PRINCIPAL’S REPORT—WEEK 5

STAGE 2 GREAT AUSSIE RESORT EXCURSION

This Thursday our Year 3 and 4 students head off to Bowna, on the banks of Lake Hume, for their 2 day excursion. For some this will be their first ‘sleepover’ excursion and I am sure there is a great mix of trepidation and excitement. If the reviews from last year’s excursion are anything to go by, I am sure everyone will have a fantastic time. Fingers crossed for nice weather! Thanks to Miss Lipinski, Miss Birthisel, Mr Holloway, Miss Nye and the parents accompanying our children on Thursday and Friday.

YEAR 2 EXCURSION

On Friday our Year 2 students will head off on their big day out to the Temora Rural Museum and The Roundhouse at Junee. The museum is a new local resource we are trialling to link in with our new History syllabus. Thanks to Miss Pokoney and Mrs Lawrence for organising this experience for our students.

LAST WEEK...

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Last week our Stage 3 students and teachers enjoyed a very full 3 day excursion to Canberra. There were certainly some very weary travellers on return to school last Wednesday but from the stories I have heard a good time was had by all. You can share some of their highlights in the report and photos included in this newsletter. A very big thank you to Mrs Elsley, Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Collingridge, Miss Clarke and Mr Coles who organised and supervised this excursion. It is a mammoth job which was very much appreciated.

CHORDS

Last Thursday our choral group and dance group joined with other Public Primary Schools from Wagga Wagga to take the stage at the Civic Theatre for the biennial CHORDS festival. For anyone lucky enough to attend the performance, I’m sure you will agree that it was an amazing spectacle of talent and the theme of ‘Be Inspired’ certainly rang true. Congratulations to all our performers, you did yourselves, your families and our school proud. Thank you to Miss Birthisel and Mrs Bennett for coordinating our school groups and giving up their time to rehearse and supervise our students and thank you to all the mums and dads for being so punctual for pickup.

Have a great week
Leanne Harvey
Principal
Reports case of Impetigo

**IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)**

There has been a reported case of School Sores within the school community. If your child has any of the symptoms below please act accordingly.

**Time from exposure to illness**
1 to 3 days.

**Symptoms**
Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.

**Do I need to keep my child home?**
Yes, until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.

**How can I prevent spread?**
Careful hand washing.

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**CROW ORDER FORM $17 PER COPY**

I wish to order __________ copy/ies of WWPS 2015 Crow Magazine.

PARENT/CARER NAME: ___________________________ STUDENT NAME: ___________________________

CLASS: ___________________ TOTAL ENCLOSED: ___________________

ORDERS DUE BACK BY: Friday 13th November.

The magazines will only be printed for the orders received by this date.

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**School Leavers 2015**

My child/ren: ____________________________________________ of class/es _________ will not be returning to WWPS in 2016.

Reason/School they will be attending in 2016:

___________________________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________ (Parent/Guardian) Date: ___________________________
Canberra Excursion 2015

Years 5/6 from Wagga Public School, held a major excursion to Canberra from Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th October, 2016. A great time was had by all and we experienced some of the wonderful things that Canberra has to offer.

The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) provided a $20 travel subsidy to help lessen the costs of the trip and we thank that the Australian Government for this. We participated in education programs at Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial and the National Museum of Australian Democracy, located in Old Parliament House.

On the first day of our jam-packed trip, we visited the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House and role played what it was like to sit in the Senate and the history that this holds for Australian Democracy. We enjoyed the interactive game time also. We then visited the Australian War Memorial where we had fantastic guided tours, where we became historians and looked at Primary Source historical artefacts that told a story. It was a very sobering place to visit and it made us truly appreciate the sacrifice that all Australians who have served in War have made for our country.

Then we made our way to the National Museum where we were guided by our teachers through the history of all things Australian and what has shaped our country into what it is today. The artefacts here were intriguing, with lots to see and read about in their great displays. This was followed by a tour of the Australian Institute of Sport. We got to see some elite athletes training and viewed the state-of-the-art facilities they have available. We had great fun testing our strength, agility and endurance on various sporting equipment in a hands-on gallery.

On Day 2 we again began a very busy day. We visited the Indonesian Embassy and were lucky enough to have a tour with two officials who shared some interesting stories and facts about Indonesia. We watched a traditional Indonesian shadow puppet show and listened to some traditional instruments being played. We also drove around a selection of the embassies, with their different architectural styles and levels of security.

One of the highlights of our trip came next with our trip to Questacon. We had several hours to explore the galleries and interactive displays at the Science-based centre. We loved all the different activities and then proceeded to nearly purchase a substantial part of the gift shop! The afternoon took us to the National Zoo and Aquarium, where we were amused by a variety of our furred, feathered and finned friends. A favourite part for most people was the meerkats and apes that were very ready to pose for our cameras! After dinner that evening, we visited Telstra Tower on Black Mountain. It was an amazing view of Canberra at night and you could really see the thought and planning that was put into designing the layout of Canberra. Some of us even conquered our fear of heights by going outside to the viewing tower. It was an extremely chilly night, but the cold air didn’t stop us taking a brave look.

Our final day saw us visit Parliament House, after a photo-top at Mt. Ainslie. We had an interesting tour through Parliament and sat in the public gallery of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Our wonderful tour guides explained how our Parliament works and how a ‘bill’ gets passed through Parliament. We were lucky enough to end our time with visiting our local Member for the Riverina, Mr Michael McCormack. Mr McCormack gave up his time to answer lots of our questions about his experiences in Parliament and the role he plays for members of our electorate.

Our trip then began to wind to an end with our bus making it way back to Wagga. There were many exhausted children (and teachers) from our extremely busy three days, but lots of wonderful experiences and memories were had by all. It is to be remarked that at all venues we visited, people commented on how well-behaved our students were. They should be very proud of the way they represented our school in public. Well done!

Thank you to all the Stage 3 teachers, Mr Coles and the bus drivers from Makehams, for making our trip run smoothly and be so well-organised.
Canberra Excursion

Kids loved spending their money at this spot.

BBQ at the family social night.

One of the best dancers on Friday night.

Ruby and Angel served at the cake stall.

So Cute.