As a culmination for the children’s research projects on countries of their choice, the children had an International Day. The children each had a passport which they used to ‘travel’ around the world visiting each country. The child who had researched the country was the Ambassador. They asked questions and received a sticker and signature from the Ambassador after visiting.

During the research project, each child found a recipe from their country. Rebecca bought the ingredients and then with weeks of preparation, cooking of every child’s recipe, the children celebrated with a delicious luncheon tasting dishes from around the world.

Thank you from all of us in Boab, to Natalie Gregson, one of our Boab mum’s, for helping us all day and to our amazing Rebecca. The amount of time and effort that Rebecca put in, so that each child could present their meal on the day was extraordinary, and truly a labour of love. It was a wonderful day!
This year Boab Class went for four days to Dwellingup, staying at Nanga Bush Camp. Everyone travelled by bus and stayed in a very large two storey wooden building, with lots of dormitories. It even had an indoor basketball court and fireman’s pole!

Every day there were many activities such as the flying fox, rogaining, low ropes course, environmental activities including a bush walk, making damper and learning about camp safety and lighting a camp fire. There was also a climbing wall. On Thursday the dad’s ran all of the activities and it was wonderful to see ‘Lost at Mt Nanga’ with an imaginary plane set up, Stephan as the pilot, Doug as the Co-Pilot and three unusual Air Stewards, Doug, Bill and Anthony.

On behalf of all the children, Rebecca and I would like to sincerely thank our parent volunteers. We are very grateful to Doug Bateman, Bill Power, Stefan Mischke, Paul Williamson and Anthony Doig, for your kindness, consideration, time and effort.

This year we had a special volunteer. Fran Boccardo. Together with Rebecca, they worked many weekends prior to camp preparing the most delicious food. We nicknamed them the ‘B&B Catering Company’ and every day had the most wonderful meals. Thank you so much to you both. Having the meals prepared by you really made camp this year very special.
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Bianca “The food was yum and the activities were fun!”.
Josh G “I loved the dog Moonfer at camp”.
Conall “I think it was one of the best camps I’ve ever had and the food was delicious”.
Mitchell “I liked looking at the stars at night”.
Amelia “I liked sleeping in the dormitory together because I got to know my friends better”.
Giuseppe “Every day I felt like I would never get bored!”
Josh V “It was fun because of all the activities and lots of food”.
Emily “Every single day at camp was exciting and I loved it a lot! I really enjoyed the pillow fight.”
Grace “Camp was fun! It was like a big, whole class sleep over!”
Stephanie “I loved the activity Reverse Rain, where I was lifted up about 7 metres in the air!”
Ethan “The activities were fun!”
Crystal “I thought it was terrific and amazing and the best thing ever!”
Charlie “I felt happy at camp because it was fun!”
Malu “I thought that my first camp was epically fun and awesome!”
Violet “The dorms were great and I loved them”.
Sam “I liked the Zip Line”.
Ella “I enjoyed it very much and it was a great experience because the activities and food were great”.
Emma “Camp was fun and a chance to get to know each other better.”
George “Camp was so good I can’t choose my favourite part”.
Anita “I really enjoyed the activities and playing with everyone else, and the food was great!”
Alexandria “Having Becky and Fran cook for us was cool!”
Noah “The food was good!”
Alex “I really liked the Zip Line”.

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Boab Class had a wonderful time showing off their Working Portfolios and Father’s Day gift designed by Michelle and completed by Rebecca. It was a huge mosaic tile. The children then enjoyed special times with their dad’s and a terrific sausage sizzle thanks to Shelley, Lisa and Kathie for getting it all together for us.
**Blue Gum’s Bargain Grotto!**

The P&C is calling for donations of toys, games, household items etc. for our event in the national Garage Sale Trail. Please support us by donating at least one item for the day. We are accepting donations now – there is a box outside the office just waiting for your donations! If you would like to donate something larger please contact Megan Graham (Wattle mum) on 0437 700 775 to organise delivery.

The Garage Sale Trail is a national event held on October 25th. It aims to promote the reuse of unwanted goods whilst raising funds, educating about sustainability and engaging in the local community. It is fully supported by the local council and promoted via social media, newspapers and a national website. For more information about the Garage Sale Trail visit [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au) or for Blue Gum’s page visit [www.garagesaletrail.com.au/blue-gums-bargain-grotto](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/blue-gums-bargain-grotto)

Next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 15th October at 8:45AM (after drop off) at Next Generation Perth South on Port Kembla Drive. All Welcome!

“Scientific observation then has established that education is not what the teacher gives; education is a natural process spontaneously carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words but by experiences upon the environment.”

— Maria Montessori, Education For A New World
Parent Information

Happinest presents
Maggie Dent & Tina Holtom
“Raising Happy Kids”

PARENT SEMINAR | 6 OCTOBER 2014 | 7PM-930PM | LUMEN CHRISTI COLLEGE

EVENT INFORMATION

Happinest is proud to bring their inaugural Parent Seminar “Raising Happy Kids” to the parents of Perth. This event will feature the “Queen of Common Sense Parenting” Maggie Dent, & the super passionate advocate for all things “Early Childhood” Tina Holtom. Together these women have a wealth of hands-on practical experience of the many issues that our children are facing, and come prepared with strategies and tools to equip parents and the wider community.

Raising Happy Kids

Maggie Dent - “Real Kids in an Unreal World” (2 hour Seminar)

Are you worried, confused or concerned about parenting in today’s chaotic world? Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage life — the good, the bad and the ugly. Maggie has developed a common sense, practical model of 10 building blocks that will reassure parents that what we have always known to be important in the early years of a child’s life is still important. This seminar will offer you practical, common sense ideas and strategies to make small changes in your home, which will make a big difference to your children’s cognitive, physical, psychological, emotional and social health later in life.

Tina Holtom – “Marshmallow Kids in a Cotton Wool Culture”
(15min Introduction)

Children aren’t allowed to play outside in case they get hurt or heaven forbid they might get dirty. Football teams can’t keep score, and every child gets a participation ribbon in sporting events!! Why are we giving children this false image of the world? Is everything so sweet in life that it has a happy ending? Tina will help you to discover the reasons why parents need to take a stand now and act to protect our children’s future. Change needs to happen or we face the harsh reality of future generations of young people incapable of assuming adult responsibility, with no idea how to handle the routine challenges of life, making them risk-averse, and riddled with fragility and anxiety.

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