



THE GOLDEN QUILL

Hill End Public School

Happy Holidays!

Term 4 Week 10
15th December 2016

Calendar DECEMBER

Presentation Night	16
Last 2016 day for students	16

JANUARY

First day 2017 for students	30
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It hardly seems possible but the children have studied, worked and played together through yet another entire year.

On behalf of all the staff here at the school we would like to wish everyone a very special Christmas and a happy holiday. Planning for our amazing school in 2017 has already

started with some comprehensive and engaging programs ready in place for the students. We'll be aiming to continue in providing the highest standard in education for the children in all subjects.

We look forward to you, our community being a key aspect of our school in 2017. We hope to see you in

the library depot, if you need to use a computer, printer, fax or laminator. Enjoy the holidays – I will.

Mr G



Canberra Excursion Recount

Monday 7th of November

1st Day the Journey

Today Hill End Public School set off on a major excursion to our nation's capital Canberra. After my mum dropped me off at school Bernie put the bags into the bus and then we chose our seats to sit in for the trip. When we got to Bathurst we picked up Mrs Groves and then were off to Cowra. When we got to Cowra we had lunch. I had two wraps. Then we got

back on the bus and drove off to get to Yass. We finally reached our nation's capital city Canberra. When we got to the YHA Mr G checked into the rooms so we could go up and unpack and get settled in. Then we had dinner. We had some corn soup with bread rolls, then we had some chicken with noodles and vegetables and for dessert we had ice-cream cake. It was delicious. Then we went for a walk and saw some memorial statues. There was a horse one that represented the Australian and New Zealand army soldiers. I felt very emotional and thankful that they risked their lives for us so that we didn't have to deal with what they had to deal with.

Tuesday 8th of November 2nd

Day Mint, Questacon and Cockington Green

Today we went to Questacon. I saw a Gummi Bear anatomy. It was awesome, then we went down a massive slide. We had to wear orange overalls. My overalls where very big on me! We went to the souvenir shop. I got a pterodactyl and I also got a snow bonsai tree.

Then we went to the Royal Australian Mint where we saw sketches of the coins before the design was stamped onto the coins. I also saw a clown fish coin, it was spectacular. I really enjoyed today.

Interesting facts I learnt today. Questacon: That there was an earthquake in japan that was a 9.4 earthquake!

The Royal Australian Mint: We Learnt that the first coins came from Spain and the pieces of 8 was another coin cut into 8 pieces.

We also went to Cockington

Green Gardens.

We saw miniature buildings and I learnt that it was a family business and that it was established in 1979.

The family thought of the idea when they went to UK and saw a tiny village and then they thought of building one of their own. We went on a tiny red train that took us around the gardens.

I also saw a miniature man with his flock of sheep trying to get them into a yard, then we went to the nation part of Cockington. We saw many different buildings that originated from different countries.

When we were finished we went to the souvenir shop. I got a Cockington Green Garden book mark and some Cockington Green Garden playing cards. It was a spectacular day I wish I could go to Cockington Green every day.

Wednesday 9th of November

Today we went to the Australian War Memorial, the National Zoo and Aquarium and Black Mountain Tower.

The Australian War Memorial When we got to the Australian War Memorial we saw a statue of Simpson and his donkey. They were covered in poppies. When we went inside the memorial Mr G gave us each a poppy. Then we had to watch a video because the people at the Australian War Memorial didn't want us to touch anything and we weren't allowed to run or laugh and scream. This is because it's a very sad place and we have to respect it.

After we watched the video we went into to the actual War Memorial. We were split into two groups. William, Bernie,

Liam and Ronald were in one group and Mr G, Mrs Groves, Emma, Claire and I were in the other group.

William and his group went into WW1 and our group went into WW2. I saw a G for George Avro Lancaster, I also saw a Messerschmitt Bf 109 and a Messerschmitt Me 262. Then we went to the Hall Of Honour where we put a poppy on someone we knew. I put my poppy on the name of David Pearson.

The National Zoo and Aquarium

After we went to the Australian War Memorial we went to the National Zoo and Aquarium.

