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We value: respect, responsibility, honesty, integrity and personal excellence
"OK isn't excellent"



Diary Dates

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17

Leaders Portfolio
Meeting

WEDNESDAY NOV 22

Line Dancing
at Caring Coffee Club

THURSDAY NOV 23

Reception Transition
9.00—11.30

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Partnership Review Days
Cathy

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24

Year 7 Wellbeing Day

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28

Year 7s at NHS
for Student Led
Conferences

THURSDAY NOV 30

Reception Transition
9.00– 1.30
Volunteers' Morning Tea

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

Music is Fun

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and we seem to be getting busier and busier. Concert practices are coming along well. We will start adding more practices per week and are hoping that students pretty much know their lines by now; please help them practise if they need it. High School transitions, Reception transition visits, report writing, Caring Coffee Club, Angaston Town Night and Music is Fun are some of the added extras, all on top of our normal learning program.

Canberra Trip

Our Year 7s are just back from an action-packed week in Canberra. They took part in a variety of educational programs focusing on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. We would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Australian Government which contributed funding of \$60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards these costs.

We would also like to acknowledge the work of Sallie Griffiths from Uraidla Primary School who organised the trip again this year, and particularly thank Raelene who was our staff representative and worked overtime supervising our students.



Reception Transition

Visits began today for 2018 Reception students. At this stage we have just one definite Reception, Tully Possnicker, but we do have another possible student who came today to join the JPs.

Year 8 Transition

Particularly for the Nuriootpa High students, the transition process has been modified this year.

On Tuesday Lilli-Mae had her transition day at Faith Lutheran College. Today Matthew, Hollie, Ella and Baylee-Rose attended the special Small Schools Transition day at Nuriootpa High School.

On Friday next week all of the Barossa Year 7s will attend a special Wellbeing Day at the Impact Centre, Raelene will accompany them.

And on Tuesday November 28 the Nuriootpa High Year 7s attend some short student-led conferences at the high school.

Assembly Awards

Yesterday the JP Class ran our last assembly for 2017.

Well done to all of our award winners! All of the Year 7s are to be congratulated on being such great ambassadors for Keyneton Primary on their trip to Canberra. Other Class Award winners were Sarah and Alex. Principal Awards went to Archie, Flynn, Eleanor, Brooke and Meg for trying hard and working to the best of their ability, being great helpers and displaying our school values. We are very proud of all of our KPS kids.



Playgroup Fun

Audrey, Maddie, Lachie, Blake and Liam had a wonderful time playing in the water on Monday at Playgroup. What better way to keep cool!



Help Needed Please

We have a few jobs about the yard that we need some help with please. We discussed having a working bee but it's hard to find a time that suits everyone, so if you are available at any time to pop in and do one of the jobs listed we would really appreciate it.

- Repaint the netball court lines and finish the netting (*I think Jason and Jamie have looked at that*)
- The poly tunnel needs a loose sheet fixed and it needs tidying
- Softfall—hole under a swing
- Sand and paint wooden outdoor setting
- Tidy the storage shed

Parent Opinion Surveys

The very short Opinion Survey was sent home earlier this week. Thank you to those people who have already returned them. Would you PLEASE take a few minutes to respond and **send it back to Cathy by Monday December 4.**

It is very important that we get as many returns as possible so that we have accurate information for future planning. If even four people don't respond, that's 20% of our families, so please help us have a true representation of Keyneton families as a whole. The results will be presented in the Annual Report.

Year 7 Canberra Trip

On the 5th of November all of the Year 7s went to Gumeracha Town Hall to be picked up to go to the capital city of Australia for our Year 7 camp. All the small schools from the Adelaide Hills went on the trip. We went on a bus for 19 hours and had to sleep on the bus as well. We stopped at Pinnaroo for dinner and then we stopped at Yass for breakfast.

Day 1 When we arrived in Canberra we first went to the High Court for about an hour and a half and learnt what they did in each court room. After we finished in Court 1 we went into Court 2 and did a little role play.

Soon after we went to the Mint and learnt about how the Australian coins are made. We learnt how they have a robot called Titan that can lift 1000kg barrels of coins.



Shortly after that we went to the Governor General's Residence and had a short talk with a man that is in the Navy and a lady that was an assistant. When we finished talking we had a small tour of the house and then we went into the dining room and we were able to see the Governor General. He spoke to us about how he used to be in the Army and what he does now around Australia as Governor General. After a short tour outside we went to the park where we would be staying, unpacked our gear, had dinner and went to bed! *Ella*



Day 2 At 6:30 we had a knock on the door to get up and get ready for breakfast at 7:00. After breakfast we went back to our cabin to tidy it up for room inspections and then we went down to the bus to go to Telstra Tower on the top of Black Mountain. When we arrived at Telstra Tower we took photos and looked out at the view.



