

National Olympic Day



On National Olympic Day at 9:40 Jim Piper, an Australian swimmer, came to Beaumaris Primary School. Jim Piper came to our school to talk about his life and experiences at the Olympic and Commonwealth Games. We also asked him some questions about himself. He said that he was committed to swimming and he said that he was going to try to get into the next Olympic Games which would be held in London 2012. Jim sets little goals to complete big ones such as the Olympic Games. He was sick during the qualification for the Olympics this year. He had to stay in bed for three days and that was enough to not allow him to participate in the Beijing Olympics.

Jim Piper inspired me into swimming and maybe I also could go to an Olympic or a Commonwealth Game. I'm pretty sure that he also inspired many year 4/5 children from Beaumaris. He also showed us his two gold medals that he won in the Commonwealth games, Manchester. He won them in the 200m breaststroke and the 4 by 100 m relay. He also told us about the Olympic village and how each nation had its own symbol and after the training the athletes got to have free McDonalds.

Then Jim left and we went back to class. Three hours later the whole school was running the Lapathon, a yearly event to collect money for the school and a chosen charity. I ran 8.4 km, that's 21 laps of a 400m course. We ran for an hour non stop except for when we'd drink and when the teacher had to sign our form.

After the lapathon I went home determined to start swimming and confident to do my best.

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