Taronga Zoomobile

On Tuesday 18th March, Mrs Cartwright, Mrs Ridley and students joined teachers and students from Talimba Public School and Ungarie Central School at the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre to participate in a day of learning about Aboriginality, the environment, science and Australian animals.

During the first half of the day, students rotated around each of the four activity stations to experience Aboriginal art, water bugs, science toys and Australian native animals.

There were seven beautiful pieces of art produced using Aboriginal art techniques; students placed their hand on a piece of fabric and sprayed over the top with coloured paint to create an outline and then decorated their hand print with Aboriginal style dot art. Stage 3 students also made snakes by cutting a spiral from a piece of cardboard and colouring it with oil pastels. Aaron also made a lolly snake by filling a cellophane bag with lollies and then stuffing that bag into a long line of toilet roll cylinders; this lolly snake was completed with drawn on eyes, mouth and many, many scales.

There were scientific toys to experiment with like slinky’s, jumping frogs, magnetic balls, balancing birds, sound pipes, lights and fans with batteries and a voice changer.

Finally, the Taronga Zoomobile arrived and Col Hardy OAM introduced them with a song about Tommy the Termite and the unofficial Australian anthem ‘We Are Australian’.

The Taronga Zoomobile Education Officers presented a one hour program relating to HSIE, English and Creative Arts. The program focused on our fascinating native animals and dreamtime stories. Students were mesmerised by the animals, music, stories, dancing and artefacts.

We also got to see and touch a snake, shingle back lizard, possum, echidna and frog while Col sang songs about these animals. The best part about the day was patting the tiny, cute possum.

It Takes A Village

Julie & Sarah: Just letting everyone know we were discussing dates for First Aid training and have been advised we are best to conduct this training during winter months due to sowing and harvest season. Happily though, following our discussions from our last session we have organised to bring plants from the local nursery to sell. Also, we will bring books about gardening from the local library and hope that everyone who can come will bring cuttings and/or garden magazines to swap with others. We also think it would be great if someone from the local community with knowledge of plants come along for the morning session and share their knowledge - if anyone knows of someone that is happy and willing to do so, let us know please on 6972 2795. This all will be happening on Wednesday 9th April at 10:30 am and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again!

Weekly Assembly

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Lacey Osborne - Continuous Co-operation