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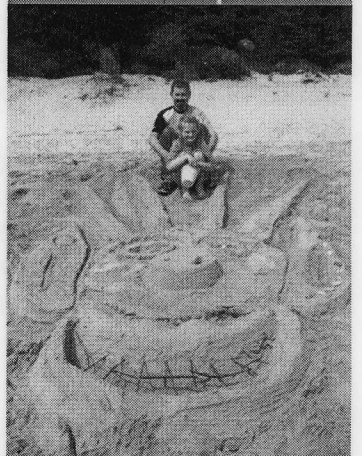
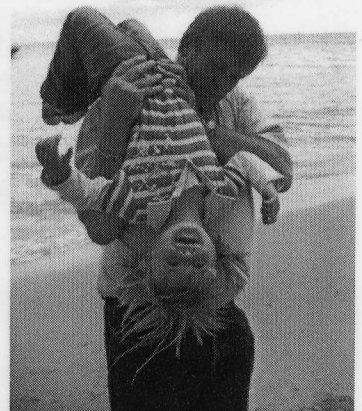
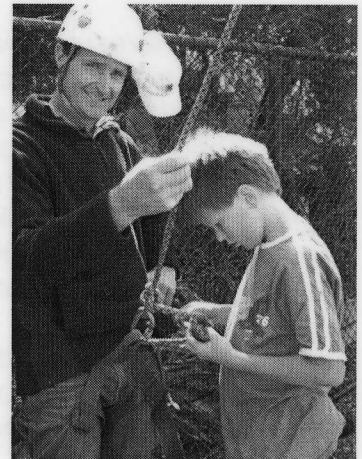
Sometimes that is all that is needed to help them grasp something that doesn't always make sense when you're young.

Next up was a game of Pipeline, the theme being teamwork... well, if you've ever tried to get three balls and then a cup of water down moving and ever changing pieces of pipe with 12 women, into a jar meters away at the other end, enough said...loads of fun & we did it -well, half a cup of water made it!!! Then the Portsea pub beckoned for the women, where some amazing life stories were shared over a glass of wine, while Mel, Sam & CJ from Purple Soup took the men & boys through the high ropes and giant swing. Two hours later, the women wandered back to have their go at the giant swing (and I say giant because it's 30 feet in the air - Go Rebecca!!!), while the men took off to talk sport & politics & bond over jugs of beer. Perfect weather, perfect afternoon.

Saturday night saw James Bond, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Princess Diana, the Queen Mother, pirates and lots of other famous people enter the arena, in the celebrity dress up competition. I had to pass the voting on to Purple Soup, as there were too many great costumes to decide between - sorry Pamela. Congratulations to all our winners! Then it was a quick change and on to the flying fox in the pitch black - the kids absolutely loved flying through the air in the dark, not able to see a thing. And for the first time on the weekend, we had tired the kids out. Yippee!! So they all snuggled down to a movie while the parents wound down chatting over cups of coffee.

Sunday was sleep in time and after a yummy hot breakfast we all took off to the beach for some cricket, exploring and mask building in the sand, ending in a very competitive game of tug-of-war. On to lunch and then finally Purple Soups "Magic Moments" and home time for some very tired but very happy campers!

I've only been to the camp for the last 2 years and each time Purple Soup have been there. Last year for part of it and this year for the whole of it. Mel's dedication (while herself suffering from a serious chronic illness) was unbelievable, Sam, who we've renamed the human tree, as there was barely a moment he didn't have kids hanging off him from the top of his shoulders to wrapped around his legs, young CJ on work experience who never stopped once and Tim, who while he could only be there for part of it, his presence was still felt. They had taken the time before the camp to research Haemophilia, a point noted and very appreciated, so were able to participate in the workshops and trivia games. They worked tirelessly from sunup to way, way past sundown, to ensure we had a camp to remember. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Another HUGE thank you to James & Ann for their continued dedication, to Pamela and the HFV committee and to Julia, Janine & Penny. To all the friends that were made and re-established, it was a camp to remember and will we be there next time? Absolutely!



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