*A day at Muogamarra*

*Brimming with anticipation, students from years three to four and some year 5 boys, boarded their transport last Monday the fifth of August for an excursion to Muogamarra Nature Reserve.*

*When we got there and had a look at the food that was set up for us to taste. The food that was there was actually called bush tucker. There were nuts, leaves and powders. The first thing we tasted was leaves, there was lemon leaves. We had powders. The powders were a bit hot but very tasty. There was a bush tomato powder, a pepper one and a lot of leaves. Gurungai Aboriginals had kangaroo which we tasted on bread. It was really tasty. We had jams, there was Rosella and there was plum. The Rosella jam tasted like strawberry jam. Some did not taste the plum jam. The people that gave us the food were David and Lisa they both were guides for us as well.*

*After the bush tucker we went on a bush walk. The classes were split in half. Lisa took one half and David took the other half. During the bush walk we got paint on our face. Lisa and Mrs G helped us get it on. The paint was cold when we put it on. The Boys had lines on their face, which represented a quoll. The girls had a line around their eyes. They represented a powerful owl. These animals were selected because they are a totem.*

*After we got our paint on we continued down the path. Lisa told us that the path we were taking was actually a highway back in the 1850’s. On the path way we cut a corner to a place with lovely pictures called rock art. They were made by the Aborigines. There were boomerangs, wales and eels. When we went back the way we came we continued up the path. The path started to get steeper and stepper until we were climbing up a mountain. It began to become really precipitous when we scrambled then we climbed up to see a great view. We had two choices. We could take the hard way or the easy way. Some people took the easy way but most took the hard way. It was hard, very hard. When we got up there we had lunch. It was really nice to relax up in the cool breeze but after lunch we went down to a place where you could climb* *into a cave.*

*When we got up there and we popped out of the smallest hole and just fitted through but some people could not fit. After we did the cave we walked down to the bus but we took a different route back, it was really cool.*

*When we got back to the bus we thanked the guides and said goodbye. On the bus we were all bursting with information and could not wait to tell our mums and dads about Muogamarra.*

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