



Keyneton Primary School

'hand in hand'

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



Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY DEC 5

Concert Practice
at the Hall

THURSDAY DEC 6

Reception Transition
All day

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7

Year 7 Well-being Day

Portfolio Meeting
Cathy

MONDAY DECEMBER 10

Concert Practice
at the Hall

TUESDAY DECEMBER 11

Dress Rehearsal
at the Hall

Concert 7pm

THURSDAY DEC 13

Fun at The REX
12.30—2.30

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14

Early dismissal
2.20pm

It doesn't seem possible that it's almost December and we only have 2 weeks of the 2018 school year left. Things are busy, busy, busy as we prepare for the concert, adding more practices per week and having our first rehearsal at the hall next Wednesday. Please help your children practise their lines if they need it; adding expression is the focus now. We've also had High School and Reception transition visits, PBAC and SunSmart awards, report writing, NAPLAN Online practice (which eventually went OK when we had the right instructions to log on) and Angaston Town Night —thank you to the P & F and helpers who've been very busy preparing.

Governing Council met for the final time for 2018 on Monday night when we discussed the progress of the Consultation process. Neville and I are meeting next Tuesday to develop an Action Plan based on key ideas raised and discussed by parents' staff and students. Governing Council feels positive about our future directions and plans for improvement, which I will share with you as soon as they are documented.

I also presented a draft of our Site Improvement Plan for next year. This will be uploaded to our website soon, but the key goals are around mastering reading comprehension strategies and increasing mathematical achievement, particularly in the area of Number.

A draft budget was approved and staffing for next year discussed. When this has been confirmed I'll let you know.

Canberra Trip

Our Year 7 girls have returned 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.

Meg, Brooke and Zehta have written about their adventures on the following pages—you might want to get a cuppa and relax as you read.



Canberra Trip

On Sunday the 12th of November Brooke, Meg and I went down to Gumeracha to get onto the bus that would take us to Canberra, we would arrive Monday morning and leave Friday afternoon.

We arrived early and were able to pick good seats so we could lie down at night. When it was time to go we said goodbye to our families and got on the bus. We stopped for dinner at a service station and then we got ready for bed. Meg and I slept better than anyone else on the bus!

Monday

We got up quite early to have breakfast at McDonalds, we were in Canberra! After breakfast we got changed and went onto the bus. Next up was the Deep Space Centre. Once we arrived all I noticed were the huge antennas that could contact people in space. Did you know that the Deep Space Centre has 5 antennas and the biggest is 70metres wide! The Deep Space Centre is currently supporting 30 missions. One thing that they're having to do in their job at the moment is making sure people get home to Earth who are far, far away.

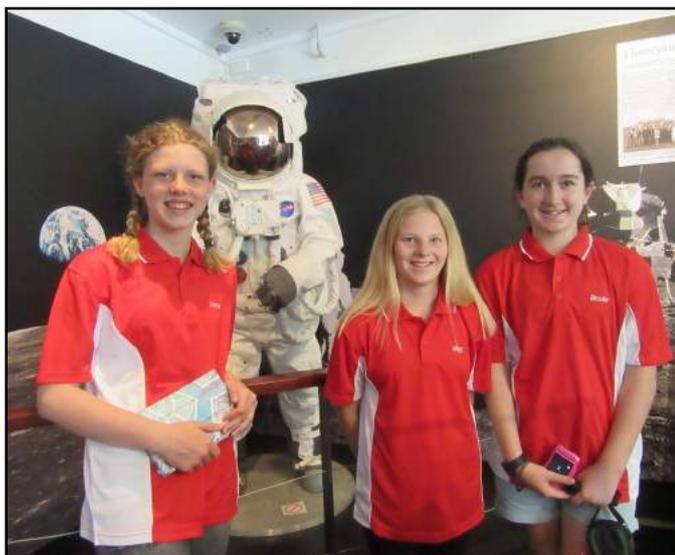
We left with our minds bubbling with new information. We next went to the food court; Brooke had Subway and Meg and I had sushi. Brooke and I went with Meg and Mrs GB to get hats in Target.

We arrived at the Governor General's Residence; it had gotten quite hot at this point. We walked through his beautiful gardens and stopped at the main entrance where we were told the rules. Unfortunately the Governor General was in Paris so we watched a pre-recorded video of him telling us what his job entails. We were given a tour of the first level of the residence as the other two levels were used privately and then we departed and headed for The Mint.

Finally we arrived at The Mint, the last activity for the day before we left for the Caravan Park where we would be staying for the rest of the week. We learnt all about The Mint and how they made their coins with a press. They had super expensive one-of-a kind coins, coins that had colours in them and coins on show that hadn't been pressed properly. We saw a robot called Titan who weighs 4.6 tonnes and can lift 1000kg. The Mint can produce up to 2 million coins per day. Brooke, Meg and I each pressed our own coins with the date on them. We thanked our tour guide and left for the caravan park.

