The Flight to Canberra
On Friday, the 27th November, CPS took flight to Canberra. When we were about to go to Gate 4 in the airport our parents were getting teary eyed. When we checked in our bags and went through the security check lots of people got caught having scissors in their hand luggage! While we waited at Gate 4 everyone had their earphones in. We then boarded the aeroplane! We flew on Qantas airlines. Everyone was nervous and excited when we boarded the plane. When we landed in Canberra it was 10.30pm and when we got to Gold Creek we had to go straight to bed.

Ava, Liz, Jess, Chloe

National Portrait Gallery
On the 28th of November the Year 6’s visited the National Portrait Gallery in Canberra. Although we were tired, we enjoyed looking at significant portraits on people that have made an impact throughout Australian history, such as Julia Gillard. One of the highlights of the tour was when we saw the famous Ned Kelly death mask.

Sienna, Jing, Madison J, Sakura, Amber

Royal Australian Mint
On the 28th November, after lunch, we caught the bus to the Royal Australian Mint. Here are three words to describe it: fascinating, modern and shiny! We first watched a video on how coins are made before having a tour of the mint. Many of us bought coins as souvenirs. There were a lot of expensive items on display such as a crown with emeralds and diamonds.

Ryan, Owen, Abner, Zane

National Archives
On Saturday we went to the National Archives where they collect important documents and artefacts. When we walked into the dark room all we could see was black sheets covering rectangular boxes. They were held up by a massive metal bar. When the guide lifted the cover he told us to gather around. He explained that the document was the original constitution and that the Queen’s signature was fading. The room was kept dark to preserve it for longer.

Jarod, Lawrence, Isaac

AMF Bowling
On the 28th November at 7.30pm we went bowling. On the way there Miss Tan made Bus 1 sing the graduation song. At bowling we had to get into groups of seven or eight. We then got assigned a lane and had to enter our names onto the scoreboard. Our group got off to a rocky start but by the end the highest score was 72 and the lowest score was 12. There are three ways to describe bowling: energetic, fun and challenging. Overall it wasn’t about the scores. It was about having fun with your friends.

Madison H, Maddison, Aspen, Olivia
**Cockington Green**

On the 29th November we went to Cockington Green, the miniature village. This is where we got to see beautiful buildings in a much smaller version. The buildings are in a 1:12 scale. This means if the building is 12 metres high it will be a 1 metre model.

Abbey, Shaye, Shreya, Aiesha

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**Australian Institute of Sport**

On the 29th November we visited the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). We toured around the facilities with a rugby player and an athletics speed walker. We saw the swimming pool and the gymnastics centre before seeing a volleyball game. We were taken to the interactive games room called Vortex before heading down to the shop.

Samuel C, Mason, Travis, Riley

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**Bike Riding**

On Sunday the 29th November we went bike riding around Lake Burley-Griffin. When we started we were all over the place. The teachers made us ride in single file. It was jam packed! It took us about 45 minutes. Some people got a double bike that they got to share. After our ride we got some water and went back to our resort to get ready for dinner.

Jonathan, Jack, Zong, Eric

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**Questacon**

On Sunday the 29th November, after lunch, we went to Questacon. Questacon is like a massive Scitech. It has three floors and five different sections. The newest attraction was a section called ‘Spiders’. It told us about different spiders and what they do. Our favourite part was when we got to verse a robot in air hockey. Questacon left our blood pumping and our heart racing!

Samuel C, Mason

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**Quiz Night**

At 8.15pm we picked our groups of eight and started the first round of our Quiz. There were ten rounds with 10 questions but it got shortened to six rounds as we were running over time. The themes included: maths, geography, sport, fact or fishy and general knowledge. The winning team ended up with a total of 45 points and they were called the Legendary Legends!

Kade, Conor, Blaize, Cody
National Film and Sound Archives

On the 29th of November, we visited the National Film and Sound Archives. At the archives we went to the theatre where we watched a set of clips recovered by the archives. The archives job is not to just keep track of Australian clips, but to preserve them. The first clip we saw was the original music video of A.C.D.C performing It's a Long Way To The Top. We were able to see the first ever Aeroplane Jelly advertisement, which was made during WW1. The last clip we watched was the Kelly Gang movie, apparently found in a rubbish tip with the movie so badly “infected” that it lost about 55 minutes of footage. At the end the lecturer set up an activity ordering the video/sound recorders in chronological order. We had an enjoyable time and this moment will definitely be recorded in our mementos. Dimitrije

Embassy Drive

On Monday the students went around all the embassies and played a game trying to guess the countries the embassies came from. In case you didn’t know an embassy means the official residence or offices of an ambassador. Even though we had just come back from a surprise visit from the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove some people still fell asleep on the bus. Other people were calling out the names of the embassies as we passed them. Natasha

Museum of Australian Democracy

On Tuesday we went to the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House. Inside the museum we visited the Parliament House library, which is now an exhibit of the museum and as part of a special exhibit we saw the dress suit worn by Dame Quentin Bryce, our 25th Governor General. From there we went to the former House of Representatives. We did a role play that recreated a decision to keep the Speaker’s chair (given as a gift from the United Kingdom) to stay at old Parliament House or move to new Parliament House. Latetia

The High Court

One of the really amazing things we did was visit the High Court. Our tour guide was Cecil and he did an amazing job at teaching us about Court Room One. In this room all the decisions about good laws and bad laws are made. Using the constitution, the court makes the new laws work. What is a constitution you might ask? Well, the constitution of Australia was signed by the Queen in 1901 when all the Australian colonies federated to become one nation. In that constitution it says the laws that have been made and how the government should be run and how to look after the people. After the government decides on a law it is up to the court to decide how to apply it. Erin

