On Tuesday 30\textsuperscript{th} November the grade 4/5’s and 5/6’s, along with Mr Miller and myself, went surfing as part of their water safety programme.

We went by bus to Port Fairy East Beach and met the fantastic team at GOSurf Surf School. We were very lucky to have three fantastic instructors Keith Curtain, Chris Frost and Simon Bones take us through our paces. We split into two groups, half with myself and half with Mr. Miller. Mr. Miller’s group surfed first. We left them to struggle into their wetsuits. I took the second group on a walk around Port Fairy.

We walked to Battery Hill and had a look at the canons then crossed over the Moyne river footbridge and spent some time playing in the new playground near Griffiths Island. After that we walked into town and went to Rebecca’s Ice Creamery. When I had telephoned the day before to let the shop know we were coming, the manager Trish kindly offered to give us free ice creams in return for singing some Christmas songs outside the shop.
We had had some limited practise time in class but the students sang fantastically.
My group opened with “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” and followed with “Rudolf the
Red Nosed Reindeer”.

Trish and the staff were very impressed with our super singing voices and the customers
applauded us loudly. We then got to choose our ice creams. I chose Cookies and Cream and
was also surprised with an extra freshly made Blood Orange sorbet. I’m sure it was because
I have such a beautiful voice!

After we wolfed down the delicious ice creams we made our way back to the beach and had
our lunch. While we ate we watched Mr. Miller’s group finish off their surfing. I was very
impressed with the skills they had picked up so quickly. I saw a few students standing up
including Brayden, Amelia and Remmi. I didn’t see Mr. Miller stand up; I just saw lots of
falling off even though he assured me he did stand up. The students in my group were very
excited to jump in and have a go.

After an amusing change over of wetsuits in which many students got stuck in all sorts of
weird and wonderful ways, my group set off for our lesson and Mr. Miller’s group had lunch
before going on their walk.
The conditions were very windy but the students were warm in their wetsuits. The instructors warmed the students up with some exercises and drills on the beach with their boards. Then it was surf time!

The first time out the students were getting used to handling their boards, being safe in the water and catching waves whilst lying down on their boards. The instructors then called them back on to the beach for their next set of lessons. This time they were taught how to catch a wave and stand up on their board. The students set out in to the water for the second time to practise their new skills.

Many students managed to stand up including Tim, Todd and Kate S and surf their boards in to shore. The GOSurf instructors were amazing. They were always there to help the students and were cheering them on if they caught a wave. It was like having your own personal cheer squad! All the students had an absolute ball.
On the bus home there were many droopy eyes and nodding heads – always a sign of a fantastic trip!

I can’t wait for our next surfing trip. Hopefully next time I will be able to surf myself and show them how it’s really done!

Miss Fryer

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