THE NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

The National Young Leaders Day was a day full of learning about leadership for a few of our fellow grade six leaders. On March 1st students travelled by train to the Melbourne Convention Centre for a day. These students listened to different people about their experiences in life and how they became great leaders in their fields. The sort of people who came were Mike Martin who spoke about influence, Creel Price who spoke about entrepreneurship, Dan Jackson who spoke about the values of being a leader, Susan Thomas, a police officer who spoke about ways you control being a leader and Ruben Meerman with his scientific facts that all lead to being a leader. Overall we all had a great day and learnt so much information about being a leader.

By Jessica Saunders 6B

Daniel Jackson

On the 1st of March we listened to Daniel Jackson from the Richmond Football Club. He has won many awards such as the Jim Stynes award, and is in the leadership group for Richmond. He is also an ambassador for "Headspace" an organisation that helps kids who are bullied. On the day he taught us that the most important thing about leadership is building relationships and trust with others. He also taught us that being a responsible role model is important not just for yourself but younger peers. Another tip he had on leadership was to surround yourself with good role models, not trouble makers. Overall the speech was fantastic and inspiring. He gave all ten of us a great advice.

By Jett Mathews and Ethan Fava

Ruben Meerman

Ruben Meerman is a scientist but some people call him ‘The Surfing Scientist’ Ruben is a physicist. He loves to explore exciting things. He explained that everybody is a leader and everybody follows. He showed us a few videos about animated Boids. What boids do is follow each other. In movies such as The Lion King they use the ‘boids’ when Simba was running to simulate a stampede. On one of the videos explained that humans are like boids because they follow people when they are in need. There were some actors pretending they fell down and hurt themselves bad and over twenty people walked past and didn’t care. Then there was this kind woman and she helped her up and cared for her and others came to help too. It reminded us of the Good Samaritan in the bible. Ruben’s message was that everyone is a leader and a follower. It is important to surround yourself with good people and have respect for yourself.

Jacqueline Rogers & Adam Monkman

Creel Price

Creel Price is an entrepreneur. He was chosen to speak to the young leaders about leadership at The National Young Leaders Day Convention. As a child Creel Price started with a goal to own a computer. He achieved this by working as a strawberry planter on a strawberry farm. Creel Price told us his story about starting his own business with $5,000. After 10 years of hard work he sold it for $100,000,000. Along the way he experienced some challenges and failures but kept working hard. Creel participates in a variety of charities such as: Club Kidpreneur and Ready Set Go. From all the charities he has participated in, he has raised 10 million dollars altogether. From then on he has done extraordinary things such as climbing the tallest mountain in Africa, also known as Kilimanjaro. This was challenging for him and he thought of giving up but he didn’t. The main lesson from this speech was to use your failures as a stepping stone and to never give up.

By Jasmine Wilson and Sarah Buenaventura

Susan Thomas

Susan Thomas has worked for the Victorian police force for 24 years. Susan Thomas was a very inspiring leader, and she told us before achieving anything you must believe in yourself. You must have dedication in everyday life and to stay confident even in hard times. Also, a good leader does not have to be bossy or strict, and everyone is already a leader even if they have a badge or not.

Devon Currao and Tara Barwood.

It was a great opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day. I was happy and surprised when I was chosen to go. I learned valuable lessons to be a good leader for St Peter’s and at home. I learned that it is important to communicate well with family, friends, and teachers, and to have self belief to achieve my goals. Thank you to Mrs Blackley and Mrs Loschiavo for organiseing the day.

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