#### **Welcome back Mrs Newans**

Welcome back to Term 4, and a special welcome to Mrs Newans who has returned from Maternity Leave 2 days per week. I am sure Mrs Newans is very excited to be back amongst lots of the students she has taught in the past.

#### **New Bells**

We have had a new bell system installed in the school, which will allow us to have a nicer sounding bell and new sounds for our evacuation and lockdown safety alarms. Over the next week or two we will be introducing the new sounds to the students and staff and practising the evacuation and lockdown drill. We apologise to our neighbours for a malfunction in the system on Tuesday night, and hope that by the time you get this newsletter, all problems will have been rectified.

#### Congratulations to our Public Speaking Finalists

We are very proud of our four students who represented the school at the Public Speaking Finals on Tuesday – Tristan Ruisi, Elayna Nguyen, Chloe Athanasiou and Danijela Dujo. A huge congratulations to Tristan, our Kindergarten representative, who won the Hoxton Public Speaking Final. Tristan has made history at Edensor Park PS as the first Kindergarten student to achieve such a great result. Congratulations Tristan, what an impressive skill to have at such a young age. Thank you to the staff, family and friends who supported them on the day.

#### No parking or stopping in driveways

Please remember whilst driving your children to school, that stopping across driveways, particularly our school driveway at the rear of the canteen, may incur a fine. Apart from that, if you have stopped there to let your children get out and our 'dumpster' garbage truck comes, he will not stop to collect the school rubbish, and we will be forced to pass on the cost of that pick up to the parent blocking the driveway. The driver of the truck has had this happen recently, and the number plate of any offending car will be passed on to the school. Each Remondis garbage pick up is at a cost of \$77.

#### 2014 Kindergarten Orientation

It was very exciting to meet the parents and some of the children at our Kindergarten Orientation, who will be part of our school community in 2014. They received a very informative talk about the wonderful things our school provides, advice on how best to prepare for school, and the opportunity to have a walk around our school grounds. We look forward to meeting all of our 2014 Kindergarten students during the next 3 weeks of Kindergarten Transition on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

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# Congratulations to our Public Speaking Finalists

Tristan Ruisi, Elayna Nguyen, Chloe Athanasiou and Danijela Dujo

We are proud of you!

(Especially Tristan—Winner of Hoxton Park Public Speaking Competition)

## Kindergarten

Transition Program 2013:

Tuesday: 22nd, 29th October, 5th November Thursday: 24th, 31st October, 7th November





# Enrol now for Kindergarten 2014



Children who turn five before 31st July 2014 are eligible to start school next year.

If you have a child, or you know of any children in Edensor Park who will be ready to start school next year, please call into the office now for an enrolment form.

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability - 2013

Our school is participating in the first year of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with additional learning needs.

This important data collection will reflect the support that is already being provided to students and will focus on the steps the school is taking to ensure that all students can access education on the same basis. The data will be used to inform future planning by governments and education authorities and will help us to better support the participation of all students in our school and all other NSW public schools.

The data collection will focus on the adjustments that are being made by teachers and schools to support individual students to access and participate in education. Schools will collect information already available in the school about:

- The level of adjustment being provided to support students with additional learning needs to participate in their schooling like all other students
- The number of students who receive each level of adjustment
- The student's type of disability (if applicable)

The data collection process will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The school will provide the information to the Department of Education and Communities' Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation. The data that is sent by the school to the Centre will be done in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified. The Centre will remove further identifiable features, such as school name, when it gives this data to the Commonwealth. This ensures that the privacy and confidentiality of all students is protected.

All information collected by the Commonwealth and the Department is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. The Commonwealth follows the requirements of the *Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988* and the Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please make an appointment at the office to see Mrs McCosker.



EFTPOS FACILITIES
ARE AVAILABLE FOR
TRANSACTIONS
OF \$15 AND OVER

Last Day of Term 4 for students is Wednesday, 18th December 2013





DO NOT READ THIS PAGE

if you are a TEACHER



The information on this page is for the eyes of STUDENTS AND PARENTS ONLY

Ok kids, mums, dads and carers, can you keep a secret? Can you follow these instructions to give our teachers a very special day on......

