

Beaumaris Primary School



Sydney Canberra Tour 2009

Saturday & Sunday 24th/25th October:

Our Tour Group arrived in Sydney safe and sound. It was a good trip. Everyone has readily settled into the tourist mode and are all excited. Saturday was an orientation day, checking out parts of Sydney and enjoying the sites. Sunday was spent dodging the rain in between excursions including Taronga Zoo and the Opera House which were highlights.

For parents who rose early they would have also seen the group on Channel Seven's 'Sunrise' show. If anyone happened to copy the program clip could they please make an additional copy for the school?

Everyone is in high spirits and is thoroughly enjoying the tour! Our news snippets are provided courtesy of Mr Offer. Tomorrow the group depart Sydney for Canberra, via coach.

Monday 26th October:

The trip from Sydney incurred a lot of traffic due to protests but the journey to Canberra went well. It was quite wet and cold in Sydney however they had a lovely meal last night and they took the kids shopping at Darling Harbour.

Leaving Sydney there was a lot of traffic due to the protest, but the trip to Canberra was smooth and restful. Today the students visited Questacon and the Canberra War Memorial, which always is quite moving.

It's cold and windy in Canberra but everyone having a great time... and...it's off to see snow tomorrow! The group can't wait!!

Tuesday 27th October:

Snow! Snow! Snow! What a great time for the tourists! Alpine Highway had three metres of snow on it, forcing the groups coach to turn about and redirect their day to Perisher snow fields. Here they went tobogganing, snowball fighting and making snow angels.

Everyone had terrific fun, including staff!!! Everyone is very happy and having a great time!!

Wednesday 28th October:

Another great day for our tourists! Today they visited the National War Memorial and lunched overlooking Lake Burley Griffin. They also visited Old Parliament House and the National Art Gallery, concluding visits with an Embassy Tour Drive, seeing how the other half live and operate.

The group have been outstanding ambassadors, not only for the school, but for our entire community. Wherever they go people have volunteered complimentary remarks about their behaviour, interest and knowledge. Everyone, including staff, are very happy and having a great time! It has been hectic so there a few tired little and big tourists by the end of the day.

This has been a wonderful experience for everyone!

Thursday 29th October:

Another great day for the Tour Group! The morning was spent visiting the National Museum and High Court, followed by lunch with our local Federal Member, Dr Mal Washer and his Secretary Gloria. Proved to be a great lunch!!

Then it was photo's on the roof of Parliament house (with school flag) before a visit inside the House of Representatives.

Everyone continues to have a great time! Tonight will be 'concert night' with various group performances. Let's hope the staff have an act as well!

Friday 30th October:

The week has quickly drawn to an end, with the group returning to Sydney, but visiting the Bradman Museum on the way. They also visited Lunar Park where they have had a great lunch and a bit of fun as well. This afternoon they have had a bus tour of Bondi and other parts of Sydney and later this evening they check into Sydney Air Port for their flight back home.

Parents, please note:

The flight home is leaving an hour earlier, so the new arrival time in Perth is now approximately 9:15pm.