On Wednesday 8th October I got to go with one of the groups to the Wollongbar TAFE, as I’m in year six.

We got some ideas for what we can be when we get older.

The first place we went to was the mechanics. I didn’t think I would like to be a mechanic but this job I found the most interesting! We learnt mechanics don’t just fix cars but their job varies from windscreen wiper snippers to working on ships.

Next we went to see landscaping. They even have cows at the TAFE so you can learn to be a farmer and deal with cattle. But that was only a short stop. Then we went over to aviation which involves planes. We got to sit down in real aeroplane seats and buckle up our seat belts to get ready for take off. The plane wasn’t real so it couldn’t take off. Along with the plane there was a security scanner, which only 1 or 2 of us got beeped at because we were wearing metal.

There was a real restaurant where the people in hospitality can make food and sell it and there was a complete beauty and hair dressing salon where people were getting their hair done.

Lastly we went to the section where people can learn to become childcare workers. We went into see one of the classes learning and one of the students there said they went to BPS too!

After a great day it was time to leave.
FERGUS INTERVIEWS HIS DAD ABOUT HIS LATEST BIG ADVENTURE.

Royal Flying Doctors Service

The Royal Flying Doctors Service was started in 1907 by Rev. John Flynn. He was a Presbyterian Minister in South Australia which is cool because my Dad is a Presbyterian minister too.

RFDS Medical Chest

It can take a while for RFDS to arrive so they set up special medical kits that have stuff you would not normally be allowed to have, such as morphine injections. These are at outback stations all around the outback.

EPIRB

EPIRB stands for Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon. This is what my Dad and my uncle used to call for help. They pushed a button and waited. A few hours later a local farmer who was contacted by radio came and found them.

What things were you carrying with you on your bike?

Because we were camping and riding in remote areas we wanted to make sure that we were well prepared. It took a long time to work out what to take and what to leave at home. In the end we took:

- Tools and spare parts
- Food & cooking gear
- Water
- Camping gear: tent, sleeping mat, sleeping bags.

EPIRB

FB: So Dad, where were you going on your last big adventure?

Dad: Well Ferg, one of my brothers and I were planning to ride 7500kms in two weeks.

FB: Where were you going to ride?

Dad: We wanted to take a look along the coast of NSW and Victoria, ride along the Great Ocean Road and then across to Adelaide to visit friends. From Adelaide we planned to ride through the Flinders Ranges, and then to the Rock. After that go to Cameron’s Corner and then back to Ballina.

FB: How far did you get?

Dad: Half way.

FB: What happened?

Dad: We were trying to reach a tiny little place called William Creek. We had to travel 220km along a dirt road and there was a big storm building behind us. It had rained already a bit where we were riding too so the road was very slippery. After about 3 and a half hours of riding and with about 90 km to go my bike slid out and landed on my leg.

FB: Was your leg alright?

Dad: My leg actually broke in two places. My tibia snapped down low and I sustained a spiral fracture in my fibula up high.
We had enough food and water for a four day stay in case we got stuck. We had a tent and some warm sleeping bags because it was cold at night. We wore special clothes when we were riding to keep us warm and dry. When I was in hospital they cut off my motorcycle pants!!

We also had headsets in our helmets so that we could talk to each other while we were riding along. That was heaps of fun.

FB: How did you get help all the way out there?

Dad: We were carrying an EPIRB (see sidebar page 1). So my brother pushed the emergency button. Then he put up our tent, I dragged myself into the tent, took a couple of Panadol and we waited.

FB: How did you get to the hospital?

Dad: After two hours a local farmer found us, he had received a call that there was an emergency not far from where he was. He called the Royal Flying Doctors Service and organised for an air ambulance to meet us at William Creek. After going to get his RFDS Medical Chest he came back with a pain killer needle. He gave me the needle, then I was put on the back of a ute for a two hour muddy ride to William Creek - the storm had caught us by then. At William Creek I caught the air ambulance to Adelaide and was admitted to Royal Adelaide Hospital.

FB: How long were you in hospital for?

Dad: In hospital they operated and put a metal rod down the middle of my tibia. It was five days before I was well enough to leave.

FB: So do you want to finish your adventure?

Dad: Yes I do.

FB: What will Mum say?
On the holidays my family and I went to Seaworld. We went on the ‘Log’ ride and I was a bit scared because my aunt told me there were no drops, but there was a big drop and I got really wet from the water splashing in. It was still a lot of fun!

I also went on the ‘Storm’ ride. It was really scary and I got wet again! I also climbed on a special net and it was really fun even though I fell off. My brother and I went on a train ride as well.

It was a really great day and we had lots and lots of fun.
My School Holidays
By Chelsea

In the school holidays my Uncle Al came up from Victoria to stay with mum and myself. Uncle Al spent 12 years in the Navy. So he gave me the experience to see one of the life size rafts and guns and many other model ships. I had the chance to see what the captain's room was like and what the accommodation was like. Uncle Al and I went fishing. It was so much fun, we went behind the police station on Sunday the last week of school. Jasmin S came over to my place heaps and I went to her house a lot as well. We had heaps of fun and we had a lot of sleep overs in each others houses. Jasmin and I went to the Country Music Festival. We spent $80 between the two of us. Uncle Al, Jasmin and I went to the Aussie pub for dinner. We mainly went for the music! I would like to thank Jasmin for all the paper she gave me to get some autographs. My Aunty Trudie and Peter came down with their son Josh. F.Y.I Josh scares me. When they left a few days later, uncle Gordon, aunty Kay and my cousin Jamie came down from Queensland. We all went out for dinner with uncle Al and grandma Paul. My holidays were wicked, I had so much fun. I really want to thank Uncle Al for all the money he gave me to spend and I have to say my massive shark you bought me is so cool mainly because it is big and blue.

Well I hope everyone had a good holiday and I hope you have a good time back at school. P.S. I cant wait until the year six farewell!

What a great Weekend
By Dean

On the weekend I went to the pool and had so much fun. Then I went to the shop and then went cane cutting and I got to drive the truck. Then it was time to go home. At home I played hand ball on my Xbox.

The Joy of Singing by Jasmin

I believe the joy of singing is about being able to hear your own voice sounding good to yourself and having the confidence to say “I can”.

As well as letting the music influence you to be free of all troubles.
On Friday 10th of October we celebrated the memory of Chloe by having a whole school assembly and talk about what we think bullying is. The ambassador for Chloe’s law is Cassidy-Rae Wilson and she sang a song she dedicated to Chloe called ‘BE STRONG’. We all got Chloe’s law wrist bands to have as a reminder to ‘SAY NO TO BULLYING’.