



Chill Out 2011

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Hidden Treasure

After that lovely long, long weekend celebrating Easter and Anzac day, the Chill Out Camp 2011 campers and leaders packed their expedition essentials and headed off to Batehaven in search of the world's greatest treasure. We searched the beaches day and night, we searched the campsite high and low, we even searched the zoo!

We truly had four days worth of highlights. There were plenty of sand-castles, night time beach games, a spot of fishing, a talent show, amazing animals at Mogo Zoo (especially the white lions, wow!), and lots and lots of great food! We all dressed up for a 'minute-to-win-it' games night and after a series of gruelling, high-pressure, sixty second challenges it was undisputedly a fair tie, and all pirates, gypsies and Indiana Jones look-a-likes went off to bed quite pleased with themselves!

Messy games was a real hit. With our feet in gumboots full of jelly we raced in relays to eat baked beans, pickled onions, lemons, and other weird foods, all without our hands. A big bowl of soggy weetbix was a real challenge. We also had a lot of fun digging Easter eggs out of buckets of bright blue goo. Moments later most of us were covered head to toe - which the kids found even more hilarious when they discovered it stained us blue for a day or two!



A major highlight for all was Adventure Time each morning. This was a time of singing, wacky challenges, small group activities, and the dramatic tale of three castaways stranded on Notonthemap Island. The Professor, Susie Starlet-Showbiz, and Phoebe Fix-It discover this island to be full of the unexpected – nothing too practical of course, but plenty of juggling balls, rockets, lollies, as well as a mysterious treasure map and a collection of clues which kept washing ashore in bottles. Island chief, Chief Wattamatta, helped them understand the clues which spoke of the uniqueness of Jesus and why he deserves to be our greatest treasure. We learnt that we are all in need of a rescuer, and the rescuer we need is Jesus. Being talented and smart, or beautiful and wealthy, or nice and dependable, none of these can give us peace with God, but trusting Jesus does.

We had a lot of fun and best of all we thought about how Jesus is our greatest treasure, because the greatest treasure in the whole wide world is peace with God!

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