At the caravan park we were assigned our cabins, once we were in the cabins we met our room-mates Layla, Jessie and Phyre. Over the next week we had a lot of fun with them.

That night we had dinner in the hall then watched *The Life of Four Year Old Children* show and then went to bed.



Tuesday 13th November

After a great night's sleep in an actual bed we were ready for a big day ahead of us. Our first stop was the Telstra Tower. It was about a ten minute drive from where we were staying. As we drove up the hill the view was amazing, you could see all of Canberra from the top of the hill. We headed inside the Telstra Tower where there were pictures and a small model of the Tower. There were so many big windows that let the light in and made the room so bright and look bigger. When we were finished looking down stairs we went up on the roof. The view was amazing, we could see right to the edge of Canberra, you could also see all the places we were going to during the week. The Telstra Tower was really good and I really enjoyed it.

Next we went to the High Court; this was also really interesting because there was an actual court case going on. The case was about the richest lady in Australia, Gina Rinehart, and her children. We got to watch this case for 10 minutes, they used very technical language and it was hard to understand. We also went into courts 1, 2 and 3. I really liked the High Court and I think if you have the chance you should go to have a look at it too.

After lunch we went to Old Parliament House where we learnt about the history of Federation and how elections work. We also had our own election with fruits as the candidates. It was between apple, banana, orange and peach. Apple won and peach came second.

Then we went back to the camp site and we had tea. After tea we went out for bowling.



Wednesday the 14th of November

The first stop was Parliament House where we met our tour guide. He first took us to sit in a room that looked over the House of Representatives. On our way to the House of Representatives we walked above a fountain that is in the centre of Parliament House. It is there for two reasons. The first reason is so that no-one can stand in the middle of Parliament House. The other reason is so that the public can't hear what the politicians are saying and also so the politicians can't hear what the public is saying either, this happens because the fountain is so loud. When we came to the House of Representatives the tour guide told us about how the politicians get elected into the House of Representatives, what their jobs are, where they sit and other interesting facts.

The last thing we did at Parliament House was go into the public area of the Senate. Before we went in we had to go through security because there were real politicians in there. It was very confusing and I couldn't understand most of it or even what they were talking about.

After lunch we went into the National Museum. We met a tour guide who took us to the theatre where we watched a video about a famous photographer who took photos of places most people couldn't go. We went on a fast tracked look through the Museum at some important things from Australia's history. This included the first Australian Olympic medals, coins from the Gold Rush and artefacts from Cook's journeys.

We finished the day with Laser Skirmish.

Thursday 15th November

On Thursday we went to the War Memorial where we watched a video that told us that we have the Memorial to respect the fallen soldiers who have fought for Australia and died. We had a tour guide and he showed us around the different sections of the War Memorial. My favourite part was probably the tunnel that looked like it would have been in the war. We also saw the people's names who died for Australia on the Wall of Remembrance that. I have a few relatives who died during WW2 and I tried to find them but couldn't. I really liked the War Memorial but it was sad that we couldn't stay there for longer.

Next we went to Old Parliament House; it was really interesting. We had to wear gloves to protect the historical objects. We went to an area with lots of touch screen computers where we had to learn about the history of people power and what they had done to let everyone have a say. Then we went to the Old Senate which was a darker red than the New Parliament House's Senate. We did a role play and some people got to dress up. I was really interested in the history of the Old Parliament House.

After that it was lunch where we had sandwiches again!

Then we went to the National Library and first we looked around in the Captain Cooks exhibition of his three voyages. We went into a private area where only staff could go. We went underground three levels; one level had tubes that they could send notes up to different levels. Zehta tried it out and she said it was really fun. Another level that we went to had robots that help humans find the books they are looking for. They had four of them called *Isaac* 1, 2, 3 and 4. On the last level there were lots and lots of books. The Library was really interesting and educational. I also know if you are a book worm like Zehta you would love it so much more!

We went back to the Caravan Park after we had finished looking through the library. We could have gone in the pool again but it was a bit cold so we decided to stay in our cabins. We had another yummy dinner and then went to bed.

Friday the 16th of November

The first place we went to was the Dinosaur Museum where we went on a tour of the museum. We learned about the three stages of the Mesozoic period (when the dinosaurs lived). The Jurassic period is the most famous because this was when the herbivores started getting bigger because they would just eat and eat because the plants were weak and the megafauna started losing their population. The final stage of the Mesozoic period was the Cretaceous and is normally forgotten even though it was when they had the biggest dinosaurs because they had evolved and grown a lot. We then went to the gift shop and took some photos outside before we hopped back on the bus and headed for AIS for morning tea.

