



# THE GOLDEN QUILL



## Hill End Public School

### Canberra Excursion

Term 4 Week 6  
17th November 2016

#### Calendar

#### NOVEMBER

Bathurst Library Van	30
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#### DECEMBER

Presentation Night	16
Last 2016 day for students	16



Last week our senior students undertook a major excursion to the nation's capital - Canberra. The children had an exciting and wonderful adventure exploring the city and came away with new knowledge and some special experiences.

On the first day we travelled from Hill End and stopped at Cowra for lunch, we learnt a little about the Cowra POW camp before travelling on into Canberra. On the second day our first stop was Questacon. What an exciting place for children, the entire building is dedicated to making science informative, engaging and fun for children. There are literally hundreds of hands on experiments that children

can do within the centre. After lunch we were given a guided tour of the Australian Mint and the history and process of making money! After visiting the mint our amazing and informative guide Bernie Baker took us around the embassies and high commissions near Parliament House. That evening we visited Cockington Green Gardens and the miniature village. The next day we started by visiting the Australian War Memorial. The AWM is of course a place of mixed emotions for most people. It is both a place of sadness, yet also a place of great pride in reflecting on the service of Australian soldiers who have defended our nation.

After the AWM the children explored the National Zoo and Aquarium before heading to Black Mountain Tower in the evening. It goes without saying that Hill End students are always well mannered, polite and show interest in learning new things. The 2016 Canberra excursion was no exception. My warmest thanks to Will for joining us, Bernie for guiding us and Mrs Groves for teaching us! My sincerest thanks also to everyone in the community who helped support the 2016 excursion by your kind donations.

What an excursion, the students are busy writing their own trip reports that we will publish in the Golden Quill over the next few weeks. Keep an eye out for their highlights!  
Mr G



### In the Garden



Yesterday in the garden students spied an unusual bee gathering pollen from the borage, poppies and cornflowers. We had never seen one of these before, so after getting some photos of it the children went back to class to research what it was.

They found that it was a native, female Metallic Carpenter Bee. They are a solitary bee that usually burrow and live in old wood or tree trunks.

As you can see from the photo the humble honey bee was not impressed!



# Visitors



This week we had two visitors to our school. Rita Howarth came to use the Bathurst Library Depot. We would like to remind the community that the Library is open during school hours for all community members. You don't need to be a library member to use this great resource. Come along, grab a coffee and choose some great books or DVD's.

Our second visitor this week was Manou (French Grandma) Students and staff met Manou on their Canberra excursion and invited her to join them on their visit to Cockington Green. Manou was so impressed by HEPS students that she travelled back to Bathurst with Mrs Groves. Mrs Groves brought her out to Hill End so she could present some beautiful books

for our school library and some gifts for the children. Our students really do impress people!

Thank you Manou.



*"Today you are  
you, that is  
truer than true.  
There is no one  
alive that is  
youer than you."*

Dr Seuss



## In Class this Week

### Infant Reading and Writing

This week our infant reading has moved up to strengthening sight word skills.

The children have been enjoying reading a book called "How Do you make a Giraffe Laugh" and a non-fiction book called "Let's eat!" After reading these books the children have also been writing their own sentences.

Toby has just finished a non-fiction book all about aeroplanes called "Ready For Take-off" and is now reading a new exciting book called "Action Safety".

Toby loves cars, trucks and machines and certainly enjoyed learning about drag racing cars this week!

### Maths Matters

This week the infant students have been splitting half a set of numbers while Toby has been enjoying making graphs. Claire has been learning about money and rounding to the nearest five cents while our year six students have been studying percentages.

Grace has learnt the difference between area and volume and how to use formulas to calculate both, while Emma has demonstrated great skills in working with hours and minutes!

### Just for the kids

What do you call a snake in a circle? A pi - thon!

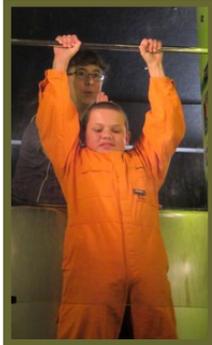
What's the king of the pencil case? The ruler

What is  $67+35+99+136+84$ ? A headache

## AWARDS

Student of the Week - Emma English  
Citizenship - Toby English  
Attendance - Ronald Merritt

# Our Excursion in Pictures



# HISTORY SNIPPET

## "Boys.

Sheds have been erected, and substantial improvements made to the material condition during the year. The organization is now very good. The school is well equipped with working appliances. About five-sevenths of the pupils are regular and punctual. The discipline is very good. The school is worked with intelligence, zeal and success .....

## "Girls.

In material condition and organization this school is similar to the boys'. The pupils attend with fair regularity. The discipline secures good order and attention. The prescribed subjects are taught. The pupils are well classified and appropriate methods are used. The average proficiency is fair."

The plan in the attachment is a copy of a plan made in 1877 to show proposed alterations and additions to be made to the existing school buildings. At the time the school was approximately H-shaped, the two vertical bars of the "H", being formed by a boys classroom 40 ft. by 17 ft. and two girls' classrooms 33 ft. by 17 ft. and 12 ft. by 17 ft. separated from one another by an infants' room 20 ft. by 17 ft. To the north of the school was the girls' playground beside the girls' classrooms, and beyond that the boys' playground. The teacher's residence stood on the south side of the school, next to the boys' wing.

It had been suggested that, to expand accommodation for girls and infants an additional classroom 22 ft. by 17 ft. be added to the girls' wing, extending that arm of the "H" by another 22 ft.



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