On Wednesday, Middle/Senior A visited IMAX to see two movies about Natural Disasters. We were lucky enough to share the cinema with celebrity comedian and radio host Dave Hughes! Watching the films on the 32 x 23 metre screen and in 3D made us feel like we were very close to volcanoes, earthquake and tornadoes just from the safety of our seats. In between the movies, we played in the park behind IMAX and had so much fun that some of us had a nap on the bus on the way back.

Middle/Senior C went on the IMAX excursion on Thursday- it was a boiling hot day but that didn’t matter as we were in air-conditioned comfort enjoying the natural disaster movies! This was an especially exciting experience since some of us had never been to the movies before. We also loved going to a very cool playground at lunchtime! We would like to thank Miss Barker for all her hard work in organising this fantastic excursion, and also thanks to the parents and other helpers that came along with us.

I liked the 3D glasses and how there were things coming out of the screen. – Lyrix and Caroline R25
It was great because we got to watch it in 3D. – Mayana R24
The movie was good because of the awesome car in it that can survive tornadoes. – Din R26
It was fun to see how tornadoes are made. – Ben R27
I liked the second movie because it showed what the earth looks like underground. – Zainab R23
Dear Parents,

You can visit our school website www.rivergumps.vic.edu.au for further information about our school vision and how we showcase our students owning their learning.

Our website is now available. Thankyou for your patience while we worked to restore our site.

Whole School Assembly: Our next whole school Assembly will be on Monday 19 October. Our choir will be performing the songs from our school concert “The Kaleidoscope of Learning”. The choir will be performing “The Purple People Eater” and “True Colours”.

Student Voice: Our student voice meet every Monday. They work with Mr O’Reilly and Mrs McQueen to plan events such as the Careers Expo that will be held at the River Gum Performing Arts Centre next Wednesday. Student voice are currently planning events for term 4.

Careers Expo: Will be held at the River Gum performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 21 October. Juniors are at 9am and Middle/Senior 11am. We will have guests talking about their careers, how they started and what they do. There will also be a Questions and Answers where students will be able to ask questions about careers. This expo will give our students the opportunity to hear about what they could do in the future and what is possible.

STAR: Give your child a head start by enrolling in our School Transition at River Gum (STAR) from Tuesday to Friday morning between 8.45 and 11.30am.

2016 EARLY BIRD OFFER: Any parent who enrolls a Prep student for 2016 and the enrolment is received prior to the end of October will pay only $70.00 for their prep enrolment.

IMAX: Middle and Senior school students enjoyed their visit to IMAX this week. The feature article this week highlights their visit to see natural disasters in 3D. Thankyou to Khalia Barker for organising this excursion and to the staff and parents who joined our students at IMAX this week.

Roma McKinnon—Principal

“Together we can for every child, every day, in every classroom”

Reading Tip Of The Week

I know some children lose interest as they get older. How can I make sure my child continues to love reading?

Second, children’s’ schedules become more crowded as they grow, so make books easily available for snippets of free time.

• Put a basket of books in the car next to the car seat, keep a book with you when you run errands. and because most children will choose a video (or video game, or phone app) over a book, put limits on screen time to make space for reading.

Final reason will be in next weeks’ Connections.

Happy Reading

Aphrodite Vantarakis: S.W.A.N: Foundation &
Juniors Reading Recovery Teacher

Careers Expo

At River Gum P.S. Student Voice feel it’s important that students think about their future and their place in society.

On Wednesday 21st October there will be a careers expo where all students are encouraged to dress up for their dream job. We encourage students at River Gum P.S. to reach for the stars so please come dressed in whatever fantastical job you want to!