### World Teachers' Day Friday, 25th October 2013

We think that we are very lucky to have such wonderful teachers at our school and would like to make this day a special one for them.

We want them to know just how much we appreciate everything they do for us and all the time they spend working to make our school such a fun place to be.



### TOP SECRET PAGE for students and parents only ... TEACHERS—Do not read:)



What you have to do next Friday, 25th October, is pack your best behaviour and your biggest smiles in your bag and come to school dressed as a teacher!



Throughout the day, we will surprise our teachers with all sorts of activities and treats and you will have to be ready to help us.

By the end of the day, we hope that our teachers will know that we love them and that they are appreciated for the great work that they do.

So, don't forget, on FRIDAY, 25th OCTOBER, you can be a teacher for the day! Well, at least you can LOOK like one!



### Yrs 5 & 6 had a great time

Yr 5 & 6 students attended Canberra in the last week of last term, where they participated in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school and has been considered in the costing for this excursion.



My favourite memory of Canberra is scaring Jake at night. We were playing murder in the dark. None of them could find me, but Coby Morgan and William N. did. I scared Jake Pasnin by hiding under his bunk bed and after around 15-20 minutes I scared him by grabbing his legs from under the bunk bed. That was very funny.





By Evelyn Tran 5/6K

Canberra was awesome! We got to go to lots of different places, like Cockington Green, Dinosaur Museum, Old Parliament House, Questacon, War Memorial and way more. Firstly, at Cockington Green they had lots of models and figurines. We walked around and we saw a naked figurine in a river. Dinosaur Museum was cool because we got to see dinosaur models and learnt about the dinosaurs. We also went to Old Parliament House and we got to see The Senate (the red room) and the House of Representatives (green room). We also went to Questacon. It was so overwhelming to see the huge slide that went straight down then curved and went straight again—it was so FREAKY!! and the earthquake house that felt like a real Lastly, we went to the War Memorial. It was cool because we got to see the unknown soldier's grave.

By Sarah Lewis 4/5H

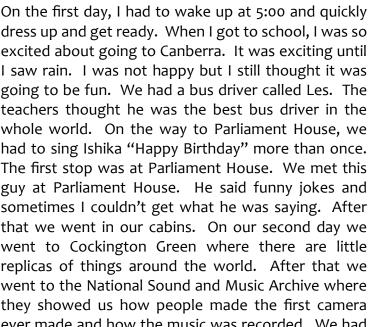
I was so happy to go to Canberra but I had to wake up so early and I nearly fell asleep on the way to school. I wanted to sit near all my friends so badly on the way to Canberra. The first place we went to was New Parliament House. We had a funny tour man. We went to the Senate first then to the House of Representatives. When we went to the hotel we started looking for plugs to charge our technology. I found the first plug. There were two but we needed three plugs. We had a meeting in the common room. We had spaghetti for dinner and it was really good spaghetti. We went back to our cabins and we played Murder in the Dark. I was in-I had a torch and found a new plug. We were so excited to find one and we plugged in another charge cord and continued playing our game. The second day came and we went to the Archive and watched videos. We went to another place but I can't remember what place it was then we came back to the hotel, had dinner and went to the Dinosaur Museum. The third day came and we went to the War Memorial and Cockington Green. We went back to the hotel and had dinner. On the last day we went to Geosciences and Questacon. My favourite part was the big slide. We went back on the bus and went back to school. Canberra was the best. I want to go there again. By Jake Pasnin

### in Canberra!



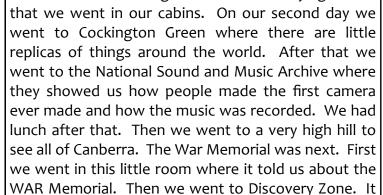
The Year five and six camp to Canberra was fun. We went to the National Capital Exhibition, Parliament House, Cockington Green, The National Museum, Geoscience Australia, The Institute of Sport, and my favourite part ... Questacon! I liked Questacon because of all the science stuff there. While we were there, we stayed in a hotel and shared rooms with our friends. I didn't get the top bunk—William did, but that was ok. The food at the hotel was really yummy, especially breakfast. The Dinosaur Museum was awesome as well, and if you touched the dinosaurs (when you weren't allowed to) they'd wake up and roar! Yikes!!! The carnivores roared loud!!! ..Coby Morgan 5/6K