When we got to the Zoo and Aquarium we had lunch, I had a cheese and bacon pie! Everyone else ether had a plain pie or a sausage roll. We went a saw two hyenas that looked like they were dead, but they weren't. After we saw the hyenas we went to try and find a snow leopard. But we really didn't see the snow leopard because the leopard was in the shade and it was sleeping.

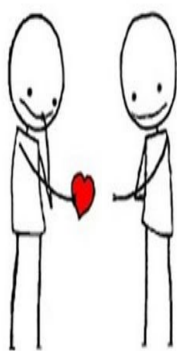
Then we went into the Aquarium. I saw a Blue Queensland Groper, a fish. Then Liam spotted a shark, there were little sharks as well but the big one was more interesting. Then we saw some starfish that we could touch. I also saw a clown fish. It was swimming in it's anemone. After that we went to the souvenir shop, I looked around for a while then I had to choose something. I got a zebra bracelet.

We went back to the YHA to have dinner. For dinner we had tomato soup with some small bread rolls. After the



*"A person's a
person, no
matter how
small, so share
a good deed
that made you
feel tall!"*

Dr Seuss



Pay it forward

soup we had beef stroganoff with more bread rolls, then for dessert we had vanilla ice-cream with whatever topping we wanted, I had vanilla, chocolate and strawberry topping! I was very full after dinner. After dinner we went back to our rooms. We all had to have showers before we went to Black Mountain Tower.

Black Mountain Tower

When we were ready we got into Bernie's bus to go to Black Mountain Tower. On the way we told jokes and Claire and I sat together, Claire and I couldn't stop laughing.

When we got to Black Mountain Tower it was raining a bit and we had to stand under a little bit of shelter. When we walked into the tower we watched a little movie about the beginning of phones. This was because Black Mountain Tower was called Telstra Tower and was used to communicate. I saw a lot of phones and then we went upstairs to go into the tower. Everyone saw a little model of Black Mountain Tower. It looked so realistic, it had every little detail.

We went out onto the balcony, it was very windy and cold as we walked around it. Then we went back inside and went to the souvenir shop I got two pens for my mum and dad one was blue and the other one was aqua. The blue one was for my dad and the aqua one was for my mum. After, we went back to the YHA. As soon as we got back to the YHA we had to get in to our PJs and go to bed.

Thursday 10th of November

The Trip Back

In the morning we had to go for breakfast and then we went back up to our rooms and packed our bags and waited outside our door.

We went down the elevator, it was very squishy. Then we went to Bernie's bus to put our bags in the bus so we could get going.

We got on the bus and set off for Cowra. When we got to Cowra we had lunch at MacDonald's. For lunch I had a wrap, it was delicious.

Then we set off for Bathurst to drop off Mrs Groves. When we got to Bathurst I helped Mrs Groves get her bags off the bus.

Then we finally got to my place. I had to get my bag off the bus and mum helped me carry it. When the bus drove away I went home.

It was the best excursion ever. I really enjoyed it.

Grace Browne Y5



Welcome



This week Trevor came in to do some photocopying. Don't forget school resources are available for community use.

Thank you

To Robert Auld for donating sawdust from the mill for our soft fall playground area. Also, thank you to the NPWS for giving their staff Dean and Casey the time to cart the sawdust to the school using their loader and truck.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY
PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR
TO EVERYONE



Two more
sleeps!
Holidays!



AWARDS

Staff of the Year - Everyone
Students of the Year - Everyone

HISTORY SNIPPET

Many Hill End people became dependent for water supply on holes which they dug near their huts. Food was very dear. Much of it was produced on farms near Bathurst and was brought by road at a charge of £12 per ton, and sold in Hill End and Tambaroona on an inflated sellers' market.

A letter dated 21st March, 1878 from Mr. Blumer to the Secretary of the Council of Education indicates that the more stable elements of the population were then starting to withdraw.

"Since Christmas (1877) the place has declined very considerably, as the accompanying return will show. Many families are leaving every week, and more intend to do so at an early date. One of the surest evidences of the unpromising state of the place is the fact that several individuals who have been here many years and who have been foremost in assisting in developing some of the principal claims, are now making preparations for an early departure."

Community Announcement - Carols in the Church

St Paul's Presbyterian Church invites you to attend the church on Christmas Eve at 6pm for carol singing.
Bring your best voice.



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