

# Our trip to La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October

True to Melbourne weather, as it was a glorious day on Sunday, it unfortunately was rather damp for our trip, but that did not deter us.

The children were greeted by Mark our guide on arrival and serenaded by the frogs in the nearby pond.

We began our walk through the park passing one of the two emu's and a pack of kangaroo's. Our first activity was to collect nectar like a bee and see which team could, collect the most in their dish using a pipette.



As we left the bee game Mark lead the children to a tree which was 450 years old and was called the hugging tree by the staff. So we all hugged the tree for luck before moving on.



The children then moved through the park to an area which was carpeted to see if we could find any frogs hiding under them, before continuing into a clearing to take part in rock 'n' roll, which was a great hit with all the children using rulers, insect collection pots to turn logs over and collect mini beasts.



Once the children completed collecting Mark selected Kate and Cooper's to take their jars back to the teaching class to have a close look under a microscope.

On the way back we had a visit from the emu again.

The children were fascinated how a worm, beetle Larva and woodlice looked enlarged (but they were more interested in Mark thumb which he had hit with a Hammer looked under the microscope, Cooper remarking it was gross)

The children then proceeded outside to plant up a native grass, under the direction of Mark.

The final exercise for the morning was pond dipping, which due to the rain coming down slightly heavier, Mark set up under some sails. The children used nets to fish out pond life and place in their individual specimen bowls to take a closer look at the pond skaters, snails and dragon fly larva.



Once the children finished pond dipping, we had lunch before twenty eight very tired children climbed back onto the bus to return to school.

What a great day ,well worth the visit, just a shame about the weather.

This trip will help the children meet early outcomes 1, 2, 4 and 5