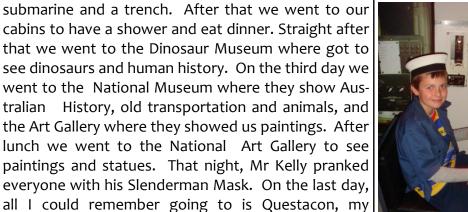




is still in the War Memorial but it was a program for schools. We were allowed to go in a helicopter, a









lunch we went to the National Art Gallery to see paintings and statues. That night, Mr Kelly pranked everyone with his Slenderman Mask. On the last day, all I could remember going to is Questacon, my favourite place when we were in Canberra. Questacon is almost all about science. My favourite part of Questacon was when you hold onto a bar and you slide down the slide. It felt awesome. On our way back to school, Les let us play in a little park for a while. Canberra was the best excursion I've ever had. By Bennedict Simamora 4/5H



I had fun at Canberra and I think rest of my school that came had fun too. We went to new parliament house, old parliament house, institute of sport, dinosaur museum and the list goes on and on. But my favourite thing to do was spend time with my friends inside my cabin and outside of my cabin. We played lots of games, talked a lot and now we know who they really are. Thank you to Mr Kelly, Miss Moi and Miss Hayes for taking me on this wild journey. By Joel Simpson 5/6K



#### 6M's Recounts...

#### The best place that we went to in Canberra was Questacon...

- It has many fun rides like the free fall and the earthquake house. (Kane Kasemchainan)
- It had nine floors of games. It was so much fun. (Melissa Winfield)
- Because there was so much stuff to try and touch. There were nine floors and they were so interesting. I especially loved the free fall because you put on a jumpsuit, than hung, then fell. It's the best fall I've ever had. (Sam Carr)
- Because we saw all the cool sciencey stuff... and a robot.
   (Jakov Kapitanovic)
- It had a floor of games. It was so much fun. (Melissa Winfield)
- It was the most fun and it was very interactive. We could touch all these weird experiments. (Mathew Petkovic)

#### The best place that we went to in Canberra was ...

- The Institute of Sport, because we were playing basketball.
   (Chelsea Pham)
- The Institute of Sport. It was filled with all sorts of active sports and we even got to see some. (Danijela Dujo)
- The Dinosaur Museum, because I've learnt a lot about dinosaurs. I didn't know a bird was a dinosaur. (Tommy Le)
- Cockington Green Garden and Questacon. (Divashli Dayal)
- Institute of Sport, because we got to experience how hard Olympians train. (Karla Markovic)
- The Dinosaur Museum, because it was informative and it was fun. The whole point was to have fun and learn so I thought it was a good place. (Dragon Soumpholphakdy)
- The Dinosaur Museum was awesome because we went there at night time. It was like the dinosaurs were coming to life. It was amazing. (Tatijana Moric)













#### The funniest thing that happened was when...

- We were all sleeping in our room and Anthony fake farted. The trip was great—I really enjoyed myself. I saw many things... Kane
- When Christian came into our room and lay on a bed. Something bad was on his face. He screamed "Oh my god" ad ran out of the room... Melissa
- When I was coming down from the bunk bed, I tripped and landed on my face.
   It was so funny. I had the best time of my life... Sam
- Sarah was shaking after the slide at Questacon.
- Kane landed on a packet of chips and chips went flying everywhere... Mathew
- We were at the park and students were spinning Miss Moi and she nearly fell off... Chelsea
- Mr Kelly came into the cabins with a horror mask and scared everyone... Danijela
- There were a lot of funny moments but the funniest would have to be when everyone was sleeping, and from nowhere, Anthony made a fart noise! ... Tommy
- When Sarah went on the slide, she kept on yelling until she came down... Divashli
- The funniest and scariest moment in Canberra was when Mr Kelly walked in, scaring us... Karla
- When everyone was sleeping, Anthony made a fart sound and then everyone else started doing it... Dragon
- When we were all sleeping—well, trying to—and Jardelliah was snoring and we all started throwing things at her. Now, that was funny alright! ... Tatijana

