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## Extra-curricular activities in school great for pupils

### EDITORIAL

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SHOULD students be involved in so many extra-curricular activities in school?

Well, we definitely think so. We believe they are necessary in school and can greatly benefit a students' wellbeing.

Activities like excursions, camps, carnivals, dance group, chess, debating and sports teams are all valuable for various reasons.

The benefits of activities like camp is to be outside, active, involved in team building exercises and being away from our brothers and sisters is too enjoyable an opportunity to lose.

We have just been on camp and all three days were so much fun for everyone.

In fact, mums have been heard to say that they are worth the money because camp is something you will remember for the rest of your life.

Excursions are super fun. You get to go on a bus to a new

destination and be with your friends.

We have been to the Sydney Observatory and Powerhouse Museum already this year and next term we going to see the musical show *Matilda* and we are all very excited and can't wait. Many of us wouldn't get the opportunity to attend events like this if they didn't happen through school.

Even going to athletics and other sports carnivals, although we don't all like them, are good for us as we get active, can choose what to do and spend time with our friends.

We get to learn different sports and skills that could be useful to us in the near future.

Extra-curricular activities are not only fun but we also get great experiences that we will remember for the rest of our lives.

We will remember all the crazy, fun activities.

It is good that we have extra-curricular activities because it gets children fit and healthy and can entertain us a lot more than just lots of school work.

Overall we believe that extra-curricular activities are great fun and provide valuable memories to be savoured.

# Yarramalong Spring Festival blossomed

By **ALLY, IMOGEN, ASHLYN, ERICA, TENILLE, ROSIE, ELIZABETH** and **SKYE**

HIGHLIGHTING the year is the Yarramalong Valley Spring Fair which was held on Sunday, September 13 at Jack Gear Oval, Yarramalong.

Going since 2008, the festival showcases the local area to the broader community. A highlight of the festival is the scarecrow competition. Residents and businesses in and outside the valley create amazingly clever scarecrows that are quite a sight to see.

Another popular attraction is to enjoy a scrumptious high tea at the century-old Wyong Creek Hall.

Wyong Creek Public School P&C run a cake stall at the fair and Veronica has co-ordinated the stall with other parents from the school. The cakes vary in prices for each slice, piece or whole cake. It is one of the key fundraisers for the school's P&C.

The scarecrow competition has been going on for many years now. There are five categories: traditional, creative, humorous, people's choice and the grand prize. This year the grand prize winner was Wyong Creek Public School with an entry titled "Nurturing Our Young".

One of the popular events is the gruelling Bumble Hill Burn. A crazy 6.2-kilometre run with a gradient going to 300-metres above sea level.



Wyong Creek Public School's winning scarecrow entry.

Picture: Rosie King

Unfortunately the event wasn't held this year to due to a lack of sponsors. Hopefully the Bumble Hill Burn will return in 2016.

Other key events that take place at the fair are: live music, dance displays, a dance floor for anyone to join in, wood chopping competition, a variety of rides for the young and

young at heart, stalls, plenty of food, collector's cars on show and plenty more for everyone.

The Yarramalong Valley Festival that culminates in the Spring Fair proves to be an excellent way to show the broader community our beautiful valley and we look forward to seeing you in the future.

## Class programs make students tech savvy

By **ROSIE, RHIANNON** and **PHOEBE**

AT the start of 2015 at Wyong Creek Public School the year 4/5/6 class started an iPad program.

Everyone in the class has an iPad. Students bring their own or use the iPads provided. Teacher, Mr Smith, instructs students how to use apps and sets tasks to complete.

We use Google Apps to create documents and share our work with other students. We have also made our own websites to post our work on. Our

parents can see the web pages too. We use the iPads to make movies with effects and sound. We are currently working on creating Claymation movies based on Roald Dahl's book *Matilda*. We use the iPads for interactive maths and literacy games, and also use Garage Band to make up our own songs.

Next we will be learning about 3D printing with ScopeIT. We plan to design a collection of items that can be printed in 3D.



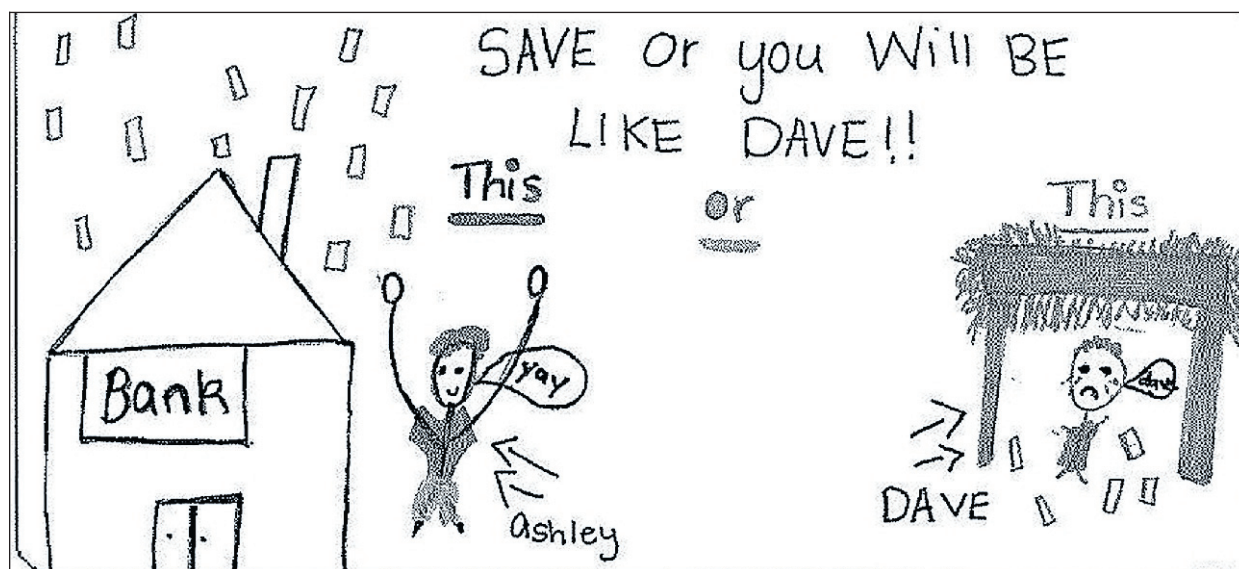
Wyong Creek Public students love working with their iPads.

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