

# THE WAR MEMORIAL

AT THE WAR MEMORIAL, THE YEAR SIXES SAW AND APPRECIATED THE FIGHT THAT OUR AUSSIE SOLDIERS WENT THROUGH, THERE WAS A MUSEUM WHICH HELD OF DIORAMA'S THAT DISPLAYED THE SIGHT OF WAR, MATERIALS THAT THE SOLDIERS HAD TO USE IN WAR AND EVEN A HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF WAR. A JAW-DROPPING FACT IN THE WAR MEMORIAL IS THAT, IT HOLDS OF A BURIED SOLDIER UNDERGROUND! BUT THE THING THIS, THIS SOLDIER IS UNKNOWN, NOT EVEN HIS FAMILY KNEW HIM. WHENEVER PEOPLE GO TO HIS TOMBSTONE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL, THEY ALL THINK IT'S THEIR ANCESTOR OR RELATIVE. THE REASON OF THIS IS BECAUSE SINCE NO ONE KNOWS OF WHO THE SOLDIER IS, IT COULD BE ANYONE'S RELATIVE! PRETTY COOL!



## PARLIAMENT HOUSE (NEW)

AT THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE, THE YEAR SIXES LEARNED AND EXPERIENCED THE WONDERS OF GOVERNMENT ROLES AND DISCUSSIONS THEY GO THROUGH. WE GOT TO SIT AT THE ROOM AT THE TOP OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBER AND THE SENATE CHAMBER! SOME KIND STAFF AT THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANSWERED EVERY FIRING QUESTION OF ALL THE STUDENTS, BURSTING TO KNOW MORE! A FACT THAT I COULDN'T GET OUT OF MY HEAD WAS THAT THE REASON THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAS GREEN AND THE SENATE WAS RED IS BECAUSE OF THE AUSSIE TREE, THE GUM TREE! YOU SEE, GUM TREE LEAVES ARE A SHADE OF GREEN, LIKE HOW THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS DIFFERENT SHADES OF GREEN FOR PARTICULAR SEATS OR SPEAKING CHAIRS! THE SENATE IS PRETTY SIMILAR, IT'S JUST THAT, THE REASON IT'S RED IS BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS FALLEN GUM TREE LEAVES WHICH OVERTIME BECOMES RED OR DIFFERENT SHADES OF PINK! THE REASON WHY THE GUM TREE IS SELECTED AS THE THEME AS THE CHAMBERS IS BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS AUSTRALIA. SO MAYBE WHEN FOREIGNERS COME, THEY WILL BE LIKE "OH HEY I RECOGNISE THESE COLOURS! WE ARE IN AUSTRALIA!"

# Year 6 Camp

The well known year sixes have been sent to camp for a inquiry session of history and responsibility of important roles in government

Me and my year 6 friends took a delightful trip to Canberra. These are some of the famous attractions we went to and one thing I learned at each of those places



## Australian Electorate education center

The A.E.C was a personal favourite of mine and probably many others of the year sixes because of the interactive touch screen scavenger hunt! It would lead us to different touchscreens and ask questions democratically! This taught me many things about democracy and prime ministers who served our country. A strange thing I learned is that Harold Edward Holt was a prime minister but had a rather strange death. One day he went to the beach and got lost in the water, he was never found again... Pretty dark!

## Thank You For This Experience!!

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school in the amount of <<\$>> per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

## My highlight

On Tuesday night of camp, my bus went to bowling and it was the highlight for me! Nothing could be better than enjoying a lovely night out at Timezone, getting strike after strike. But honestly, all the places were the highlights for me! There were more interesting things I learned than I could keep up with!

## THE M.O.A.D AND OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE

THE M.O.A.D AND OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE WAS A FAVOURITE OF THE YEAR SIXES, ESPECIALLY THE AWESOME TOUCHSCREEN ADVENTURE OF THE DEMOCRABUS! M.O.A.D WAS IN THE OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE SINCE THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1988. ONE INTERESTING THING I LEARNED FROM M.O.A.D IS THAT THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE. PEOPLE WHO CANNOT VOTE, PEOPLE WHO NEED TO UPDATE THEIR INFORMATION AND PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. THE FIRST TYPE IS PRETTY STRAIGHT FORWARD. IF A PERSON IS NOT AN AUSSIE OR DOES NOT HAVE AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP, THEY CANNOT VOTE! THE SECOND TYPE IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT. IF SOMEONE IS AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN BUT MOVED HOUSES, THEY CAN UPDATE THEIR INFORMATION ON A WEBSITE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE! THE THIRD TYPE IS SIMPLE. IF A PERSON IS AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN AND UPDATED ALL THEIR INFORMATION, THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE!

THE YEAR SIXES WENT TO A CHAMBER OF THE OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE, IT FELT AMAZING KNOWING THAT FAMOUS GOVERNORS SAT ON THE CHAIRS WE WERE SITTING ON! THE KIND EDUCATIONAL M.O.A.D STAFF TOLD US ABOUT WHAT USED TO HAPPEN IN THE OLD PARLIAMENT HOUSE AND WHAT THEY WORE BACK THEN! IT WAS VERY EDUCATIONAL AND TAUGHT ME MANY INTERESTING THINGS BUT ONE PECULIAR THING STOOD OUT TO ME! THEY USED TO WEAR THESE FUNNY CLOTHES FOR A PORTRAIT BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW WHY THEY DID. IT WAS LIKE A BLACK ROBE WITH A WHITE WIG WHICH HAD A LONG BOWL HAIRCUT! I AM STILL WONDERING WHY IT WAS THIS THAT THE PEOPLE HAD TO WEAR BUT AT THE SAME TIME, IT LOOKED RATHER FANCY!



## Mt Ainslie

THE DAY WE WERE ARRIVING AT CAMP WE CAME TO A BEAUTIFUL LOOKOUT CALLED MT AINSLIE. ALL THE YEAR SIXES LOVED IT BECAUSE OF THE BEAUTIFUL SIGHTS. WE COULD SEE THE WAR MEMORIAL, THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE AND MANY MORE! ONE THING I LEARNED FROM MT AINSLIE IS THAT YOU COULD ALMOST SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF CANBERRA FROM THE LOOKOUT! THAT GAVE ME A BIG INDICATION THAT MT AINSLIE IS HIGH, LIKE VERY HIGH!