#### Overall...

- The trip was great—I really enjoyed myself. I saw many new things. By Kane Kasemchainan
- Canberra was the best, fantastic and the most awesome experience that anybody will ever have... Jakov
- I had the best time of my life. .. Sam
- Canberra was the best fun place I've ever been to with my friends. .. Alven
- It was an awesome experience and really fun... Mathew
- Canberra was a very fun experience... Chelsea
- Canberra was filled with laughter and excitement; it was an experience that I will never forget... Danijela
- The whole, entire trip of Canberra was funny and awesome!.. Tommy
- For me, Canberra was the best place—people should visit there... Divashli
- A memorable experience! .. Karla
- I thought that Canberra was the best camp ever, thanks to Miss Moi, Mr Kelly and Miss Hayes... Dragon
- I had the best time of my life. I wish I could go again... Tatijana

2/3E have been learning about how to write interesting descriptive stories.

#### THE HAUNTING

#### By Anthony Zic

One dark stormy night, on top of Mt Everest was a HUMONGOUS mansion where no one has ever been in. The mansion was old and overgrown. I had to go into the old mansion to retrieve the golden armour. I was walking on the old black walkway towards the creaky wooden steps. The door opened automatically. I was HORRIFIED!

It was all dark inside. The first thing I saw was the stairs. I decided to walk up the creaky wooden stairs. I was tired. I saw a bedroom door and opened it slowly. There was a bed with a red cover. I walked to the bed and pulled the sheet and.... AHHHHH!

THERE WAS A SKELETON IN THE BED! I ran out of the bedroom and closed the door. I ran to the bathroom and when I opened the door... THERE

WAS BLOOD ON THE MIRROR! I screamed and ran as fast as I could. I slammed the door shut. I saw a staircase and walked up. It made a creaking sound. On top of the staircase was another room AND... the light was switching on and off. I had to get the golden armour so I decided to go in.

As I approached the door I opened it carefully and saw... a chest. I walked towards the chest and opened it. THERE IT WAS, THE GOLDEN ARMOUR! I wasn't alone, I felt someone stalking me. As I left the

room with the golden armour on, I investigated and on the staircase was a.... WHITE SHADOW!



### Mini Fete

### Wednesday, 13th November 2013



There are only a few weeks to go until our Mini Fete! Thanks to everyone who has already donated some of the items required for this exciting event.

Please continue to bring in your donations and money for tokens as early as possible, and

before the 13th November.







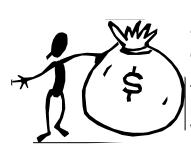
Sprinkles
Ping Pong Balls
Tennis Balls
Tattoos
Plastic Cups, Tea Spoons
Long Balloons



#### Showbag Orders Close Friday, 1/11/13

Showbags must be ordered on a pre-paid basis. Orders must be returned to the office by Friday, 1st November. Order forms are available from the front office.

#### **Buy your tokens today!**



Money should be brought to the office, in an envelope marked "School Fete", with the child's name, class and the amount enclosed written clearly on the front.

There will be no money exchanged on stalls on the day of the mini fete. On the day, a banker's table will be set up for parents who wish to purchase additional tokens.



### Dates to Remember

October 18 Book Club Orders Close

23 P&C Meeting

November 01 Last day for Mr Show Bags orders

11 Remembrance Day

13 Mini Fete

14 Bonnyrigg HS Taster Day

28 P&C Disco

December 04 Yr 6 Farewell

11 Presentation Day

13 Parent Helper Morning Tea

18 Last day of school for 2013!

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January 29 Yr 1-6 Students return for Term 1

30 Kindergarten classes commence

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