



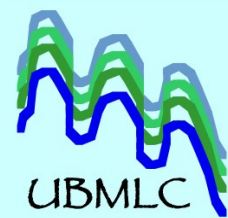
# MOUNT VICTORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 7 Monday November 26 2018



Our School  
Expectations

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Involved

At Mount Victoria  
Public School

We Build  
Maintain  
and  
Restore  
Relationships



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*We  
turned  
150!*

*In the most wonderful way*



**A BIG Thank  
You to  
Everyone that  
Came and  
helped  
Make the day  
SO  
WONDERFUL!**



*We raised \$625.55*





Lizards participated in a 'waste audit' of all the bins at school.

We organised the waste into 4 categories:

plastic recycling, paper recycling, soft plastic and organic waste.

We worked really well as a team.

We are safe

We are Respectful

We are Involved

## Lizards 2/3/4





# COLOUR



# RUN



30.11.18 

# FRIDAY

 1PM-3PM

**PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED. PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU CAN  
HELP!! All Parents are invited to come along and join in the fun in the  
afternoon!**



**Come to  
school in old  
clothes and a  
white T-shirt**

# Kangaroos Canberra Chronicle

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Government House is the building the Governor General of Australia stays in. The ground floor of the building is for meetings and occasionally performances. On the ground floor there is a room where the Governor General signs and approves papers and bills. The room is not allowed to be redecorated or changed in any major way as it holds historical significance. This is because it is in this room the Governor General of the time dismissed the Prime Minister of the time, Gough Whitlam. The second floor is purely for personal living purposes for the Governor General and his wife Lady Lynne Cosgrove. He is allowed to invite guests to stay at The Government House. For example, Meghan Markle and Prince Harry recently stayed at the building. The current Governor General is Peter Cosgrove. Review by **Meg**

## AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL EDUCATION CENTRE

So, first thing Thursday morning (our second day in Canberra) we went to the Old Parliament House which is now actually called the Australian Electoral Education Centre. First we went into this mini theatre room and watched a holographic video on the history of democracy and elections in Australia. Then we walked into a room that had heaps of ballot boxes around the room. Sarah, who was our guide, taught us how to vote. Then once we knew how to vote, we did a fake vote. It was on our favourite fruits. Then she taught us how you determine which is the most popular fruit through the process of elimination. So, say the most least popular fruit was a banana, they would take banana out and whoever voted for banana as their favourite fruit, their second favourite fruit would now become their first favourite fruit, and that was added to the scoreboard. This is done three times before there is a final winner, and in this case, our favourite fruit was apples. It was really interesting to see how this all works and this is the way they do it for the people who want to become ministers. It made me excited to be able to vote when I'm 18. Review by **Tahlia**

## PARLIAMENT HOUSE

The second thing we did on Wednesday was go to the Parliament House, as we walked in—there we were in an outside area. As you looked straight out you could see the War Memorial. We saw people laying out crocheted red poppies in an arrow towards the War Memorial for Remembrance Day on Sunday, then we walked into the building and it was very pretty because there was lots of marble. We then went upstairs to a room for schools with lots of chairs and they provided us with snacks and water. Then our guide came, his name was Dominic and he lead us through to the House of Representatives and he told us lots of interesting and cool facts e.g. the coat of arms has a kangaroo and emu because they are the only Australian animals that can't walk backwards. What they are trying to say is that Australia never looks back; they look forward to the future! He also said that the House of Representatives is green because it is like the Australian gum leaves. So then we went to The Senate and then Dominic said that the Senate is red/brown because of

Australians soil and sunset. After that we went to look around and we saw portraits of past prime ministers and Dominic told us about the history of them. Then we just walked around and looked at stuff. After we looked around we went to a room and did a role-play of us in session, it was really fun seeing what the politicians do! Then we went to the AIS. Review by **Daisy**

## BLACK MOUNTAIN TOWER

On the second evening of camp we went to Black Mountain Tower which we now know as Telstra tower. We went to a room with lots of old cabinets with old phones and Morse code equipment in them. Then we found a room with a video of how the tower got built, but the video was so long that we went back and went up a... lift. The drop looked awful for some people but the sunset was awesome. It was a lavender colour. It was very busy with lots of students and just every day people. The building felt like it was going to fall because the windows are on an angle. Thank you for reading about our experiences at Black Mountain Tower. Review by **Charlotte**

## THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

On Thursday the 8th of November, stage three went to The National Gallery of Australia. It was great! I really enjoyed it, so I'm going to tell you a bit about it. First, our tour guide Hillary introduced us to the huge gallery and brought us over to a cabinet to get stools so we didn't have to stand up for an hour. Hillary then took us to the first painting which was by Arthur Streeton, named 'Sheep'; a beautiful painting of sheep getting put into their pens for the night. It was set in the drier parts of the bush on a gorgeous evening. I personally enjoyed this because it really represented Australia. The next artwork was by Peter Glover named 'Farmhouse'; a marvellous artwork of obviously a farmhouse - using all of the colours of a beautiful sunset in the olden days. The third artwork was of a water hole with a rough mountain of rocks and boulders. There was a bushranger (Captain Thunderbolt) hidden behind a boulder and the class had to find him. It took a while for me to find him. It was quicker for some, longer for others. I really enjoyed this one because the landscape was really exquisite. I really enjoyed the gallery. Everything was gorgeous and I'm glad we went. Review by **Tia**

## PACER FUNDING

*These students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students 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 \$20 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.*

## QUESTACON

I am going to tell you about the Year 5 and 6 trip to Canberra. We had a bus driver called Andy I think—fun fact, the bus is Andy's bus or car whatever you want to call it. On the last day we went to Questacon and that was so fun. We went on the giant slide. For me, it felt like I was going to fall and die but why would they make it? I went down it was so, so fun! Then at the end we went to the gift shop. I had \$25 and I chose two squishy balls, one was a yellow emoji ball and the other one was a plain yellow ball. I also got a little blue jumping thing and space dust—pretty cool right? But, when I bought them the lady wasn't polite, so, given this I would give Questacon 30 out of 33.

