Welcome parents and students to our information evening.

Please collect your camp forms from your class teacher – Tania Smith, Jeff Chen, Rebecca Morris, Kate Wheeler
SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP

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In Term One, students will be exploring historical Australian events that occurred during the 19th Century. We are deepening our understanding of the overarching question, “How have significant events in history changed Australia and its people?” Students will research the development of colonies across Australia. Within our unique costume camp experience, they will see what life was like for different groups of people in the colonial period. We will then investigate how the Victorian Gold Rush and the Eureka Stockade changed the political landscape of Australia and the impact upon the development of Australian society.

Students are working towards developing their understanding in response to the unit’s focus questions:
1. What was the role of explorers in Australian history?
2. What economic, political and social factors contributed to the Colonial Settlement of Australia?
3. How did the Gold Rush impact Australian environment and society in the 1800’s?
4. How did events after the Gold Rush shape Australian politics and society?
Our Location
Situated in the historic city of Ballarat, Sovereign Hill is located in Bradshaw Street and can be easily accessed by car, or by bus daily from Melbourne. Sovereign Hill is a comfortable 90-minute drive from Melbourne along the Western Highway.

By day, Sovereign Hill is where Australia’s history comes to life! It’s just like stepping back in time - from the hustle and bustle of Main Street where costumed ladies and gents parade their new-found wealth, to the excitement of the Red Hill Gully Diggings where you can pan for real gold and it’s yours to keep!

At Sovereign Hill, you can see a spectacular $100,000 gold pour, venture underground on a fully-guided gold mine tour or catch a horse-drawn coach and tour the town. Go shopping 1850s-style and visit hotels, schools and a theatre with goldfields entertainers. See steam-driven machinery in action and chat with our wheelwrights, candlemakers and confectioners as they ply their trades. On our streets and in our theatre, you will be entertained by costumed goldfields characters who are happy to pose for a great photo.

Features of camp

A comparison between education in the 19th century and present time.
Role-play immersion in what life was like during the gold rush.
Gold pour demonstration
Red Hill mine tour
Gold panning
Sound and Light Show
Sweets making demonstration
Redcoat soldiers parade
Bowling saloon experience
Historical and trade exhibitions
A two-day adventure … that is how we like to look upon the programs offered by our four 1850s goldfields schools: The Red Hill National School, St Peter’s Denominational School, the Ragged School and St Alipius’ Diggings School. The Sovereign Hill Schools offer a unique learning experience which is exciting, challenging and rewarding for students and teachers alike. Students attend the schools for two days of costumed role-play, which highlights the vast differences between schooling on the Victorian goldfields of the 1850s and education today.

To maximise the costumed school experience, students must each write an imaginative letter or story to the headmaster prior to our visit. This task is good preparation for the role-play style of teaching. Students should also memorise their writing so that they can answer questions confidently in an 1850s manner. The basic information to be supplied in each letter or story varies for different schools.

**Costumed Camp**

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**Clothing list**

**Boys’ Costume Rules for Presentation**

- Earrings are not appropriate for boys.
- No facial piercings.
- Boys’ socks may be black, brown, grey or white. No ankle socks. No pictures or writing.
- Shoes: Flat black or brown shoes or boots (not sneakers or runners). Avoid boots with velcro or zip them. Desert boots are suitable.

**Girls’ Costume Rules for Presentation**

- Girls’ hair may be parted in the centre and worn in plaits or buns if possible. Plain hair rollers or rubber bands are suitable (not bright colours).
- Plastic clips or scrunchies are not suitable.
- Girls may wear small studs or sleepers only. No facial piercings.
- Girls’ socks long and preferably white. No ankle socks. No pictures or writing.
- Shoes: Flat black or brown shoes or boots (not sneakers or runners). Avoid boots with velcro or zip them. Desert boots are suitable.

**Cold Weather Conditions**

- Girls’ hair may be parted in the centre and worn in plaits or buns if possible. Plain hair rollers or rubber bands are suitable (not bright colours).
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ITINERARY

Monday 27th February
7.30: Leave school
Melton – morning tea
Expected arrival –
Unpack bus
lunch
Travel around Sovereign Hill in small groups
Secret Chamber mine tour
Check in to Sovereign Hill Lodge
Discussion/outdoor games Dinner
Shower
Games/trivia night
Supper
Quiet time, diaries
Bed, Lights out

Tuesday 28th February
Wake up
Breakfast
Costume fit out
SH School
Morning tea
SH School
Lunch – costume school cooked lunch –New York Bakery
SH School
Red Hill Gold mine tours (small groups 3.40-4.30)
Dinner
Showers
Walk to show ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’ show
Bed
Lights out

Wednesday 1st March
Wake up
Breakfast
Pack up everything (except clothes for trip home)
SH School
Gold Smelting
Lunch - cafe
SH School
School finishes. Change clothes and hand back costumes
Bus
Return to school approx. 6:15pm
Sleeping Arrangements

The Sovereign Hill Hotel offers modern Bunkhouse Rooms just a 30-second walk from Sovereign Hill. Clean, comfortable and secure.

Students will be sleeping in dormitory cabins consisting of 2-3 bunk beds.

The students will be provided with the opportunity to request friends within the Year 5 group.

Rooms are in an enclosed building with bathroom facilities inside.
Meals and dietary requirements

Sovereign Hill camp is a highly organised camp with well designed menus for students and staff. They do cater for students who have allergies, intolerances, religious requests and/or are vegetarian.

Breakfast:  - fruit juice - selection of cereal with milk - toast and condiments - milo

Lunch:  - Tues: Fish, chips & salad  
         Wed: selection of wraps and sandwiches - whole fruit - muesli bar – juice

Dinner:  
Mon: Spaghetti bolognaise Chocolate mud cake with cream  
Tues: Chicken breast, roast potato & steamed vegetables  Cheese cake with cream

Supper:- selection of slices – milo

- Monday: ** **Children will need a separately packed morning snack and an old fashion wrapped packed lunch to eat on arrival at camp.**

- Examples include: sandwich or roll wrapped in greaseproof paper in brown paper bag (no hot food or plastic containers)
Medication

Authority form

Questions