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Dog on the Tucker Box

On the way to Canberra we stopped at the Dog on the Tucker Box. It's a dog statue located in Snake Gully close to Gundagai.

It was opened by the past Prime Minister of Australia Joseph Lyons on the 28th of November 1932 as a tribute to the pioneers.

There is fountain that you can throw your money into and make a wish. By Zac

Telstra Tower – Black Mountain

On Wednesday night we all hopped on the bus and travelled to the Telstra Tower. We took the lift up to the viewing area and looked down on Canberra. We could see Parliament House, the War Memorial and Lake Burley Griffin. There was a shop at the top but I didn’t have any money left. As a treat, the teachers bought us ice creams. It was a great place to go. By Orion

Holbrook Submarine

We stopped for lunch at Holbrook in NSW. In the park there is an Oberon class submarine called the H.M.A.S Otway. Our bus driver Barry explained why it was so far away from the coast. By Zac

The Royal Australian Mint

On Wednesday we went to the Mint. It has lots of robots and machinery making Australian coins. You can get a souvenir $1.00 coin for $3.00. There was a film about how they designed the patterns and other things. They have giant vaults with over $12,000,000 in them. I had a lot of fun and hope we can go to Canberra again. By Hannah

National Art Gallery

On Wednesday morning we travelled on our bus to the National Art Gallery. We had to carry a stool to sit on while we viewed special works of art. The art we saw was very interesting and colourful. My favourite part of the gallery was when we saw a painting of the Grand Canyon and an ancient stone sculpture which was over 1000 years old. By Lachie
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Australian Institute of Sport

At the AIS we went on a tour of all of the sporting facilities where some of Australia’s top athletes train. We were lucky to see some of them in action, including a London Olympic Games Gold Medallist training in the swimming pool. Then we went into the interactive games room where there were lots of different sporting activities we could try. It was great! By Kay

Indoor Rock Climbing

We went Indoor Rock Climbing on Tuesday night. When we got there, two staff showed us how to get our harnesses on and how to hook ourselves onto the ropes and belay. We then partnered up and climbed! I reached the top of three challenging walls and a small ladder. I really enjoyed this experience. By Madeleine

QUESTACON

Questacon was one of the most exciting, enjoyable and fun places we went to. We visited 7 galleries. Each gallery had some sort of a scientific theme. The best gallery was ‘Excite’! Some of the hands on activities were free-fall, 360 degree swing, air-hockey and loads more!

Canberra Capital Country Holiday Village

After 10 hours of driving to Canberra we finally reached our destination, ‘Capital Country Holiday Village’. We collected our bags and then were told which cabin we were in. The cabins were modern with 2 bathrooms and a flat screen T.V. The food was great; you had a magnificent variety of food to choose from. For lunch there was Subway, salad rolls and PIZZA!!!!!! My favourite meals were chicken schnitzel and pizza!! By Maddie H
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NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING DISPLAY
We visited the National Capital Planning Display. We learnt how they selected Canberra as the site for our National Capital. We also discovered that a competition was held to find the best design for our new capital. We designed a monument to celebrate Canberra’s Birthday. By Stephanie

AEC
Soon after we visited Parliament house, we went to the Australian Electoral Commission. First we watched a video about the history of Australian voting. I learnt that Australia’s voting has come a long way and we are fortunate to have the system we do today. Next we did some interesting research activities about the electoral roll and voting. Finally we had a vote ourselves. The candidates were apple, banana, peach and orange. I found this place very interesting and I learnt a lot. By Madeleine

CSIRO
On the third day of Canberra camp the 5/6’s went to the CSIRO which stands for the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation. At CSIRO the scientist study and create stuff to contribute to medical research and many other useful things like wireless internet. By Zac

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL
On Tuesday the 5/6’s went to the Australian War Memorial. After going into the Discovery-zone we then went into groups and explored the exhibits. We went to see the light and sound shows talking about the war. One of them was about Australian Airmen in World War 1 and another was about the Submarine attack on Australia. And all groups saw the one about the Australian bomber G for George. By Jarrod
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War Memorial Discovery Zone

On Tuesday at the Australian War Memorial we went to the Discovery Zone. The activities we did were living in a submarine, surviving in a bunker which was awesome, hiding in World War 1 trenches and controlling a helicopter in the Vietnam War. The Discovery Zone was excellent fun. By Lachie

Parliament House Canberra

On Thursday the 11th of October the year 5/6’s visited Parliament House in Canberra to complete our study of Government in Australia. We were lucky enough to see Julia Gillard our Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition Tony Abbott. We also met Bruce Billson the Member for Dunkley which is our electorate. Bruce then gave us a rundown about his role and what would happen throughout our tour. We walked down a long hallway towards the Senate. In The Senate we heard a debate about the Great Barrier Reef. The Senate is a blossom red colour. We saw a division in the House of Representatives which is a vote on a bill. This chamber is a gum leaf colour. In the education room we role-played passing a bill. We all enjoyed the experience. By Mikayla G-J

Dear Parents

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they have participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of this tour the Australian Government has contributed funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme. These funds have been used to subsidise the travel expenses incurred.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for supporting this rewarding educational experience.

Yours sincerely
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Year 5/6 Teachers