

# Leadership day

On Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February the grade sixes from around the area (Hurstbridge, Research, Arthurs Creek, Doreen, Strathewen, Wattle Glen and KG Primary schools) met up with the grade sixes from PHPS to learn more about leadership. We started off the day with a quick pep talk about leadership before breaking up into four groups and rotating through activities. These activities were all based on leadership. The activities were about public speaking, running a meeting, designing a project and teamwork/communication.

After a snack we continued our last two activities before eating some pizza for lunch and mingling with other schools. We had a little break before listening to two speeches.

One was from a local Paralympian, Jaryd Clifford. He is a world champion at long distance running, he runs 1500m and 5000m and he's working his way to a marathon. At 12 years old he was told he was considered legally blind. At the Rio Olympics, he came 7<sup>th</sup> in both races and in the 2017 world championships he placed third. He was very inspirational and told us about how he went through adversity and how it has made him who he is today.

The second speech was from a person called Mark 'Squiz' Squirrel. He climbed Mt. Everest to raise awareness for the 1,000,000,000 children starving every day. Once he reached the top of the mountain, he held up a flag for the World Food Program.

It was a great day and we had lots of fun. Thanks to the people who organized it and thanks to Jaryd Clifford and Mark Squirrel.

