel is better than staying camping.

One reason is there is pools at the hotels.It makes it good because you can relax in the pools.But wen you are in rivers you can get pulled in the current.witch is bad because you can die.

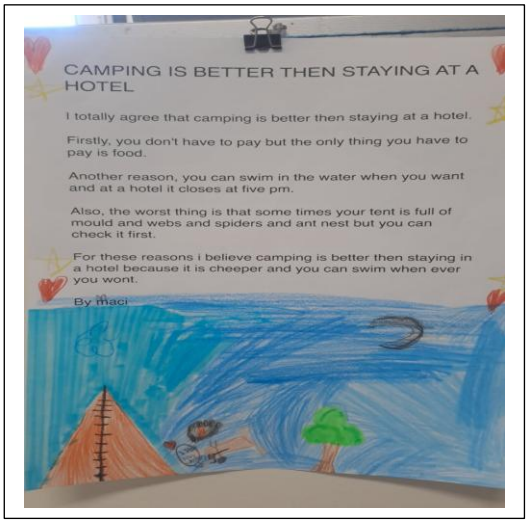
Also.There is delicious foods.The foods there are really good then you will get full quicker.And there are delicious deserts.So you can fall asleep with joy and get better sleep.

One more reason you can play tv.If you are bored so you do not do any thing silly.

It is so pretty there and it makes it stand out, then more people come.

Hotels are better than staying camping because there are pools and delicious foods.You can play tv and it is pretty.

By Ember



CAMPING IS BETTER THEN STAYING AT A HOTEL

I totally agree that camping is better then staying at a hotel.

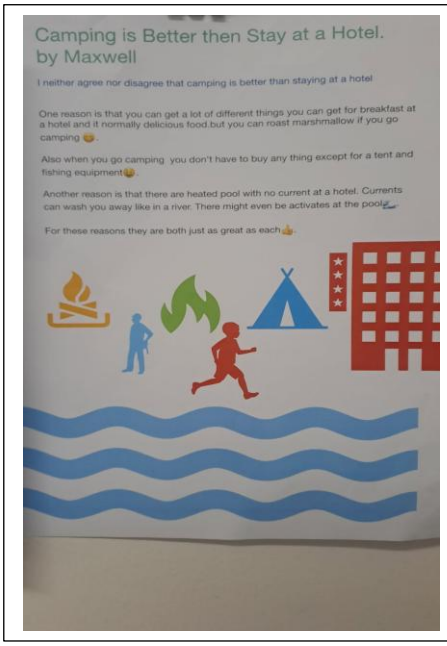
Firstly, you don't have to pay but the only thing you have to pay is food.

Another reason, you can swim in the water when you want and at a hotel it closes at five pm.

Also, the worst thing is that some times your tent is full of mould and webs and spiders and ant nest but you can check it first.

For these reasons i believe camping is better then staying in a hotel because it is cheeper and you can swim when ever you wont.

By maci



Camping is Better then Stay at a Hotel.
by Maxwell

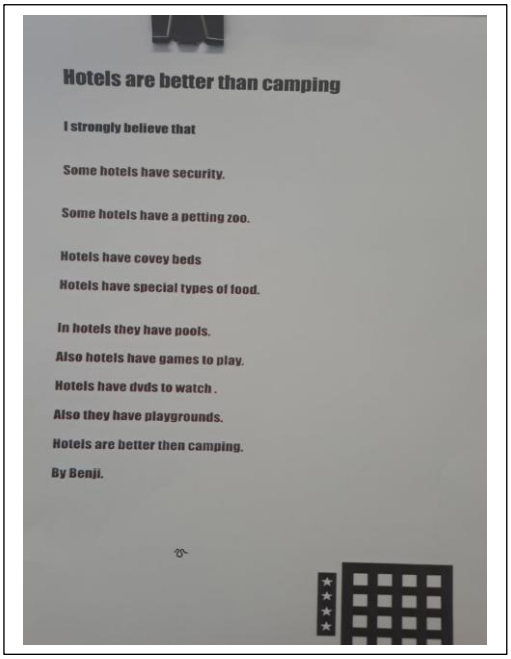
I neither agree nor disagree that camping is better than staying at a hotel

One reason is that you can get a lot of different things you can get for breakfast at a hotel and it normally delicious food.but you can roast marshmallow if you go camping.

Also when you go camping you don't have to buy any thing except for a tent and fishing equipment.

Another reason is that there are heated pool with no current at a hotel. Currents can wash you away like in a river. There might even be activates at the pool.

For these reasons they are both just as great as each.



Hotels are better than camping

I strongly believe that

Some hotels have security.

Some hotels have a petting zoo.

Hotels have covey beds

Hotels have special types of food.

In hotels they have pools.

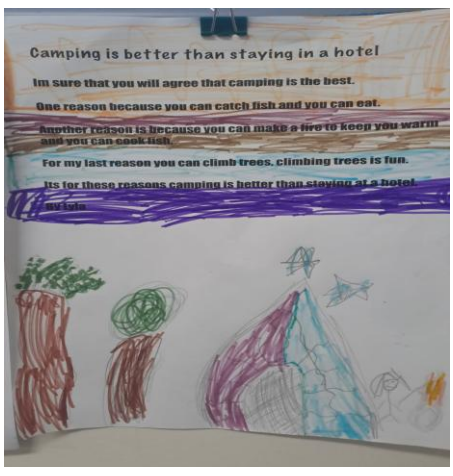
Also hotels have games to play.

Hotels have dvds to watch .

Also they have playgrounds.

Hotels are better then camping.

By Benji.