Review by **Liam A**

## AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

At the AIS at night we went on a tour but the first thing we went to was the SPORTEX CENTRE. It had NFL/AFL, skiing, arm wrestling bar, wheelchair racing, chin ups, bike racing, bobsled, basketball, rock climbing and podiums. Our guide's name was Ruben. He is a long distance runner. Ruben took us to the pool, gymnastics gym and weights training gym. At the hotel we slept in block 17. We had to go in partners. The apartments had bunk beds for 2 to 3, showers. There were sinks in the bedrooms each and also some forgot the towels. We had to make our own bed with sheets—it was difficult for some. Every morning we would have breakfast. In the middle of afternoon we would have lunch and then about 7pm we had dinner. They had awesome food like chips, spaghetti, fish, salad and my favourite dessert. To get to our room we had the same and different cards to get to our room. At Canberra we learn so much we had lots of fun.

Review By **Tarja**

## CSIRO (COMMONWEALTH SCIENCE AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION)

CSIRO a science place in Canberra where they invent stuff like the flexible solar panels, Wi-Fi made from the black hole and many more things. We did a thingamajig where we got Ipads, barcodes and maps and we scanned the QR codes with the Ipads and the Ipads would tell us the questions. There were different amounts of points to gain—1 2 3 points with 3 at the highest. There were also interactive displays, stuffed birds, shells, butterflies and fish. There was glass on a section of the floor with a rock underneath. I think the CSIRO was a fun place.

Review by **Austin**

## AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

On Friday November the 9<sup>th</sup> we went to the Australian War Memorial. The first thing we did was got seated down in a room for the school students. There was a video that was played about the war memorial. After we watched the video our tour guide named Grahame took us on a tour around the War Memorial. We saw lots of cool stuff like displays, wax figures and he showed us the wall of names. They were covered in poppies.

Review by **Jamie and Alisha**

## PARLIAMENT HOUSE

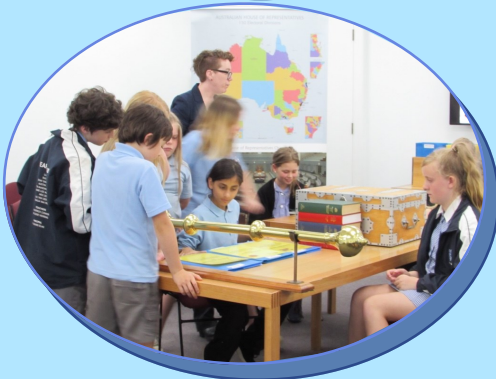
The New Parliament House is a white building with brown patterns on the ground in front of it. People started to build the New Parliament house in late 1980 because the Old Parliament house became too small and crowded. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2 opened the building on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1988. Sir Edmund Barton became the first Prime Minister of the New Parliament House and Lord Hopetoun became the first Governor General. The New Parliament House is 30 years old. The New Parliament house was designed by Romaldo Giurgola. It was built in a mountain so it looks like part of a mountain. It is 107m in height and it has 3 floors. By **Lili**

## FEDERAL MEMBER FOR MACQUARIE SUSAN TEMPLEMAN

On Wednesday our member for parliament came to our school to talk to the kangaroo's class. Her name is Susan Templeman. We learnt a lot about her and the parliament. She answered lots of our questions about her role. It turns out that Susan's least favourite part of the job is driving to and from Canberra and her most favourite part is participating in community events. I asked Susan if she wanted to be a politician when she was a kid and she said that she didn't know what she wanted to be, however, when she was eight she recalls saying she wanted to be Prime Minister. When she was 21 she was a radio journalist and she went into parliament she said, "I feel right at home". Then in 2009 she ran for member for Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury. She failed, then in 2013 she tried again. And failed again, and then finally in 2016 she got in. She gave us certificates as a memento of our Canberra excursion. We even got a photo with her. By **Lily**

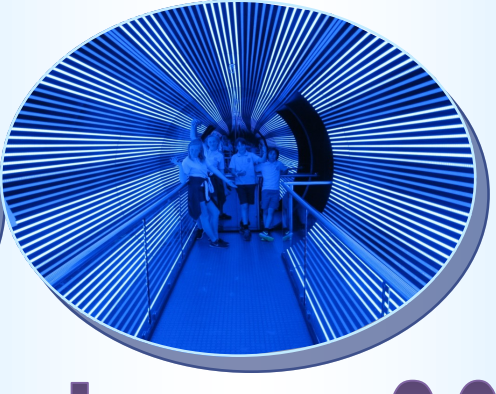






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