We all returned unscathed and full of new experiences

Your children had a full-on week excursion and we hope they have told you all about it; great dinner conversations should be happening as the experiences continue to be remembered and retold. Here is the feedback I got from them all:

**The highlights:**

- Earth keepers and receiving our first two keys.
- Camping and sleeping in tents.
- Climbing Mt Kosciuszko—overcoming the adversities and conquering the highest mountain in Australia.
- Bobsledding and enjoying the water slide, visiting the fishery in Eden.
- Eating fish and chips on the beach.
- Overcoming anxiety on the chairlift, bobsled and water slide, and achieving new experiences.

**Things we can change:**

- Not travel so far—especially in the back of the bus!!!
- Not having to get sand in our toes.
- Not having to erect our tents and then take them down?
- Some didn’t like climbing the mountain as it required extra effort.

Here are a few photos ...

Thank you to Craig for driving and keeping us safe on the road, to Liz for all her efforts in preparing our meals and ensuring we were all well fed, and to Gary for being a great help when needed, especially ensuring all the boys showered and brushed their teeth!

While primary were away, K/1/2 were continuing to learn about other cultures which involved attempting to eat a meal using chopsticks, doing aboriginal dot paintings and discussing the meaning of dream-time stories.
CRICKET on the agenda this week ...
Years 2-6 will attend Milo cricket on Wednesday with Mr Morris and Miss Grinter. **Students will need to be at school no later than 8.40am—transport by private vehicles has been arranged.**

**Thursday**—Warren Smith (Alex and Lachlan’s uncle) will be at school to run some cricket clinics with our students.

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**P& C Meeting**

**Wednesday 13th November—7.00pm**

**All welcome**

**Mobile Library** — tomorrow, Wednesday 13/11/13

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**BOOKCLUB**
Brochures are attached. Please return orders and payment by **Friday 22nd November**.

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**ASSEMBLY**

**Thursday 14th November at 11.30am**

Come along and listen to the Year 5’s as they make their captains’ speeches; view the excursion photos and listen to the stories.

Parents are invited to come for morning tea at 11.00am which will be followed by assembly.

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**HOW2LEARN**

**Efforts are what are important**

Have you ever heard of students who progress through primary school, and maybe high school without having to try, then when they reach University or face a situation that requires effort they don’t know what to do; in fact they start to panic, fail and have no idea on how to meet the challenges of learning?

Students sometime believe that effort shows failure....being smart means you don’t have to put the effort in, or putting an effort in shows a weakness.

Praising effort has brought about a major change of attitude in our students. The more effort we put into an activity, the more pleasure we should get out of the results. On many an occasion on excursion, our students were given the option to have a go, put in some effort, see what you can do ... and guess what, they achieved outstanding results.

The students who put in a mammoth effort climbing Mount Kosciuszko discovered that the level of achievement was amazing - wow!, how fantastic, I did it, I didn’t give up and when you persevere the results are amazing.

The students who ate fried rice with chop sticks discovered that the more effort they put into it the more they got to eat.

Taking control of the efforts put into a task allows a student to have control of their own learning. Sometimes students get depressed when they feel they can’t achieve – what they need to learn to do is think about learning - think that effort is a positive attribute, a constructive force, not a drag ... try it out!

Super students this week include all the students who conquered the highest mountain in Australia ... they took the effort as a positive force, a constructive force, one that would ensure they achieved the outcome they wanted.
**Canteen Day—Friday 15th November**

Year 5 are raising money for travel to the 2014 Sydney Young Leaders’ Conference. Each student in Year 5 will be holding a special canteen day as part of their leadership development, and this Friday it is Joannah’s turn!

On Friday, she will be selling the following items at recess—so please bring along your money and show your support.

- **Chocolate Fudge Sundae**—$1.50 each
- **Cinnamon Toast**—$1.50 (2 slices)
- **Honey Joys**—$0.50 each
- **Coconut Balls**—$0.50 a bag

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**Ladysmith Rural Fire Service**

**Presents**

**‘The Tin Shed Rattlers!’**

**Friday 15th Nov, 13**

@ Ladysmith Memorial Hall

6:30pm Start.

- **$30 a family**
- **$10 per person.**

**BBQ & Soft Drinks**

Will be available for a small cost.

**Raffle tickets will be sold & drawn on the night.**

**Bring your entire family for a ‘fun fun’ night!**

Enquiries; Christine Stanton

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Supper will be supplied later in the night.