

Belmay Primary School Camp 2021

Please enjoy this special edition of our newsletter to showcase the Year 6 Camp.



The Best Camp Ever!

It was the night before camp. Everything was packed and I was tucked up tight in bed. I was so excited that I couldn't sleep! I tried to think of something else but all I could think of was camp. I thought that thinking about camp would help me sleep, however, I quickly changed my point of view as everything rapidly turned negative. What if we miss the bus?! What if I forgot my toothbrush?! What if I under packed or forgot my underwear?! My mind was racing with questions. I took some nice deep breaths, closed my eyes and eventually fell fast asleep.

The next morning at around 6:45am, I heard a loud BING! I slowly opened my eyes, reached out for my phone and saw I had a new message! The loud sound had woken me up. I then remembered that today was the day! I had my cereal, rushed into the bathroom to brush my teeth, got dressed and did my hair. I woke Mum and together we got my bag into the car. I said my goodbyes to everyone (including my birds, who seemed especially sad to see me go). I smiled at the noisy birds and walked outside to the car.

The ride to school wasn't long, as per usual. I got to the undercover area first! I ran to the gate to see my friends, who were buzzing with the news of camp! A few moments later, everyone was ready. Mr G called the role and helped us load our bags onto the bus. When we got inside, I sat next to Emma, who was really into her book. Mr Hutton was in front of me, when he got out his speaker from his carry-on everyone started swarming our area! Miss Klauz took over after a couple of songs because she didn't like the boys' taste in music. She put on Love Story and my friends and I sang at the top of our lungs! After a few more songs, we finally arrived at camp!

We were awestricken! Our first vision of the camp was 'The Cube', a 13-metre-high cube for climbing and flying fox. When we got to our dorms, the Spinifex Dorms, there was a large room with a whiteboard. Mr G spilt us up into 2 groups, Group 1 and Group A. I was with Emma and a couple more friends in group A. A man named Ryan came out and explained the camp rules to us that we had to follow under any circumstance. He then said we could go to our dorms. The dorms had 2 bunkbeds, 4 shelves, 6 coat hangers and 1 huge backdoor into the Spinifex backyard! I was with Emma, Hilena and Yunisi! I was on the top bunk, closest to the back door with Emma.

After about 20 minutes of un packing, it was time for our first activity; Kite Making! I chose yellow red and orange to decorate my kite. When it was time to fly, Jordan's and my kite got tangled up BAD so we decided to name it the Hanya-Jordan kite and deal with it. After that, we split up. Group A headed to Ultimate sports with Callan and Johnny! While Group 1 headed off on a Walking Tour.

We headed to the basketball court first up to do some basketball stuff. First we did line chasy, which was quite a challenge because of how big the court was! We did dodge and Miss Klauz was veryyyyy competitive. We did a bit of Golden Child before heading to the soccer field. It was NOT your average soccer field because there was a HUGE INFLATABLE BALL!!! We had so much fun kicking (more like slapping) the ball around. By the time we were done, we were exhausted!

Next was the Quarantine Station Tour, which I found to be the most interesting thing we did on camp. We learned all about what Woodman Point was like over 100 years ago and how it used to be a quarantine station! There were 3 main sicknesses during the 1900s, when it first originated: Small pox, Spanish Influenza and Black Death (Bubonic Plague). It was so interesting but when we got to



the isolation hospital, it REAKED of old paint! The smell was terrible but hospital itself was quite scary. IT had dark corridors and very realistic mannequins to showcase the nurses and patients. Everyone got freaked out so we headed to the next room. It had a huge model of a ship and had loads of paintings. We then left for free time.

An hour was all we had for free time, so I tried to make the most of it. I knew my dorm mates wouldn't let me sleep at night so I tried to get some rest right then. The noise of everyone outside was really loud because the girls' dorms were right next to the backyard. I got up and went outside to fly my kite. I sat down and flew it for a bit before I went inside to finish unpacking. By the time I finished, it was time for dinner. After that we did our journals and another activity! It was Escape from Quarantine! As it was night time it was real scary! The teachers had torches and if they caught us moving with their flashlights on us, we would have to do punishments! The aim of the game was to find clues in the dark and 'escape' from the quarantine station. After that, it was supper time and then bed!

The next morning Yunisi woke me up because I was the last one still sleeping in my dorm. She called me a sleepyhead and told me to get ready. Miss Klauz said we could wake up everyone else since it was time for the day to start. Mr G told us to do morning fitness in the rain, which wasn't very pleasant. We had breakfast, brushed our teeth and got dressed. My group was doing Vertical Challenges so we headed off with a girl named Lauren (People called her Loz). She taught us how to belay and then we were off and climbing poles, cargo nets, tyres and other obstacles. The vertical challenges were hard but fun!

Before lunch we had Search and Rescue. We had to learn how to read a map, use a walkie talkie to communicate, and learn the rules of the game. The main idea was to split into two groups and work together to find clues in the bush. We decided to look for clues in separate halves of the search zone so headed off in different directions. In the end we just managed to find enough clues without being caught too many times by the 'enemy' to solve the game and win! It was lots of fun especially running away from the 'enemy'.

Next was the Flying Fox! James was the instructor and he looked very experienced. He told us we were jumping off The Cube (13 metres high!!) First, we put on our harnesses and then James explained the two jobs that we would have to do to help so we could get in lots of flying time. The 1st job was to catch whoever was coming down. The person coming down would be holding a long red rope and when they came to a stop, someone would have to go to them, ask for the rope, and drag them by the rope to the ladder (aka Bob). Two people would hold Bob so the person could stand on him to undo the clips. Five people were to go up at a time, and I was the fourth. The three boys in front of me who were going to jump were trembling with fear! When it was my turn, I jumped off without thinking twice and dropped for a second before gliding down at a tremendous speed! Finally, I let go of the rope and someone dragged me over to Bob. Darko and Jordan were holding the ladder while I got down. It was so much fun that I went again! After that, it was lunch.

We had Loz again for Rock Climbing! She said we were going to do the exact same thing as the Vertical Challenges except on an actual rock climbing wall. We hopped into the same groups as Vertical Challenges. We got together and started to get ready. I climbed first and only went about half way before coming down. The walls were hard to get up as some of the pieces to hold and put your feet on



were tiny and hard to grip. Some students though were very good and scaled up the wall!

After that it was free time. I flew my kite and talked with everyone outside. The girls and I headed to our dorm to write in our journals. They were too busy skidding on the floor to do any work, so I was the only one writing. Some kids were playing Basketball so I went to play too. We played for a while before Mr G called us in for Quiz Night! My team was Emma, Brock, Jordan, Hilena and I. We won chocolates in the end for winning the whole thing! We had popcorn and cookies for supper and then brushed our teeth before going to bed.

It was our last day at camp. I was awoken by the sound of knocking at my door. I was again the last to get up but this time I believe I was the last to get up in the whole cabin! I got myself together for morning fitness and breakfast! We then went to our dorms to pack everything up! We loaded everything into the Acacia Day Area and did our next few activities. We had Orienteering in groups of three. We had a map of the groups and were looking for posts to stamp a card. It was really tiring but my group won in the end.

My group had Archery next. My team, the Koalas, won also in this because the teacher's team cheated! But it was really epic and I got a bullseye. The more we shots we had the better we all got. The weather was really cold though.

We had lunch and packed everything up. On the ride home, everyone requested songs again. This time, the last song was Into The Unknown. Everyone's lungs were very sore after singing so much but it was worth it. Nobody really wanted to go home once we got back to the undercover area. I was happy to be home and all, but I'll never forget how much fun I had on my Year 6 Camp!

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