



# St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

### Canberra Excursion

Last week our Year 5/6 students went to Canberra for their excursion. I would like to thank Miss Emma Kelly for her enthusiasm towards this trip and for taking our students on this great adventure. I would also like to thank Belinda Burton, Kelly Walters and Libby Makeham, staff members from St Patricks Walcha, for letting us join with them for this great experience. Thank you to our Year 5/6 students on their exceptional behaviour and for their enthusiastic participation in this long week of activities. All our students and Miss Kelly had a very exciting and memorable week away. Included in this week's newsletter is a snapshot of this wonderful week. At Friday fortnights assembly, 28th September, the Year 5/6 students will share with us highlights of their excursion. This assembly will commence at 2:30.

### K-4 Excursion

Last Friday our K-4 students went on a day excursion around Uralla, looking at Raw Products and Natural Materials. Thankyou to Mrs Kim Heagney and Miss Emma Kelly for organising this excursion and Mrs Lyn Herden and Mrs Sarah Hoy for taking our students. Thank you to the PT&F for their support of this excursion. Included in the newsletter are recounts and pictures of their day.

### Thank You

A big Thank You to David and Amanda Adams for donating the proceeds of one of their wool bales, sold to Lempriere, Fox and Lillie. Your kind donation is much appreciated by myself, staff and students of St Joseph's Primary School.

### Book Week/Grandparents Day

Next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating Grandparents Day combined with our Book Fair. Please invite all Grandparents and Grandfriends (a treasured older friend) to come along to celebrate with us. As part of the day's celebrations, we are asking our students to come dressed as their favourite book character. Parents are also invited to come along. Parents, it would be very much appreciated if you could bring a plate to share with the other adults for morning tea, please. **Students are asked to bring their morning tea as per usual.** The program for the day is as follows:

8:30am Book Fair Opens in Library.

9:15am Parade in the Learning Studio.

9:40am Book Readings in Classroom's – Parents and Grandparents/Grandfriends are asked to bring along their favourite book to share!

10:10am Open Classroom – Parents and Grandparents/Grandfriends are invited to look in and around our classrooms and see what our students have been doing.

10:40am Concluding with Morning Tea and Celebration Cake in the Learning Studio.

**We hope to see you all there!**

### Art Show

Our School Art Show will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in the Learning Studio. This is a chance for our students to showcase the amazing art that they have produced this year with the support of Mrs Leanne Bremner. We would like to invite Parents, Family and Friends to attend. Please mark this date in your diary, as it would be great to have all families present.

### Polding Championships

This Friday 14th September, Malakye Wright will travel to Newcastle to compete at the Polding Athletics Championships. We wish him all the best!

### School Mass

Our next school Mass for the Term will be this Friday 14th September at 9:10am. All are welcome.

### Assembly

Our next assembly will be held this Friday 14th September at 2:45pm. All welcome.

*Kind regards*

*Judy Elks*

### **K-4 EXCURSION**

Last Friday our K-4 Students went on a Raw Products and Natural Materials excursion around Uralla. Below are some photo's of their excursion and recounts of this excursion from our students.

