

The Year 6 Excursion was such a fascinating trip not only from a student's perspective but also from our dedicated teachers who had to do so much for all of us. This year we think will be one that none of us will forget due to the fun nights and tiring days. We still can't believe how our teachers stayed so calm but allowed us to have so much fun and they even got us home in one piece without any injuries.

Day One to Canberra

We departed Moree at 6:30am and stopped at Coonabarabran, Wellington and Cowra for a break, then arrived at Canberra at 5:45pm. Whilst we were unpacking Mrs Downes had a great idea of splitting off into four different groups named Arthur's Army (or the Gauvies), Triple C's aka Cool Canberra Crew, Griffy's Grannies and the sweet Carrollines for the week.

Day Two in Canberra

The first day had started! Everyone tiredly stumbled out of bed at five thirty am, getting ready for breakfast which was cereal, toast, eggs and sausages. After breakfast, year six hopped onto the bus (with Peter the bus driver) for the twelve minute drive to Old Parliament House, the department of the National Electoral Education Centre where we were able to role-play how to vote. After this we visited the National War Memorial to celebrate the soldiers that fought for us, last of all it we wouldn't be visiting the nation's capital if we didn't go to Parliament House itself, we went around and learned about the Senate and House of Representatives, sadly some of us walked out of there with frowns, as Mr Albanese was not present in the building. That night Year Six teamed up and went bowling and some stand out bowlers were: Eddie, Beau, Arabella, Blayne, Mr Carroll and Peter.



Day Three in Canberra

Day three was a jam packed day for us all. Starting off with the National Museum of Australia. Many of us expected it to be boring but, oh boy was it anything but that, the gallery was set up in such a way that everywhere you look it was something to do with art even outside was art of Australian history. The art had so many different mediums including knitting, digital interactive art and even water exhibits. But the best part was every kid's dream, the GIFT SHOP! Next we headed to the National

Portrait Gallery. The gallery tour was really fun because we had to do some really hard challenges of drawing the portraits instead of just looking at them. After our tour we split into groups and looked at some things we missed. The AIS (Australian Institute of Sport) was really cool as we were able to watch lots of different athletes train and how they train with personalised machines. The greatest thing was that there were interactive sport games that we got to play that let us experience what it's like to play a certain sport as either an olympic athlete or a paralympic athlete. Finally we ended our day with the BEST GAME EVER- LASER TAG! The amount of times we shot Miss Arthur must have been millions but because we shot her so many times we got hunted by her whole team. Laser tag gave everyone the biggest adrenaline rush especially since we were in the dark but Darcy Osborn was the best player of the round winning by a landslide.

Day Four in Canberra



Finally, it was the last day in Canberra. The day started off early with a trip to the National Zoo and Aquarium. We interacted with many animals like emus, alpacas and deers, plus lots and lots of different species of monkeys. Secondly we toured around the Royal Australian Mint (where Australia's currency is made) Graham was our tour guide and showed us some of the robots used to help transport the coins, as well as the different types of coins before the present ones . After that we said goodbye to

Graham and took a drive up to Mt Ainslie Lookout. Last of all we went to Questacon where we interacted and looked at the many wonders Science has to offer. I think everyone's favourite thing at Questacon was the giant 6 metre slide that you had to drop down- our hearts skipped a beat.

Last Day Leaving Canberra

Waking up at the crack of dawn and straight out the door, we were on the road again for another twelve long hours, stopping at Cowra for breakfast which included steamy hot cakes and crunchy hash browns, then stopping in Wellington as well as Coonabarabran for breaks. After many karaoke sessions and drama re-enactments we finally made it home running to grab our bags and hug our parents as we all sighed with relief.

Credits

Most importantly we would like to say thanks to the staff that were working behind the scenes trying to make it all work out and let us say it was just how we wanted it- maybe even better! We also can't forget to say a great big thank you to the teachers that were front line helpers who looked after us the entire

time. And last but not least we would love to say thank you to Mr Simon Karam (Lila's father) none of this would've been possible without him!

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