We toured the main buildings at AIS. We saw the swimming pool that cost \$5.5 million to build, has a tunnel underground that looks into the swimming pool from the side underwater. We went to the gym where the athletes can spend 2-8 hours each day depending on which sport or event they compete in. We saw the volleyball courts; the tallest volley-baller is 212cm tall, can jump 90cm and is from the men's senior team. Afterwards we went to where the gymnasts train, then into the original building at the AIS. The AIS was built because at one of the early Olympics Australia sent 180 athletes to compete in over 115 events and they only brought back 5 medals, 1 silver and 4 bronze. At first the AIS only supported 8 sports and now has grown to many more. The next thing we did was go into Sportex to play some simulated games of different sports, then headed to Questacon for lunch.

At Questacon, we started at the top and made our way down. It was all very interesting and I enjoyed it all, we spent about 5 minutes in each section.

After some shopping we hopped on the bus and headed for Wagga Wagga for dinner, then headed home. We all had heaps of fun in Canberra and learnt lots too. Thank you to Mrs G-B for accompanying us and to Lyndsey Martin from Gumeracha who took on the mammoth task of organising the trip.

Zehta, Meg and Brooke

Visit from Stephan Knoll

On Friday the 23rd of November Stephan Knoll, our local state member for Schubert, came to our school to talk about his job. He is a member of the Liberal Party which was elected as South Australia's State government in the recent election. He is now the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government. This term our class has studied Civics and Citizenship; the Year 7s studied Federal Government and learnt about this more in Canberra, while the rest of the Primary Class learnt about our State Government.

Before Stephan Knoll became a politician he worked for his family business which is now called *Barossa Fine Foods*. He lives in Angaston and has 2 little girls and is excited to help all the people in the Barossa region.

One of the things he is pleased to see completed was the rebuilding of the road from Angaston to Keyneton; this took 4 years to be approved. He told us that there will be an outdoor cinema this summer in Angaston where the movies will be projected onto the side of an old carriage.

We asked him some questions about his job and told him some things we would like to see improved in the Barossa, especially for the young people of this region.

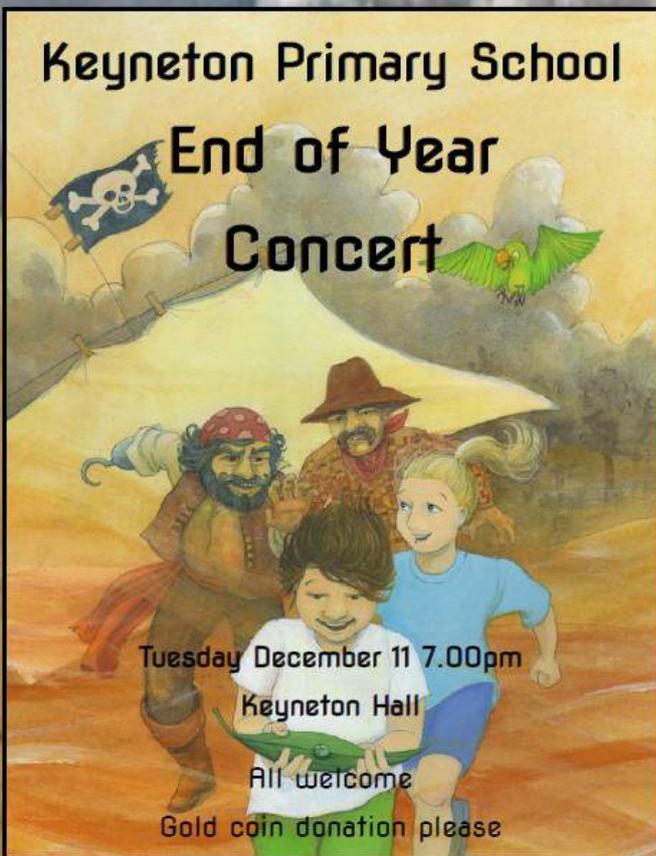
By Brooke Hearnden

SRC Reporter

One Drop of Rain

Keyneton Primary School

End of Year Concert



Tuesday December 11 7.00pm

Keyneton Hall

All welcome

Gold coin donation please

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Music by Glyn Lehmann

Starring the students of Keyneton Primary School



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**Library Books
were all due back this
week.
Please check that you
don't have any hiding at
home.**



Keyneton Christmas Party – Friday December 7th

This year we are encouraging the children
to get into the Christmas spirit and enter the
Decorated Push Bike Competition.
So drag out the pushy from the shed
and begin decorating to join in the fun!!

Look forward to seeing lots of amazing bikes!

From the Keyneton Progress Committee



TERM 1 NEWS

Some of you already know
that I will be on long
service leave for the first 4
weeks of next year.

I am very pleased to
announce that Bec Jamieson,
who replaced me at the end
of last term, is looking
forward to getting KPS off
to a great start for 2019.