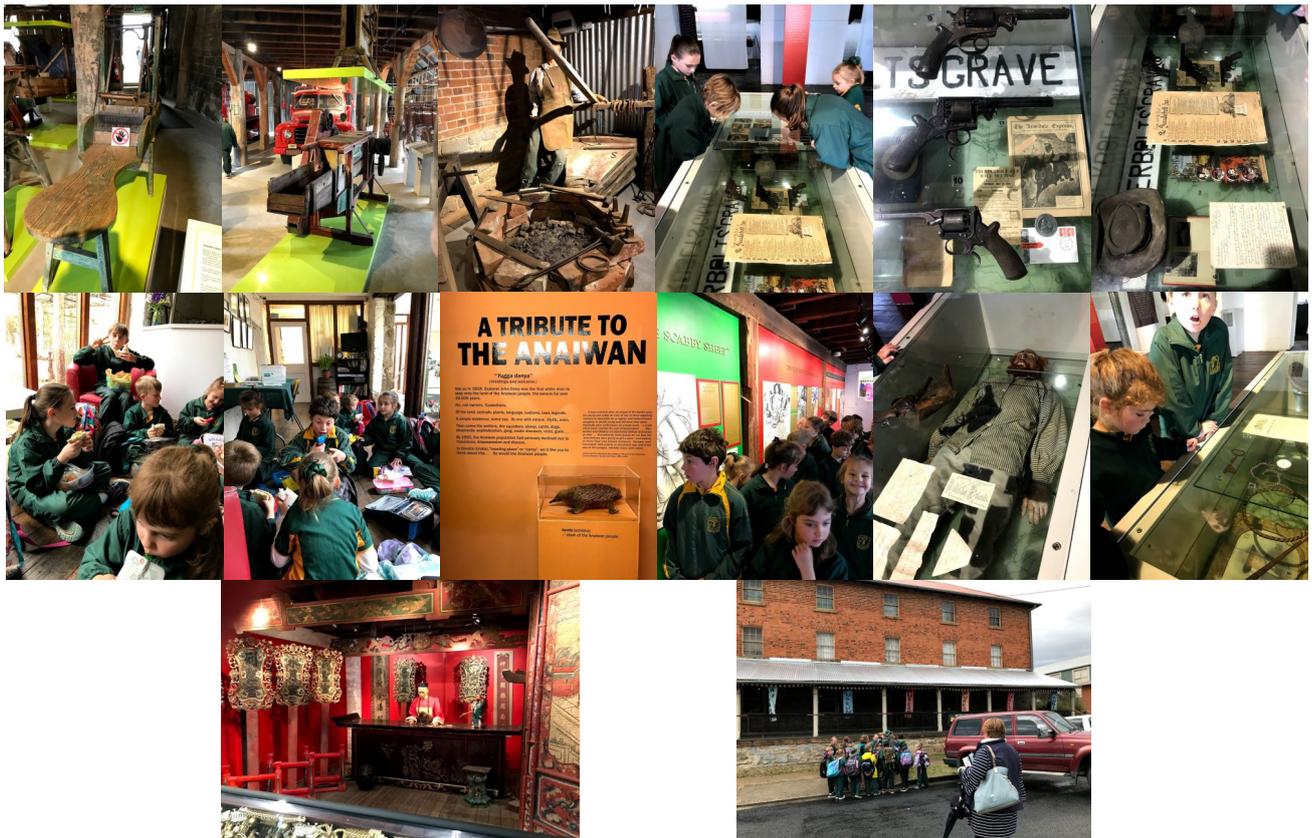
#### **Lempriere, Fox and Lillie**



#### **The Uralla Library**



#### **McCrossins Mill Museum**



**K-4 EXCURSION - CONTINUED****Uralla Street Walk/The Uralla Wool Room**

*On Friday we went to the museum. We saw Thunderbolt and the Aboriginal people. We had milkshakes and we also saw what was under the floorboards. It was great.*

***Maya Kauffmann, Year 1***

*On Friday we went to the museum and got milkshakes.*

***Birdie - Jean, Kindergarten***

*On Friday we went on an excursion. We saw lots of mannequins. I thought they were scary but some people liked them. We also went to Fox and Lillie and we got to keep some wool. It was very soft. At the end we got milkshakes. I had a caramel milkshake.*

***Chelsea Doran, Year 2***

**YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION**

On Monday, students from St Joseph's and St Patrick's Walcha joined together for a bus trip to Canberra. We were really excited to go to Canberra together.

On Tuesday, we headed to the Australian Mint where they make coins which are used throughout Australia. We watched them make the coins, using robots and many machines that are used to stamp coins. We learnt about the history of coins and how they started from when the convicts came to Australia.

We went to the Telstra Tower, which is a high structure that has a Cafe and Shop near the top. We walked around the top which gave us a 360° view of Canberra.

We also went to Government House, which is the home to the Governor General of Australia, Sir Peter Cosgrove. We learnt all about the Governor General and his duties. At the end of the day, as we were leaving, the Governor General pulled up in a car and we were able to meet him. It was an honour to meet him.

We visited The National Museum, which was really interesting, as it was packed with really fascinating information. We saw really cool wedding dresses from the olden days, dinosaur bones of a Muttaborrasaurus and also had an opportunity to see Phar Lap's heart, which is three times bigger than an average horse's heart.

On Wednesday, we all went to Questacon. It is a science game area. We made our way through the science rooms exploring games and the science behind them. It was really enjoyable and fun knowing the science behind games. The last room was our favourite because we got to go down this really big steep slide that felt like it had no gravity.

We also visited the National Gallery, we had seen some very amazing art. We looked at different types of art and learnt that you can use different light, shapes and colours to paint your emotions.

We headed to Cockington Green Gardens which is a mini version of houses and people. It was a great experience because you could go around and press buttons to make things move.

We drove around sixteen of the embassies, which represent most of the countries from around the world. When we had a closer look at all the flags, it was amazing to see all the flags and their names.

The AIS (Australian Institute of Sport) was interesting, because we learnt about injured athletes and how they were rehabilitated. We also played different sports from different countries such as European handball, lacrosse and hockey.

**YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION - CONTINUED**



On Thursday, we visited the War Memorial, we learnt about different times in history such as WW1, WW2 and also Afghanistan. There was also a room with army hats, guns and stories dating up to today. It was a great experience to stop and think about all those brave people who died for us and our families.

We also went to the Parliament House where the important people who run Australia work. We were given a tour of the Parliament House. We also saw The Chamber where politicians meet in there to discuss an issue. We also went into the Senate. We learnt so much information about the Parliament and the people who have been there before.

We also went to the High Court. The High Court is the biggest and most important court in Australia. We explored the rooms where 5 or 7 Justices and Barristers argue about an important issue that has happened. They told us about their roles and where they sit in the courtroom during an issue.

On Friday, we woke up bright and early excited to go home, but also sad at the same time. Canberra was a really enjoyable experience. We got to meet new kids and explore areas throughout Canberra.



**Dates to Remember**

**Wed 19 Sept:** Grandparents Day and Book Fair

**Mon 24-Fri 28 Sept:** Year of Youth Cross Celebration

**Tues 25 Sept:** Art Show 6pm

**Sat 27 Oct:** Thunderbolt Festival

**Fri 23 Nov:** Responsible Pet Education Program

**TERM DATES 2018**

**Term 3:**  
Mon 23 July—Fri 28 Sep.

**Term 4:**  
Mon 15 Oct—Fri 21 Dec.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**14th Sept - Kaitlyn Walters**

