Well, Well! It is not too often that I get to stand in for Geri. It is great to see students going about their busy schedules with big smiles and much laughter. The teachers tell me great work is being produced in class with the VCAL class looking forward to "A Day in the City" project to complete literacy and numeracy outcomes. Students have been cooking up "a storm" in the Healthy Eating Centre every Friday for the less fortunate out there. A fantastic program.

A reminder to all students that mobile phones are to be switched off or on silent during class times. Messages can be answered at recess and lunch time breaks. Urgent messages please ring the school office on (03) 96903535.

Great to hear that the behaviour on public transport to and from school has improved. Please remember you are representing your school whenever you travel on public transport.

Much excitement amongst students re camps with successful return from Rubicon with Cathy, Lee and students. Everyone had a great time but returned absolutely exhausted. Well done to all who participated. See the attached Rubicon camp journal that the students did on camp.

The next camp to Canberra on the 19/11/2012 sounds very interesting and will no doubt be tiring as well, as it also lasts a week! I am sure there will be many stories about what everyone got up too on their return to school.

The year is racing to a close and we have so much to do! So many people to thank.

So until the next newsletter, here are some items we need to know about.

**Adventure Park**

We have organised the school breakup for Tuesday 18th of December departing school by 9am by school bus. A barbeque lunch will be provide. Don't miss this as it will be memorable!

**School Formal**

Will be held at MCAS on December 13th R.S.V.P need to be returned immediately – and payment by the 22 of November.
Physiotherapy Students Presentation

A teacher with three or four students will attend Melbourne University Physiotherapy Department on Monday the 12th at 11.15am to listen to a report on Montague compiled by the physiotherapy students when they visited during term three.

MSAC Sports Morning

On Monday the 3rd of December, 12 students and 2 teachers will attend MSAC for a fun filled sports morning. The cost is free. If students would like to attend this event please let Peter know A.S.A.P.

Kind regards

Peter Smith
Dear Journal,

This morning eight students and two teachers travelled to Rubicon outdoor centre to spend a week exploring the outdoors. On the way there, we stopped at Healesville for an hour for lunch. We all walked back to the bus and started driving again. Once we reached Rubicon we got off the bus and walked around the campsite. Cathy was driving the bus and she got us there 40 minutes early. We got to our cabin, Sugarloaf, and settled into our rooms by unpacking our belongings.

We did orientation with Pagey and Auri. We introduced ourselves by playing a game. We had to say our name and do a funny action. This had to be repeated by everyone in the correct order from the beginning to the end. Then we went swimming in the Rubicon River with Lee, Pagey and Auri.

When we got back we all had nice warm showers and got dressed for dinner. For dinner we had cannelloni with feta cheese and salad. After that we had dessert. For dessert we had ice cream with banana. Then the teachers at Rubicon gave us an introduction about the camp site. We all went back in to our cabins for free time. After dinner we played a game called Rogaining. We used a map of the camp and then needed to find markers all around the campsite in the dark, with torches. We found 16 out of the 20 markers that we needed to find.

By Toni P & Billy M
Dear Journal,

Today we started off with bike riding with Mark and Kim. To start off we checked our bikes to see if they were good to ride, then we went on a track to learn how to use the gears. The bikes at Rubicon are different to the ones at school. We then went on an obstacle course on a mini seesaw and over a couple of little mountains and a log. Everybody had a go. Rachael rode a bike on her own for the first time and she did a great job.

After bike riding we were supposed to do rock climbing but instead we went to a nice spot at the lake and did some canoeing. We had lots of fun at canoeing. It was great and I mucked around in the water. After that we went on a night walk at the lake and talked about the day and what Mark said what he saw. We did our best today and went for a walk and saw the power supply through the area. We read a sign that had lots of information about the power grid and then Mark and Johnno went for a run to get the bus. They drove down to the power grid and picked us up. We went back to Rubicon had some supper, then got ready for bed. We had a great day today.

By Tannara
Dear Journal,

We woke up in the morning, had breakfast and then got ready to go to the Rubicon Valley horse riding school. Because Kate had allergies her and Cathy went shopping and got Josh new shoes and some things to celebrate Halloween. My horse’s name was Sovereign and Johno’s horses name was Prince. After Mark and Kim helped us with our horses we went into the fields and learned how to ride a horse. We learned how to walk, trot and gallop. Billy and I did really well and learned how to canter. Johno was not feeling well and came back to Rubicon with Lee and helped with lunch. We had sandwiches with cordial.

After lunch we went to the Goulburn River and learned how to water raft. There were 2 separate boats, the blue one had 6 people in it and the red one had 8 people in it. We learned how to paddle and what rapids are. We went through 4 rapids and at the end. We did a mono and people jumped out of the boat into the river. Mark and I flipped the boat over and the water was very cold. After that we packed the rafts up and went back to Rubicon for dinner.

After dinner we went into the school. By Josh M and Johno C
Dear Journal,

Today at Rubicon we did rock climbing. Kim and Pagey helped us climb the wall with T.J, Rachael and Billy. We did abseiling. It was scary because we had to do it from a high place. And the others practise rock climbing with Pagey.

After having a hard time of rock climbing we went into the kitchen to have lunch. After lunch we went back to our cabins to get changed and organized for fishing with Phil and Kim. We took a bus down to the trout farm and Phil showed us the book about Black Saturday and gave us a talk about how to use a fishing rod.

After the introduction we got in to pairs and went to collect our rods and we went fishing. Everyone got to get a fish. After that we got our fished cleaned and got to take it back to Rubicon.

After everyone got on the bus Phil and Kim took us for a walk to see how the rivers meet. It was cold and freezing. We all got back on the bus and drove back to Rubicon. When we got back we had free time.

Then it was time for dinner. For dinner we had Chicken and vegies. For desert we had Pavlova with strawberries. After dessert we all went back in to the cabin to relax. But Josh and Johnno went with Cathy to do an activity with the other school.

Tonleigh Jacobs
SPECIAL SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

By Sam

At Montague CLC we do lots of fun things. In a week it can be lots of fun. On October the 17th we went MacKinnon reserve for the Special Schools Cross Country. We were there for a packed fun day. There were a lot of runners.

The first race was the under 12’s. Some of the kids needed help running the full length of the track. Some went really slow. Some walked the whole thing. One kid was crying and the teacher pulled him along.

When it came to the under 16 Johnno ran in that race and he came 6th. One boy in that race wanted to stop. I was sitting on top of the hill cheering them all on. The teacher grabbed the kid and put him back on the track.

When the girls ran they were running as a team for Montague. Some girls were just walking and talking. One girl from Melton Special School was really fit and just ran it and won. She was really fit.

In my race Omar from Warringa Park won. He was really fast. I was middle in the range about 7th and Antoine came 4th. It was a good race. Some boys were walking.
Gina came and brought Peter lunch, a sandwich and a lemon custard tart. I thought it was funny.

Warringa Park brought a big tent that we sat in to keep out of the sun. Everyone got a ribbon which had ‘well done.’

The people who came first got a medal and a ribbon.

The saddest but greatest effort of the day was seeing the little Under 12 kids trying to run the race. I had a good time and one brought a Frisbee. I wouldn’t want to try it and get fined.