

WaterWays Day

On Thursday the 16th of March, our grade 5/6's and our cluster schools went on a water sustainability day at Bowie Creek near Dip Bridge. We did a bunch of different activities all linking into nature. We got a bus there with Congupna Primary School. It took about half an hour to get there, and we got there at around about 10 to 10.

We went to an activity called fisheries, where we learned about what fish we could keep and what we have to throw away. We also learned about how long Murray Cod had to be to be able to keep or throw back in the water. They have to be 55cm to 75cm to keep. Bigger or smaller we had to put back.

We learned about all of the different types of birds that could be found mostly around the Shepparton area. We also had to listen to all of the bird calls and had to match them to the pictures that were hung up on the gazebo.

After that we talked about a bunch of different bugs. The man brought in a bunch too. He brought in spiders, slaters, centipedes and lots of different cockroaches. We got to hold most of them.

Another activity we did was listen to some different frog noises. Once she had shown us all of the different frog sounds we played a frog game. We all had a card with a frog and what sound it made and we had to make our sound and find the other people that had the same frog sound.

In cultural awareness, some of the things we were taught about was some of the turtles we could eat and the different types of dirt and we were also showed the old spear heads that they used. The lady passed them around so that we could all have a good look at them. They also showed us a real Emu egg. It was really black and big. She also passed around some possum fur that was really soft. It was a really good activity because it taught us about a lot of different things.

Another one of our activities was about forest fires. They had ran out of water when we got there so we couldn't spray any. They taught us about all of the different fire danger ratings and how to build a good fire without any of it catching onto dry grass and causing a massive fire. Then we got to go into the fire truck. He let us go into the truck and we also got to turn on the lights and the siren too.

Then we all had lunch. We had a sausage in bread and it was really yummy. While we were eating lunch we were all jumping over the posts. It was really fun.

Once we had finished eating lunch we went on to fishing. We used worms as our bait and only two people caught fish. There were 2 carps and one 50cm cod. One person caught 2 fish. A lot of people got their lines caught in trees branches or got snagged. Once our lines were broken we were not allowed to fish anymore. There was a girl who actually fell into the water. It was absolutely hilarious. Then we had to pack up to go home.

It was a super-hot but great day.

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