The Junior Primary class and the play centre went to Pt Lincoln on Tuesday 4th of April. We went to the Seahorse Farm. First we learnt heaps of stuff. We learnt that Leafy Sea Dragons are not actually poisonous. Then we learnt the difference between a girl and boy seahorse is that you can see the ribs of the girl seahorse all the way down and we can't on the boy because he has a pouch at the bottom. Then we learnt that seahorses grow up to 30cm long and Leafy Sea Dragons 45 cm long. Then finally we left. Then we went to Flinders Park. We had lunch there. We had a play on the playground. Then we went to Woolworths. We bought fruit there. Then we went to the Pet Shop. We saw two cute puppies and a huge bird out of it's cage, so we tip toed out. Then we bought three fish and a tank. We got home at 3 o'clock. Just in time to set up the fish tank.

Before buying our fish Mrs Mac rang the Pet Shop and asked them to send us the prices of fish and the equipment required to set up a fish bowl. We had a budget of $50. We had to work out what we could afford to buy within our budget.

Our excursion supported our curriculum covered during term one. In science we had been learning about Marine Animals and in English we did a Nemo theme.
Upper Primary Maths

After discussing some issues that have come up in the news recently, the death of Private Kovco and the large blast in Prie Street in Adelaide, our class began talking about the two men trapped in a gold mine in Tasmania. We came up with the following question.

How can we find out what 900 m looks like?

We brainstormed some ways we could measure 900 m (the distance Brant and Todd were trapped underground). We came up with using the following:

- Meter ruler
- Measuring tape
- Trundle wheel
- Our feet to step it out
- Our hands
- String—different lengths of string

We estimated how far from school 900 m would be and we thought it would be from our school to:

- Silos
- Hall
- Oval edge
- CFS shed
- Thomas's house

All groups came up with different results so we decided to use a car to measure the distance. We discovered the silos are about 1000 m from the school therefore 900 m was from the school to approximately 100 m from the silos. In conclusion we decided that 900 m was a long way under the ground and would be very scary.

Our class has also made replicas of the cage the men were trapped in. The cages are to scale and show the cramped space the men were trapped in relative to their size.

I chose to step out 900 m. That meant I had to take 1800 steps and keep count. It was easy but it was not accurate because my step size changed. I should have tied my legs together.

I feel that 900 m is an unbelievable measurement. Being that far under the ground would be so scary.

25th of April a day two miners will never forget. It was this day that three miners got trapped 900 m under the ground. One miner died. He was crushed under tonnes of rock.
David Gould from Wheelchair sports visited on Tuesday this week. David has represented Australia in the Paralympics several times and also won gold on one occasion. He spoke to us about how people can injure their spinal cord and end up in a wheelchair for the rest of their lives. He also talked about all the different wheelchair sports. We then had a go in the wheelchairs and participated in a few different relays where we had to turn, spin and even bounce the ball while we were moving. He had a special bike that had the pedals on the handle bars.

It was cool. I liked the relay when we bounced the ball. It would be scary to live the rest of your life in a wheelchair.

Tahlia.

Today was wicked. I liked doing the first relay. I was happy going along in the wheelchair. I think he would find it hard going up hills and getting dressed.

Abi

I thought it was pretty good. Going about in the wheelchairs was a blast. I don’t think I’d be the happiest boy in town if I was in a wheelchair.

Teigue

It was fun having a go in the wheelchairs. I like going up the ramp. It was heaps hard. I’d hate to be in a wheelchair. The man got shot in his back when he was 12. That was younger than Jessica.

Nathan

It would be sad to be in a wheelchair because you couldn’t walk around. It was hard going up our ramp.

Meagan