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CANBERRA

"Last week, the year six students went on a school camp to Canberra to learn about the importance of the Federal Government and see some significant places in Canberra. Everybody had a blast and most certainly learnt something new.

On Monday, one hundred and ten year six students woke up bright and early filled with excitement knowing that we were going to Canberra that morning. As we got on the bus, we said a big goodbye to our parents and we set off to the airport. There were a few nervous tummies on the plane, having never been on one before, but when we arrived at 11:25am, everybody was ready to have a full week of fun. First, we went to Government House. We explored outside and then went to Questacon, where words cannot explain how much fun we had. There were so many things to do there, you would never get bored. As the day came to an end, we went to our accommodation and settled in for a good night’s sleep."
The next day, we had breakfast and some of us set off to the National Capital Exhibition, while others went to the Mint, before changing over. At the Mint, we discovered how money is made and some of the history behind it. But we can’t forget the NCE. Everybody learnt a lot and we learnt how Canberra came to be how it is right now. After that, we went to the CSIRO and Arboretum. We learnt what the CSIRO had invented and discovered, before we took a look around. Then we went on a tour around the Arboretum and learnt a lot about some of the endangered trees in our world. That night we went to the Calwell restaurant and had a delicious dinner before going to ten pin bowling.

On Wednesday, we started off with a visit to Parliament House, where we went into the Senate and the House of Representatives where we watched them try to pass through a Bill. After watching the Representatives of our electorates try to pass through a Bill, we decided to do it as well in a role play. We then had a quick talk with Mr Graham Perrett, our Member of Parliament, before continuing onto the Australian Institute of Sport. The AIS is an amazing place, where nearly all athletes have at one stage trained for any sport. We were even lucky enough to see one of the Paralympians who runs in the one hundred metre sprints, but can only see five metres in front of him, so he actually can’t see the finish line until he crosses it. We were really lucky because Mr Sheppard had hired one of the sporting fields and we got to run around and play on it. After a long day, we were all hungry, so we went to the Eastlakes restaurant and had another delicious dinner before having a movie night and watched Zathura.

Thursday was another jam packed day, where we got to go to the War Memorial, where everybody’s heart was touched. The things you see there are just spectacular, seeing the real things not a replica. Later on, we went to the Australian Electoral Commission, where we got to vote and we all felt a bit special. Afterwards, we went to the Burns Club Star Buffet where we filled our little tummies to the brim, but, then sadly, we had to go back to our accommodation and back for our return home the next day.

Friday was the 11th November, Remembrance Day and we had the privilege of representing Queensland at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, where we paid our respects. Sadly, our time in Canberra was up and we had to go to the airport where we said goodbye to Canberra and departed to Brisbane at 5:25pm. We then arrived back at school at 7:00pm and gave our parents a big hug and went for a good night’s sleep in our own bed.”

Written by Jasmin and Chloe

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of our National Capital, Canberra. They were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

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 of $60 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. (This amount was deducted from the total cost of the trip before invoicing to parents.)
THE YEAR 6 ALTERNATE PROGRAM
While our classmates were freezing in Canberra, we were sweltering in 35 degree heat here in Brisbane. Despite the hot conditions, we all had a great time.

Throughout the week we were involved in a mixture of sport, ICT and art activities. We had coaching sessions from the NRL, AFL and Futsal, art with Mrs Stammers, Mr Bekkers and RAW art and researched our voting system in the computer lab. We also had a movie session complete with yummy, hot popcorn. However, the highlight of our week was our full day excursion to Queensland’s Parliament house, followed by an afternoon of Ten Pin Bowling at Mt Gravatt. Who would have guessed that Mrs Healy was such an awesome bowler!

We would like to thank all the teachers who supported the program, especially Mr Bekkers who coordinated the whole week.

Year 6 Students.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
CLASS ALLOCATIONS
Requests from parents will no longer be accepted in regard to class allocations, thank you.

WHAT A GREAT TRIP!
Congratulations to the year six students who represented our school in many settings in Canberra. You have been great ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the staff who gave up their personal time to accompany the students and provide them with this educational experience. Feedback from all parties has been exceptionally positive.

SAME DAY ABSENTEE NOTIFICATION
For the safety and wellbeing of students, schools are required to report to parents if their child is not at school. To implement this, we will be initiating a Text Notification System, either late this week or next Monday 21 November.

Parents must notify the Administration Office by 8:55am if your child is going to be absent from school or late to school.

Therefore, if your child will be absent from school for any reason, please phone the student absent line – 3340 5360, this is a 24 hour hotline. Alternatively, email absences@warroadss.eq.edu.au or access the QParents App.

If this does not occur, a text will be sent to parents informing them of the absence. This is a simple one-step process, notify the office if your child will not be at school by 8.55am.

DI CARTER, PRINCIPAL

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS
YEAR 6 – CANBERRA AND OPTIONS
Congratulations to all of the year six students for their exemplary behaviour last week. The students really represented themselves and our school proudly. We have received a large number of compliments from members of the public about their behaviour. You have proven to be great leaders of our school. Here is a sample of the positive feedback we have received from different members of the public.

