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GRADE 6 CANBERRA CAMP

By Victoria Nguyen

In Canberra we did so many different things. Even though the trip was long I had a great time. We visited almost all of the well known places, like the Australian War Memorial, Questacon, Parliament House and the Old Parliament House. I liked all of them.

Cockington Green was fantastic because they opened it up just for us. We got there about 7.30pm so it was pretty dark and all the lights were on. It looked like a little village with little houses from all over the world.

Questacon was awesome and most of us wanted to go on the Free Fall but we did not get a chance to. Only Zane and Clinton went on but they had to wait, the line was so long! Georgia S said she was a little behind them in line but Mr Corr just had to shoo her away. MR CORR!

At the War Memorial we were spilt up into a girls' group and a boys' group. The funny thing was that Philip was sitting on the girls' side and Georgia C was sitting on the boys' side so it was a fair swap. Once we were settled into our groups we headed off with our assistant. She was like a story teller. The stories were related to the war of course. There were all sorts of stories. My favourite story was about a soldier who had a pet dog that helped the army. There was also a story about a wedding dress! We did not just head off when our time was up but we stayed there till the memorial was closed. At the end there was a man playing bag pipes. On Thursday we got up nice and early for a trip up to the National Art Gallery. There were lots of different works of art but the best thing was that it was different from all the other art galleries I have been to. The only bad thing was that we could not take our cameras with us otherwise we would have had lots of photos to show. At Screen Sound Australia we had a look at some film clips. We even saw the clip about 'Skippy the Bush Kangaroo.' It was funny to see how Skippy could communicate with humans. We almost lost Sarah, Shakira and Rebecca along the way!!(oops!!) On our walk to the Old Parliament we visited the High Court even though it was not on our list. It was big! When we had to go it seemed like Mr Corr wanted to stay to ask more questions about the High Court. Finally we reached the Old Parliament House which was a bit smaller than the New Parliament and it did not look as modern. Everything in it was so fragile that we had to wear gloves. Luke and Georgia S had to dress up as the Speaker in the House of Representatives. They looked so funny!!! Over all that was one of the best camps I have ever been to.

By Connie Lee

Grade 6 camp was really fun! My favourite place was Cockington Green where we saw mini cottages that took around two to three years for each display to be made. I especially enjoyed Questacon where we went on rides like the simulated roller coaster. The Sydney Harbour cruise was also really great and so was the Sydney Aquarium! The most boring place we visited was definitely the Australian National Exhibition where we learnt a bit about Australia's history. By Connie Lee



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GRADE 6 CANBERRA CAMP cont.....

By Melissa C

On Monday at 7:30am, we arrived at school with our parents and luggage. Our bus driver was Bernie, who helped us pack our luggage onto the bus. Around 12pm we stopped at the Ettamogah Pub for lunch. After a couple of photos we left the pub and continued our journey to Canberra. On Tuesday, we headed towards the Australian Institute of Sport. It included rock climbing, virtual cycling and virtual soccer. We also went to Parliament House and saw Embassies and High Commissions. That night we went to Cockington Green. It had a mini train and small very detailed furniture, dolls and houses! On Wednesday, we headed to Sydney. We saw the spectacular Opera House and went for a cruise around the Harbour. We saw many interesting islands such as Clark Island and Garden Island. After the cruise we went to the Sydney Aquarium. On Thursday, we headed to the Screen Sound Australia and the National Gallery. Then we went to Old Parliament House and the War Memorial. The closing ceremony was very interesting as a man dressed in the Scottish uniform played the bagpipe. On that night...we had the concert and the disco! The 'Million Dollar Curry' was definitely the winner! On Friday, it was time to leave Canberra and head back to Melbourne. The camp was very good and interesting and was a great experience except that I was really sick. In spite of that I had a great time anyway!



