



St Joseph's School Uralla Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Public Holiday

The Prime Minister has declared that **next Thursday 22 September 2022** will be a public holiday for a National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty the Queen. Therefore, there will be no school on that day.

Wood Street Road Closure Notice

We were contacted by Uralla Shire Council yesterday to advise us that Wood Street will be closed for resealing next **Tuesday 20 September**. Work will commence at 9:00am and they hope to finish by 3:00pm. **THERE WILL BE NO PARKING ALLOWED ON WOOD STREET FOR THE DAY.** Students will need to be dropped off at school BEFORE 9:00am and collected AFTER 3:00pm. If access is required to the school between those hours you will need to park in Maitland Street and walk down to the school.

Council tried to have this work booked for the school holidays but the contractors could not do it then. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

Canberra Excursion Day 2

Today has been a very big day as we have been on the go since 7.30 am. We visited the Australian War Memorial, National Museum of Australia, Royal Australian Mint, Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House) and we finished the day playing Ten Pin Bowling. The students have shown great interest and enthusiasm for our activities and sightseeing. We have included some photos for the newsletter.

"We started off today with a visit to the War Memorial. We listened to stories that went with the many and varied objects within the Memorial museum. Unfortunately, we only had a small amount of time to look at the tomb of the unknown soldier as well as the walls of remembrance before we boarded the bus to visit the National Museum of Australia.

At the Museum we saw Phar Lap's heart. Phar Lap died in 1931 due to poisoning. Phar Lap was only 5 years old. We also saw an outdoor sculpture of Australia's landmarks as well as the anchor from Matthew Flinders boat.

We had lunch and then had a tour of the Royal Australian Mint. We viewed the process of how all of our coins are stamped and were given a lesson on the history of Australia's currency. We saw the 'holey' dollar and the 'dump' which were used as currency in the early days of Australian settlement.

After that we went to the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament house). We got to play a fun game where we had to go around the Museum using screens and answering questions. We also had a tour of the lower house that was in use until 1988.

Finally, we ended up playing ten pin bowls, where a number of us were surprised by bowling a strike! We have had a fantastic day and are looking forward to more excitement tomorrow."

Year 5 /6 students.

*Kind regards
Judy Elks*

CANBERRA EXCURSION

Lake Burley Griffin

Written by Hamish Jeffers and Sam Smith

Have you ever heard of Lake Burley Griffin, did you know that it is a thing? I sure didn't. Did you know that Walter Burley Griffin's wife Marion was the original planner of Canberra but Walter Burley Griffin got the credit and had a lake named after him, lake Burley Griffin?



Walter Burley Griffin and his wife
Marion Mahony Griffin

In 1959 the Commonwealth Government agreed to the construction of the lake. The second stage in 1960 involved a construction of the dam, lake floor, two bridges, jetties and edges including 834 hectares of lake foreshore. The third stage commenced in 1963 this involved closing of the valves at Scrivener Dam to regulate the water flow and level of the lake. Since 1912 the lake was always a key element to Griffin's plan for the city.

Lake Burley Griffin is 11 km long and a maximum width of 1.2 km. Its walking loop is 40.2km around. Lake Burley Griffin has an average depth of 4 Metres, but next to the dam wall it has a maximum depth of 18meters. The surface area of lake Burley Griffin is 6.64 square kilometres.



The lake holds 33,000,000 cubic metres of water. It only took 6 days to fill Lake Burley Griffin after it was finished in 1963. Did you know that Lake Burley Griffin is Canberra's centerpiece?



There are also some tourist attractions and things to do on the lake such as rowing, the water park, sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking, dragon boating, fishing, model boating and stand up paddle boarding being just some of the activities available. There are also a variety of clubs around the lake.

Charles Scrivener, was the New South Wales Surveyor, he was instructed to explore all possible sites in the Yass-Canberra district. Scrivener's task was to investigate possible water catchment for the area and to prepare a contour survey for the site appropriate to house the Seat of the Government.

These are the fish in Lake Burley Griffin: Silver perch, Rainbow trout, Brown trout, Golden Perch, Redfin, European carp, Murray Cod and Gobio Gobio. Fishing is still permitted in Lake Burley Griffin.



Lake Burley Griffin is a wonderful man-made lake at the centre of Canberra with a variety of activities to do and it has lots of fish to catch and a heap of water, even though that Walter's wife should have got the credit. That is how Canberra started and what the lake has to offer.

The End

CANBERRA PHOTOS



IN AND AROUND THE CLASSROOM

In Blue Room this week we have been learning about Length and Perimeter. We were able to calculate the perimeter around the outside of our body and talk about the challenges in measuring accurately.



WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to Term 3 Week 9 award recipients:

Transition/K/1/2 - Florence, Amity, Lillian and Neve



2/3/4 -
Charlie &
Byron



CANTEEN

\$5 REGULAR MEAL OR \$7 LARGE MEAL

Week 10 - Deluxe Hot Dogs (Bacon, Cheese, Onion and choice of sauce: BBQ, Tomato or Mustard)
Or \$5 Plain cheese sandwich (toasted optional)

ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE. Orders can either be sent in to the school office or by messaging Peta on 0417 509 015. Please ensure that all money is in an envelope/bag with the child's name clearly marked. Thank you!

Dates to Remember

Mon 12 - Fri 16 Sep:
Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion
Tue 20 Sept: Wood St
Roadworks
Thur 22 Sept: PUBLIC
HOLIDAY

Fri 23 Sep:
LAST DAY TERM 3
Mon 10 Oct:
FIRST DAY TERM 4

Sat 29 Oct:
Thunderbolts Festival
Sun 4 Dec:
St Joseph's Fete