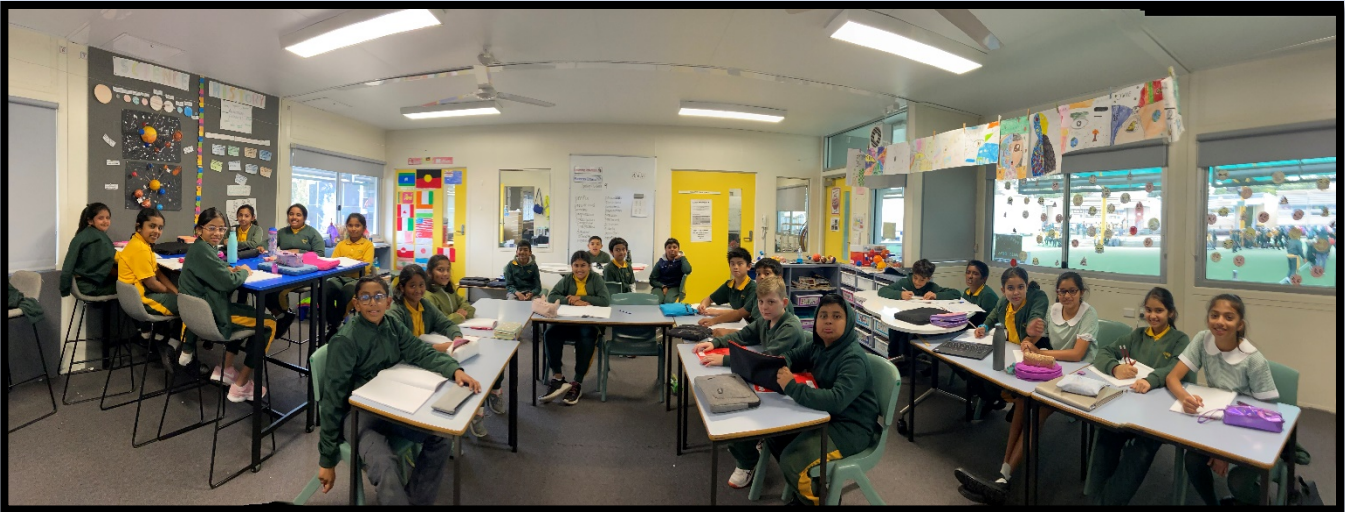


In Science, 50 have been learning about natural disasters.

We looked at some of the major natural disasters that have occurred in the past century.

Last week, we formed cooperative learning teams and work together to develop a newspaper article reporting on one of these major events.

Enjoy these images of some completed articles!



The Indian Ocean Tsunami

By Angel, Sai, Anagha and Jada

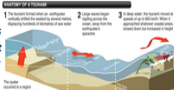
The most catastrophic Tsunami the world has witnessed!

The tsunami struck early this morning, on the 26th of December at Sumatra, Banda, Aceh. The haunting screams echoing around the city at 7:55 am.

This tsunami is known for the most deadliest disasters in modern history. It also impacted many other countries such as Sri-Lanka, India, Indonesia, Maldives and Thailand and more.



Well do you know how long it lasted for? And what was it's height? You definitely cannot miss that. The Indian ocean Tsunami lasted for about 10 mins. With a depth of 30000 and a height of 24 m (80 feet).



Quote from Lazardi, Army Sergeant

"We are still alive. I'm happy I finally met someone from outside. Please let people know that we are still alive because people think the whole of Meulaboh has been destroyed and no one survived."



Before After

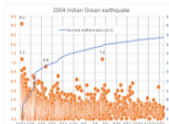
The most devastating part is that it has killed about 230,000 people, and the damage has cost about \$15 billion.

Quote from Chris Jones

"My beautiful sister Lisa died when the tsunami hit the tiny Koh Phra Thong island in it Thailand. She was a conservationist and had dedicated her short life to helping wildlife and the environment."

It had a epicenter of 9.0 magnitude, and the earthquake considered 23000 Hiroshima type atomic bombs.

Because of the sideways moving plates, the water above sea level triggered the tsunami which caused catastrophic levels of destruction.



Tsunami is an ever-present and real threat for the these islands of the Indian Ocean due to the presence of a tectonic interactive plate. Their disaster management priority is the development of an early tsunami warning system in order to effectively and timely communicate with all the people in that region.

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GPS DAILY NEWS ABOUT BLACK SATURDAY

Live Now By Guntas, Navya, Rayaan and Tanush

When did it begin?



This is Navya speaking for Daily News the Black Saturday fires began with the kilmore East fire when fallen power-lines started a blaze in farmland at 11.47 am on top of a rocky hill between two gullies near Saunders Road. The fire ignited at about 12.20pm; it was a grass fire and in the first hour spread rapidly, covering just over 10 kilometres.

People Who Were Affected And Homes

Guntas speaking here this fire spread quickly through a pine plantation and crossed the Hume Freeway at 1.58 pm. In this fire, 119 people died, 232 were injured and 1242 homes were lost. RSPCA estimated that up to one million wild and domesticated animals died in the disaster. In this fire, 119 people died, 232 were injured and 1242 homes were lost.



More Information

Rayaan speaking RSPCA estimated that up to one million wild and domesticated animals died in the disaster. The Black Saturday bushfires killed 173 people, 120 in the Kinglake area alone. Another 414 people were injured. More than 450,000 hectares had burned and 3500 buildings including more than 2000 houses destroyed. Also in this fire, 119 people died, 232 were injured and 1242 homes were lost.



Responses To The Black Saturday



Guntas speaking here the responses to the Black Saturday bush fires include immediate community response, donations and later, inter national aid efforts, Government in quires including a Royal Commission and recommendations and discussions from a wide variety of bodies, organisations, but horities and communities.

How Much Money Did it Cost?

Tanush speaking money cost will be Class action lawsuits initiated in the Supreme Court of Victoria against electricity distribution company SP Ausnet eventually led to a \$494 million settlement in relation to the Kinglake fire and a \$300 million out-of-court settlement in relation to the Marysville fire. At