By Ashleigh R

On the first day of our camp everyone got to school at 7.30. The bus did not leave until 8.00am. Our first stop was for lunch at the Ettamogah Pub in Albury. We travelled on to Gundagai to see the Dog on the Tucker Box then continued on to the Central motel in Canberra. After breakfast at 8.30 the following day, we visited the Australian Institute of Sport. It was great fun, with lots of sporting equipment and games to try out. We also saw some athletes training in volley ball and gymnastics. At 11.00am we went to Parliament House for a tour. We saw and sat in the Senate and the House of Representatives. After that we made our way to Questacon- the National Science and Technology centre. It was fun going on lots of different rides and trying out different experiments. After dinner we went to

Cockington Green where we went on a train ride through all the miniature models. After an early breakfast on Wednesday it was off to Sydney. It was about a 3-4 hour drive. We visited the Sydney Opera House then enjoyed a cruise on the Harbour, which took us to the Sydney Aquarium. The best part of the Aquarium was going through the underwater tunnel. It was really fun. After the Aquarium we stopped at McDonalds in Sutton Forest for dinner where everyone enjoyed their yummy meals! Our first visit on Thursday was not until 9.30am so everyone got a chance to sleep in. After our breakfast we went to the National Galley of Australia where we saw lots of different art works. At Screensound Australia we saw old film, radios, televisions and recorded sound clips. The National Capital Exhibition was our next stop before lunch. At Old Parliament House we had a tour of the Senate and House of Representatives and we also saw the Prime Minister's suite. Following dinner that night we had our concert where people in each cabin performed an item and then we had a disco. After the disco our cabin invited people over for a cabin party. That was great fun!! For the last day of camp, everyone got up early to finish packing and to clean up their cabins. It was a very long, tiring week but we finally got back to Melbourne at 6.00pm and everyone was happy to see their parents.



By Jordan B

Early on Monday the 8th of September grade six was preparing for a long bus ride to Canberra. We were all on the bus leaving at eight o'clock. On the way we stopped for a look at some famous places. We saw the Ettamogah Pub and the Dog on the Tucker box. After a long ride we finally arrived in Canberra at about six thirty. On Tuesday we had quite a busy day and I think it was one of the best days. We visited the AIS Australian Institute of Sport), Parliament House, Questacon and Cockington Green. The most exciting was Questacon, but Cockington Green had so much to look at and it was all very carefully made and decorated.



The other day that I think was one of the best would have to be the last day in Canberra. That was also a busy day. We visited the National Gallery of Art, Sound Screen Australia, The National Capital Exhibition, Old Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial. For our last night we had all prepared a concert. There were a lot of funny items but I think 'The Peanut Butter Jelly Show' was the best. At the end I do not think anyone was ready to go home because we had such a good time.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy(NAPLAN) test.

In May 2008, national literacy and numeracy tests were administered to students in Years 3,5,7 & 9 throughout Australia for the first time. Over one million students from 9000 schools across Australia participated in the national tests This week we received students results on these tests.It is easy for Principals and Teachers to say and write that their school achieves excellent academic results. It is another matter to have objective evidence to support such statements. At Beverley Hills we engage in two comprehensive objective measures of student achievement – the University of NSW Maths and English competition and the NAPLAN Test for years 3 & 5 that assess Reading, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics, Our school results in the recent NAPLAN test were once again of the highest order. Both year levels were well above national averages in all subjects with results in Mathematics being exceptional.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW - Mathematics Test

Elsewhere in this newsletter, Mrs Nicola writes about our exceptional results in Mathematics. We have to be very proud indeed of data that shows 70% of our year 6 students receiving awards. Our results in the past have been very good but this year they have been spectacular. Congratulations to students and Teachers. Our emphasis on literacy and numeracy, our particular type of grouping that accelerates the learning development of each child, our small group instruction policy and of course, our quality teaching staff combine to give our students 'a great start' in these foundation skills. Everything a child learns, in an academic sense, is either literacy or numeracy based. Beverley Hills prides itself on a long tradition of excellence in these areas – our current group of students carries on this tradition with pride. It is an appropriate time when talking of academic results to remind parents and indeed teachers that children mature and develop at different rates and that these rates themselves vary across a range of learning areas. A student not noted for exceptional performance in primary school can develop into an 'A' student later in their education. For some students their talents only become apparent at University. What we do know about life-long learning is the crucial importance of developing foundation skills, perseverance at task, and an enquiring attitude.