After that we went back on the bus and headed to the War Memorial. We watched a video about what people did in the war. Then shortly after we had a lady show us around and she talked about a man with the name of Reg Reg who was the first Aboriginal man to fight in a war. Then we split into our school groups and put a poppy next to Lindsay Evans who went to school here and he had died in World War 2. Once we finished there we went and had a look around the museum and saw the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Then we got back on the bus and went to the Electoral Commission where we learnt how to vote and we did a role play voting for peach, apple, banana or orange. We then counted the votes and peach won. Feeling exhausted we went back to the cabin and had dinner then we went bowling. Overall I had a great time in Canberra. It was a great experience and It was interesting going to new places and learning new things. The War Memorial was my favourite by far and I even got to have my birthday there. *Baylee-Rose*



Year 7 Canberra Trip

Day 3 On Wednesday the 8th of November we went to Parliament House. It was a lot of fun and the security was like the airport. We were taken to a room where we had some food to eat. Then we did a role play pretending we were in the House of Representatives. Some of us had a role in the role play. Hollie was the Speaker and everyone else were members of Parliament. The bill was for free Wi-Fi and if we should have it or not. After the role play we had a tour of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Then we went onto the roof of Parliament House. Some people got selfies with the police officers, it was fun to watch.

Then we went to the National Museum and we had lunch outside of the museum. After lunch we went into the museum. They took us to this room where we did history things, we had to identify where some of the objects came from. Then we had to find an object that had to do with our object. Then they showed us the Aboriginal art, it looked really good. Then we went to the gift shop to buy some things.

Then we went to the Old Parliament House. We had to wear gloves to keep the old things protected. It was nice to see all the old things they had. I learnt a bit about the Prime Ministers we had in the past, it was a bit like a quiz. Next we went into the old house of the Senate and we did a role play in it. One boy was Isaac Isaacs and one girl was Quentin Bryce. They had to wear some old clothes. Then we all went back to the park and had dinner. Then after dinner we did laser skirmishing which was good fun. *Matthew*

Day 4 At 8.30 we left the camp to go to the Deep Space Centre. After an hour on the bus we listened to a lady telling us about the two big satellites at the centre. She told us how large the dish was and what it could do. Then we went inside and we had to find the information about the first lady who went into space and whoever found it first and told our guide got a NASA sticker. After we looked around the Space Centre we sat in the theatre and observed a DVD about some stars and we had to make decisions on what they looked like.

The next event was the National Library back in Canberra. We went inside where we met the tour guide and she talked to us about what they had in the library on all 7 levels. Then we went down into the lowest floor underground. We looked at some old newspapers and talked about what has changed since then. She also explained what the tubes were used for. People sent in what books they wanted down the tubes then the person at the other end used to get it on the shelves as fast as possible. We also got to see a robot named Isaac, there were two other robots. Isaac carried all the heavy books around the library so people didn't have to carry them.

Next we looked at a painting and observed what the painter was trying to say. The painting was about Captain Cook fighting against the Hawaiians. After that we left the library and went back to the park, went for a swim, had dinner and had an early night. *Lilli-Mae*

Day 5 We had to get up at 6.30 to get ready and get our bags out of our cabin and down near the dining hall. We also had to clean our entire cabin for room inspections and had to leave the cabin how we found it. Once we had our breakfast, we went back to our cabins to make sure we didn't forget anything. Then we walked down to the bus and hopped on and went to the Dinosaur Museum. At the Dinosaur Museum we learnt about the 3 periods of time. We also learnt the 3 things that determine whether an animal is a dinosaur. They have to lay eggs, have scales on their bodies and have to have legs straight down from their body. Then we went to the gift shop and heaps of people bought a lot of things.

Next we went to the AIS. When we arrived we had some chips then went into the gift shops first. We went to see the swimming pool and the gym. When we finished at the AIS we went to Questacon. There we did a lot of hands on stuff and most people went on the free fall, it was this slide that was really fun. Then we hopped on the bus and went to the shopping centre where we had about 1 ½ hours of shopping. When we finished we went back to the food court and hopped on the bus to go home. We stopped at Wagga for dinner then we travelled all night and arrived back at Gumeracha at about 7.30 am.

Overall I thought it was a great experience to meet new friends and get to go to all those amazing places in Canberra. *Hollie*