Camping is better than staying in a hotel

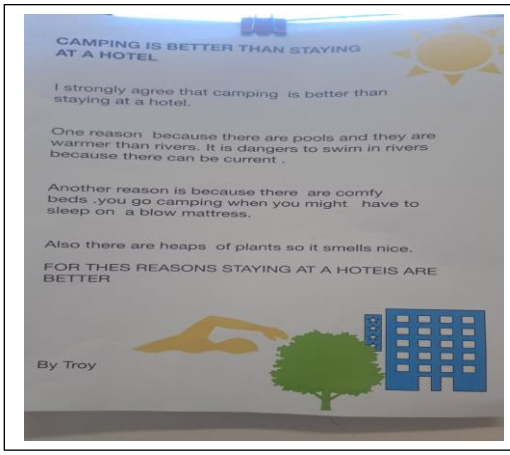
Im sure that you will agree that camping is the best.

One reason because you can catch fish and you can eat.

Another reason is because you can make a fire to keep you warm and you can cook fish.

For my last reason you can climb trees. climbing trees is fun.

Its for these reasons camping is better than staying at a hotel.



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Raymond Island Excursion & Grade 1 Sleepover









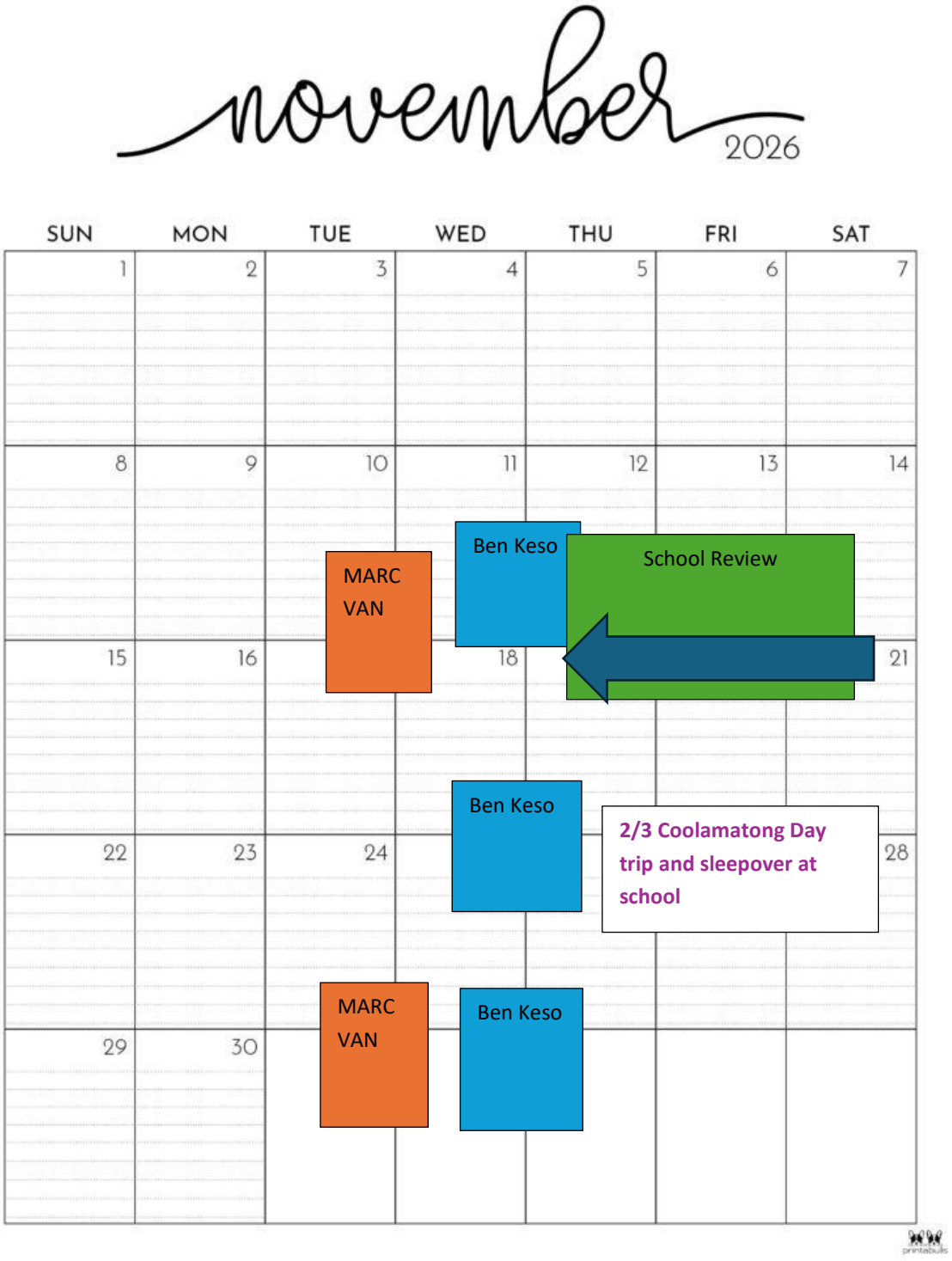


What a fantastic time we had last week! The students showed resilience as we changed our plans to suit the rainy weather.

Thursday was a fun-filled day at school, with a movie and games in the classroom. The weather cleared later in the afternoon, allowing us to enjoy some outdoor games before dinner. After saying goodbye to the Preps, it was time for the Grade 1s to set up and settle down for their sleepover!

Friday morning the whole class headed off to Raymond Island. It was a fun experience for everyone, with some students enjoying their very first ferry ride and for a few, their first-ever boat trip!

With beautiful sunshine, sunscreen and Aerogard, we set off exploring Raymond Island with our eyes peeled for koalas. We were very excited to spot an amazing 18 koalas! After our koala spotting adventure, we enjoyed lunch and a play at the park before catching the ferry back and heading home to school.


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