Calendar

OCTOBER

6th – Term 4 begins
7th – Firemen visit (Prep L & Grade)
12th – 16th ~ P.E. Week
17th – Movie Night in the Hall (\$3.00)
19th – 29th ~ E.C.U. Swimming (8 days)
24th – Free Dress Day (gold coin donation)
31st – Halloween Disco Night

NOVEMBER

3rd – Curriculum Day
4th – Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
5th – 7th – 4/5 Forest Lodge Camp
7th – E.C.U. Sleepover
11th – Biggest Morning Tea
14th – Art Show
17th – 28th ~ 4/5 Swimming Program
22nd – Trivia Night ~ 'Thriller Theme'



Australian Government

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

Dear Parents

Grade 6 students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the National Capital. They participated in a variety of educational programs to assist them to gain an understanding of our history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship Education. To assist us in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government has contributed funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards the travel expenses incurred.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Yours Sincerely Mrs N. Nicola - Class Teacher



UNIVERSITY OF NSW MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Beverly Hills students once again demonstrated their exemplary skills during the recent Maths Competitions. The following students are to be congratulated on excellent results.

Certificates of HIGH DISTINCTION, (top 1% of the state) DISTINCTION (top 10%) and CREDIT (top 25%) were awarded to the following students.

MATHEMATICS RESULTS

GRADE 4

HIGH DISTINCTION

BENNY YAO

CREDIT

CHARLES CHAN
CALVIN CHU
JASON FU
RACHNAA KUMAR
ERICA LIM
JOHNNY NGUYEN
ZACHARY ROBINSON
EMILY SAFE
NARYMAN TARVAND
RAYMOND ZHAN

GRADE 5

HIGH DISTINCTION

JASON DO

DISTINCTION

ENOCH JIANG
FELICITY LIM
JASON LI
JACQUELINE POON

CREDIT

VICTOR CHAN
RHYS DARSAS
VICTORIA DIEP
JACKY DO
MADISON GOSWELL
SAM HUME
ANDREW KENT
RILEY MARSHALL
ZOE STEPHENSON
KALLI THODIS
JACK TIBB
ANTHONY TSE
DENES VAN WYK
TOMMY WILLIAMS

GRADE 6

HIGH DISTINCTION

LIAM SAFE
KATIE ZHANG

DISTINCTION

JAYDEN WILLIAMS
GEORGIA STEELE
VICTORIA NGUYEN
CONNIE LEE
GEORGIA CHAU
JORDAN BARTON

CREDIT

NIMA OUVEYSI
LUKE O'HARA
REBECCA SANQUEDOLCE
COLIN LIO
JOYCE HONG
ZAC HANKIN
LORRAINE GOH
MEE-YUAN DIEP
ZAC CHIN
JAYDEN CHEN
SARAH CHAN
LACHLAN BROAD
JOSH ANDERSON



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers on the day, very much appreciated.

HALLOWEEN DISCO NIGHT

To be held on Friday 31st October, children may dress in their favourite spooky costume and dance away on the night. We will have prizes for best costume and best dancer, it will be a great night. Notices and more information to be sent home in Term 4.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 22nd November and theme will be '*Thriller Spooky Night*'. Get cracking and organise your tables, there will be hundreds of prizes and lots of the usual fun, music and of course trivia. We are asking for a donation (costing between \$5-\$10) items such as chocolates, cosmetics, home-wares, sporting goods, books etc.... More information will be sent home in term 4.

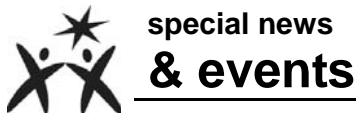
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of P & F will be held in the Staffroom on Monday 10th November at 8.00pm. Please come along and join in, meet some other parents and help support the school.

President - Susan Kent - P.9891-7037

Secretary – Helen Drossinis – P.9842-7213

Treasurer – Yasmin Tibb – P.9842 4875



NETBALL NEWS

Finally, the game we have worked towards! Yes, 'The Allstars' played a magnificent game to defeat the 'Dreamers,' 10 goals to 5. The team played really well and used their improving ball skills to achieve their first win of the season. Congratulations! It was a very exciting game to watch.

Our game against the team from St. Peter's & Paul's was also a nail-biter! We were in the lead for the majority of the game, but the other team fought back to level the scores. Our team scored 5 goals which demonstrates the way we are playing as a team. Well done!