“I want to reiterate how well-mannered and polite your students were; we were quite impressed! Congratulations to you all for a wonderful turnout at Canberra War Memorial Service today.” From a former Student's parents.

Last Friday, the year six students who were at school visited Parliament house in Brisbane. Here they were given a tour of Parliament House, where they visited the reading room, sat in the chamber and took part in a mock sitting and debate. This assisted the students in understanding the process that takes place in running our State.
QPARENTS – STUDENT REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE EARLY

Report cards were emailed home at the end of Semester One. As a number of service providers saw the report card mail out as spam, the email with the report card was delivered into people’s junk/spam folder rather than their inbox. Please add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your ‘safe senders list’ so your child’s Semester Two Report Card will be delivered to your inbox at the end of the year. Report Cards will be emailed home on Thursday 8 December.

If you have the QParents App, you will be able to see and print your Report Cards from Tuesday evening, 6 December.

It is not too late to take advantage of this benefit, but you will need to register shortly, to give the admin staff time to process your request.

Parents received an invitation email earlier in the term. If you require us to re-send it to you, please contact the office.

ACADEMIC AND CITIZENSHIP ASSEMBLIES

Prep and Year 1 - 22 November from 2-3pm in the hall.
Years 2 and 3 - 6 December from 9am-10am in the hall.
Year 4 and 5 - 6 December from 10:10am-11am in the hall.

YEAR 1 SWIMMING

At this time of year we are encouraging our year one students to become more independent. A great way for them to start becoming independent is through swimming. They will be responsible for getting ready for swimming and getting dressed for school once the lesson is over. While we appreciate parent support in our school, we are trying to mobilise over one hundred and seventy year one students to get to and from swimming, so parents are asked to let the teachers handle this process and let your child develop some independence.

TYRONE BRUCE, KAREN COOMBES, GAYLE HEALEY, ALLAN THARENOU

Finance News

When making payments via BPoint or Internet transfer, please remember to return the permission slip at the bottom of the information letter.

Have you registered for QParents yet? This provides an easy option to check all outstanding payments at any time of the day. You can also make payments easily via the app. Parents received an invitation email earlier in the term. If you require us to re-send it to you, please contact the office.

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ALLYSON STEPHENS, BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

MUSIC NOTES

Photos are now on display on the Music Block windows

Please also remember NOT to leave orders in the box outside the music classroom.
PHOTOS AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

Warrigal Road Music Concert 2016

If you would like to order photos
Please complete an Order Form and return with payment (cash please) to the Music Block on Monday 21 November 8.30-9.30am

Please note that this is the only day we can accept orders.

Prints will be ordered and sent home with your child in the following week.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3. Carols and music throughout the school -
   Wednesday November 23 - Year 2 and Year 3 Singing Clubs with Instrumental Ensembles. Meet at music block.
   Wednesday November 23 – second hand instrument sale – 7.45 in the music block.
   Friday November 25 - Senior Choir Carols – meet at music block
   Monday November 28 - Senior Choir Carols – meet at music block.

### ENSEMBLE MESSAGES

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ANNE POOK, Director of Music

YMCA Warrigal Road OSHC  
**Messages from the Coordinator**

**15th November**

2017 enrolment forms are out now for all parents who may require the YMCA Warrigal Road OSHC in 2017. Please get in quick if you require a spot.

These forms can be located in the school hall YMCA office or by email.

*Vacation Care forms are now available for December/January*

**What we have been doing**

On Friday 11 November, we celebrated our second year of opening. The celebration consisted of a Sausage Sizzle, party food for afternoon tea, a jumping castle, face painting, and lots of party games and fun entertainment activities all afternoon. Lots of fun was had by all.

For bookings to join in the before and after school fun activities please phone on 0477 767 984 or email: awr@ymca.org.au  
Get in quick for lots of holiday fun and excitement.

Tracey Martin, Coordinator  0477 767 984  awr@ymca.org.au
P&C News: 16th November 2016

A Note From Your President

Our last P&C meeting for the year is next Wednesday night, 23 November, at 6:30pm in the staff room. We will have little party before hand where each person is to bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome to attend, and I hope to see some new and old faces there.

At the meeting we will be discussing some initial plans for next year along with wrapping up this year’s activities. Some of our long term volunteers will also be leaving us this year as their children have completed their primary school journey so we will celebrate their contribution to the P&C over many years.

Uniform Shop

Book Packs

If you haven’t ordered your book pack yet, don’t fear. Drop into the Uniform Shop and pick one up today or jump online and check out our book pack ordering system. All packs need to be collected from the Uniform Shop. The Warrigal Road State School online Uniform and Stationery shop is www.warrigalroadssshop.com.au.

Uniforms

Beat the back to school crowds and pick up your school uniform needs today. Remember you can donate your old unwanted uniforms to the Uniform Shop. (Please have these washed.)

Remember to like us on Facebook - Warrigal Road State School - P&C

Next Meeting: November 23rd 6:30pm in the staff room. All Welcome