Year 6 & 7 Sydney Canberra Trip

During the last week of term 3, 45 Year 6 and 7 students experienced the sights, sounds and atmosphere of Sydney and Canberra. Their jam-packed itinerary included Taronga Zoo, Opera House, Sydney Harbour Bridge Pylon, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Aquatic Centre, Scenic World, Australian Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, and National Archives of Australia.

Some highlights:
* unusual animals like the giraffes, elephants and zebras at Taronga Zoo
* listening to the Sydney Symphony Orchestra rehearse in the great hall
* many interactive displays at the Powerhouse Museum
* an hour of swimming at the Aquatic Centre where the 2000 Olympics were held
* riding the steepest roller coaster down the hill to see the coal mine display at Katoomba.
* interactive displays at the AIS.
* participated honourably in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, and listened intently to a war veteran speak of his service to our country during and after the Second World War
* visited both houses of Parliament, listened intently to our guide and answered and asked some great questions. We also found Arthur Fadden’s portrait hanging in Parliament House
* After visiting the National Archives one student commented, “I thought that was going to be boring, but it was actually interesting.”

The group returned home on the Friday afternoon both tired and excited after much learning and experiencing.
School Photos
School photos will be held on Monday 13\textsuperscript{th} October. Please ensure your child has their full school uniform for Monday. Also students in special photos will need their appropriate uniforms, for example: Sports captains will need their sports shirt as well, Capricornia representatives will need their Capricornia Shirt, Instrumental students will need uniform as required by the Instrumental teacher and their instrument. Looking forward to a smooth day.

Learn to Swim – Junior Lifesaving program
The annual Learn to Swim – Junior Lifesaving program will be held on the Tuesdays and Thursdays in Week 4 to 8, commencing on Tuesday 28\textsuperscript{th} October and finishing on Thursday 27\textsuperscript{th} November. This is a part of the schools HPE curriculum. Further information about cost and the allocated days for classes will be sent home in the next few days. Please ensure your child has their swimming gear for their day. Appropriate, modest swimming attire is required to be worn by all swimmers. Swimming goggles and caps are optional.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CALLUM SQUIRES & JOSHUA HARDING
Two students from Walkerston State School; Joshua Harding and Callum Squires were selected for the U12 Redbacks for Mackay Representative Soccer.
They played in the John Bomben Carnival held in Cairns 21/09/14 to the 26/09/14.
They played teams from Mackay, Townsville, Cairns district and Papua New Guinea and made it to the Grand Final in the Pool A Division. There they defeated PNG 2 – 0.
This was a major win for Mackay Soccer to take out the Pool A Division.