The success has continued!!!! We have welcomed Rachnaa and Anushri to our team and we defeated 'The Champs' from Doncaster Primary School, 15 goals to zero. We now have 8 players and are looking forward to a successful final term of netball. Thank you to the parents who support our team.

Mrs. Peel. Netball Co-ordinator.

YARD SUPERVISION

It has come to my notice that a number of students are coming to school early (i.e. before 8.30) and staying late after school (i.e. after 4.15pm). Parents are reminded that the school grounds are supervised from 8.45 – 9.00am and from 3.30 – 3.45pm and of course during lunch and recess times. Students in the grounds outside of these times are unsupervised. From next term children arriving at school prior to 8.30am and/or remaining after 4.15pm will be taken to BHOSH program and parents will be billed at the normal child-care rate.

SUNSMART POLICY Term 4

It is important that children do not receive different messages from school and home about care of the skin during the hotter months. Parents should reinforce the school's policy regarding the wearing of hats during the day by discussing the issue at home, requiring hats on weekends and after school and modelling the behaviour themselves. Of all countries, Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world – please let us do our little bit to change the situation. During Term 4, please make sure your child wears a hat while in the school grounds.

PARKING

It has been brought to my attention that some people have been fined double parking in Rosella Street. Take care! Keep our children safe and obey the traffic laws.

B.H.P.S DISTRICT ATHLETICS' REPORT

On Thursday 4th September the BHPS Athletics Team travelled to Riescheiks Reserve to compete at the East Doncaster District Athletics. A great day was had by all. All the teachers were very proud of the behavior and efforts of the BHPS students and all the students should be congratulated. Our school came 6th for the day, which was a fantastic result. Congratulations to Victoria and Jayden who were our Athletics Captains. These are the results:

FIRST PLACE

Leigh M - High Jump
Zane K - Triple Jump
11YO Boys Tunnel Ball Team
12/13YO Boys Tunnel Ball Team

SECOND PLACE

Tommy W - Discus
Callum J - Triple Jump
Annalee M - High Jump
Kalli T - Shot Put
Christopher H - Shot Put
Zane K - Hurdles
Jayden C - Hurdles
Anthony T - 100mA
Jayden C - 100mA
Lachlan B - 100mC



THIRD PLACE

Rachnaa K - Discus
Sam H - Discus
Sarah S - Shot Put
Kalli T - Triple Jump
Zoe S - Discus
Monique W - Hurdles
Annalee M - 100mA
Victoria N - 100mA
9/10 Girls Circular Relay Team – Annalee M,
Felicity L, Sahar V & Melody C



Well done to all and special mention to Jayden C and Victoria N. for finishing 2nd in the Championship 100m a very pleasing result. Congratulations to Leigh M. and Zane K, who now represent BHPS at the Zone Level on Wednesday 17th September. Good Luck! PE Teacher - Rachel Wallace
Late Breaking News!!!!!!

Both Leigh and Zane came third in their eventsWell Done to both boys.

Congratulations to Green House Captains Liam and Callum.

Thanks to Joe Werner and Adam Jackson from the Kilsyth Cobras Men's Basketball team for the basketball clinics held at Beverley Hills, we all had heaps of fun and learnt some new basketball skills.

The Preps all enjoyed their new basketballs and have been practising their dribbling techniques.

Well done to all the Athletics Day competitors! PE Teacher - Rachel Wallace

9/10 Boys Circular Relay Team – Nick S, Riley G, Sam H & Callum L

11 Boys Circular Relay Team – Zane K, Tommy W, Chris H & Anthony T

11 Boys Shuttle Relay Team – Lachlan B, Enoch J, Lawrence L & Leigh M

12/13YO Girls Cross Ball Team

FOURTH PLACE

Nick D - Long Jump
Callum J - High Jump
Tara A - Ball Throw
Olivia F - High Jump
Anthony T - Long Jump
Leigh M - 1500m
Victoria N - Hurdles
Jayden W - 100mC
12YO Boys Shuttle Relay Team – Ray, Liam, Zachary & Philip
10YO Cross Ball Team
11YO Cross Ball Team
10 YO Boys Tunnel Ball Team



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