



Middle Indigo Primary School

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Middle Indigo Conquers Canberra

The senior class survived Canberra – Or Canberra survived Middle Indigo????



Last Wednesday the senior class departed school at the strange time of 7:15am. Our driver Cameron welcomed us aboard his bus and we slipped onto the Hume and headed north. The Wooragee students were already on board the bus and had spread themselves out, restricting our students to an efficient if cramped section of 9 seats.

We stopped along the way before arriving in the capital. First stop was the War Memorial where the students were guided around the significant parts of the memorial before we were left to wander and soak in the past. Highlights included the air battle recreation and the big plane display. The tomb of the Unknown Soldier was a little daunting, but good at the same time.

After this, the crew headed to the Capital Exhibition and a guided tour around the history of Canberra.

Our accommodation was predictably cosy, though comfortable with all students happy with their lot. Food was good, in a boarding school way as well.

Our first full day in Canberra was filled with trips to Parliament House followed by the Australian Mint. This is not a lolly shop. Instead, the students learnt the history of money in our country. From the rum corps to the holey dollar and then the introduction and manufacture of our own money, ending with the design of our current coinage. Along the way the students were witness to two very large Kangaroos which seemed loose in the foyer of the building??



Interesting?

From here, the students witnessed the actual manufacture of coins, which is far more interesting than it sounds.

Old Parliament House was considered far nicer than the new one by a number of students though the displays were a little dated. We headed off to the Museum of Australia next and for once we were not guided through. The students were free to wander and make sense of the setup, which covered farming and aboriginal Australian history. The students invaded the gift shop and relieved themselves of their parents hard earned on some delightful products from the Peoples Republic of China.

From here, the crew headed for a quick dinner at our accommodation before loading on the bus and heading to the pool and the water slide. At last, the students were able to release energy pent up over the last two days.

The pool went mad!

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The trip back to the accommodation was very quiet and the teachers were much relieved.

The last day saw us say goodbye to the accomm. and head to the Australian Institute of Sport. Here the students entered the 'sport room' with a number of Australia's favourite sports set up electronically for interaction. Favourites included the ski slope, the skeleton, footy kick and basketball. Non-favourites were the 'chin up bar' and Ricky Ponting's slightly soiled trousers.



Isaac at the memorial

We got to see the Olympic swimmers pool, which was warm and the gym with some very tall people stretching and a very short person jump onto a box!

Old Parliament was visited again with the students participating in a mock election to choose Australia's favourite fruit. The winner was 'the Apple.' The election learning was more interesting than you would imagine.

From here the students had a final lunch and then climbed aboard the bus for the return home to Middle Indigo.

One student was heard to comment that the camp was really interesting and that they learnt "Heaps!"

Whilst another said "I'm totally over Democracy."

A huge thankyou to Mrs Edwards who was fantastic.

Also a big thankyou to our students who were delightful and well behaved for the most part.

Thank you to the staff and students from the Wooragee School as well for your company throughout the camp. Our students made some good friendships during the trip as well as getting to know students they may possibly be at school with in the coming years.

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

During the recent Canberra excursion students had 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 \$20.00 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.



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Teddy Bears Picnic

Meanwhile back at the ranch, the Junior class were busy with their learning. Not to be out done Mrs Skate and Ruth decided it was a great week to have the annual Teddy Bears Picnic. The crew made Teddy Bear biscuits and played lots and lots of games. Well done!



Walk to School

October is Walk to School month at Middle Indigo. All our students catch the bus or are driven to school each day; so we choose a time each year to engage with glorious art of walking.

Students should wear a good pair of shoes for walking each day. As a school we walk up the tracks and quiet roads around our school to improve our health and to engage with our beautiful valley.

It is also an opportunity to remind our students that there are alternative ways of getting around in the world.

Our Walk to School month ends with a trip to Mr McLean's farm, 'Martindale.' Here we will have lunch before making the big trek up from the Valley floor to the top of the hills, revealing the Valley. It is a great day out and a genuine highlight of our school year.

Melbourne Cup Break

Due to the horse race holiday falling on a Tuesday, our school will have the **Monday as a 'Student Free' Day**. This day allows precious time for the teachers to evaluate learning and progress reports. In addition, it allows a good break in a long term for students to recharge before the final two months of learning.

Transition

Prep Transition begins on 13th of November through to the second last week of term.

Dates for Prep\Foundation transition

13th Nov – 9:00 to 11:30 am

20th Nov – 9:00am to 1:30pm

27th Nov - 9:00am to 1:30pm

4th Dec – Full Day

10 Dec – Full Day

Important Dates

October - Walk to School Month

29nd October Walk to Mr McLean's Farm

29th Oct - School Council

13th Nov to 10 Dec - Prep Transition (see above)

10th Dec – School Council

11th Dec - Christmas Concert

17th Dec – Swim Day

18th Dec – Water Fun Day \ Last day of School Year



This week in music class, the children had the opportunity to play the Harp. Here's Dom in action.

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We excavated some students



Checking out the cows at school.



Mrs Edwards takes Gold for Middle indigo
Bad Luck Wooragee!!!



Middle Indigo at the Australian War Memorial



The Australian Mint – Not a lolly shop



Roll of Honour