National Gallery

You are probably wondering what it is. In the National Gallery there are amazing art pieces! The first art piece was the floor as they were working on it when we walked in. The next artwork was the Aboriginal Memorial. For the coffins they have large hollow trunks to put the bones inside and on the outside of the trunk there were dot painting that represented the person who sadly passed away. The third piece of art was a quite strange realistic 3D model of a man holding a blob fish. A blob fish is a fish that is nearly extinct. As for the man, the hairs on the sculpture were real and he was standing on an iceberg. The next artwork was a Ned Kelly series of paintings by Sidney Nolan. Sidney Nolan paints in his own way as we saw in the paintings of the comics; these comics did not have words but only paintings to describe what happened in Ned Kelly’s life. Spencer
National Capital Exhibition

One of the places we went to was the National Capital Exhibition. The students found this a creative and interactive way to show the history of Canberra. As part of the interaction, the students got to build a building that would be nationally useful. These were some suggestions: Australian Disney World, Parliament Adoption Center, New Theme Parks or Defence Buildings. What creative minds we have!! The children and teachers also saw the designs Canberra would be if it wasn’t there right now. They also saw and heard the history of Canberra over a model of the east of Australia. It was a remarkable opportunity that wowed everyone. **Ria**

The National Botanical Gardens

The National Botanical gardens have a lot of plants and animals. There were kangaroos, water dragons and also models of the thorny devil. As we walked we saw kangaroos who used their tails to lean on. One of the plants was nick-named the dinosaur plant as it was around in the time of the dinosaurs - its real name is the Wollemi Pine. There were lots of soft leaved plants and a plant that had leaves that smelled like lime. The botanical garden is separated into sections such as the rainforest and the desert. **Yifan**

Australian Electoral Centre

On the 1st December the Campbell to Canberra group went to the Electoral Education Centre. We learned lot of things:

- You have to be 18 or older to vote and you can be 16 to enrol
- You don’t have to go to the actual election to vote. You can tell the people running the election that you can’t make it and they can post you a ballot paper
- You have to be a citizen of Australia to vote.
- If you have already voted in the election you can’t vote again
- You can’t just get a ballot paper, you have to line up and the people giving out the ballot have to sign it
- You get asked, “Have you voted in this election before?”
- If you don’t follow the instructions correctly then your vote is considered a ‘donkey vote’.

After we learned all these interesting facts we got to be part of our own election. We had to vote on …wait for it…fruit! **Mari**

Australian National Dinosaur Museum

At the Australian National Dinosaur Museum we learned many things. Firstly we learned about the timeline of the Dinosaurs. First was the Cretaceous Period, then Jurassic, then Triassic. We also learned about Megaladons. Megalaodons are like sharks except they are much longer. We learned that at the start of the first dinosaur period dinosaurs were often quite small, smaller than a hand. The dinosaurs continued to grow in size throughout the whole timeline and got bigger and bigger. The Spinosaurus, who was carnivorous, was bigger than a T-rex. Overall it was a great time at the Dinosaur Museum! **Holly**

Government House

We went to Government House and had to sit in a room to watch a short film about what a Governor General does. Before the film, the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove, entered the room. A lot of people were surprised! He had a talk with us and we got to ask a lot of questions. After the film we went on a tour of the whole place. We got to see where he eats and where he works. The building was massive! His butler Roger gave us the tour. He had a lot of knowledge about the Governor Generals because he has served many of them. On the tour we saw a cool looking car in the garage and we were allowed to take photos of it. Government House was very interesting to us all. **Jai**
Canberra Glassworks
On Wednesday the 2nd of December, our first activity was visiting Canberra Glassworks. Everyone had a really fun and enjoyable time! We learnt new things about how the workers create glass features. We even got to make our own glass tile and they look awesome. Although there were a few minor injuries (cut fingers), we still continued working on our very cool looking tiles. The Glass Tour Guide gave us a quick tour around the sculptures. It was such an amazing experience and many of us would love to go back there again.

Lauren, Mia and Emily

Telstra Tower
On Tuesday the 1st of December we went to the amazing Telstra Tower. When we finally got up to the door, everyone hoped that we didn’t have to go up the stairs. The outside was filled with extremely large satellites that covered the whole top half of the tower. When we got up to the first lookout it had a café. When you looked out the window you could also see Parliament House, Government House (Governor General’s house), the War Memorial and the High Court.

Ronan, Adam and Zac

National Museum: ‘Meet the People’
On Wednesday the 2nd of December we went to the National Museum: ‘Meet the People’. At the museum we got to see Phar Laps heart, which was almost double the size of regular horses heart. This is why he had the capability to run as fast as he did. Some people believe that Phar Laps death had occurred by being poisoned. We also got to see various camera’s from different years. These camera sizes varied from as small as an apple to a large, medium sized box. One of the last things we did was called Circa. Circa is where we got to go into a revolving theatre. In the theatre we got to watch 4 different sections that were three minutes long. After watching these great videos, we went to the gift shop.

Freya, Jessie and Marcus

Parliament House
On Tuesday the 1st of December we had to wear our white Campbell to Canberra shirt to go to Parliament House! All of the ground, stairs and poles were made of marble. We got to see the House of Representatives and the Senate. First we went to the Senate, a red room. Then we went to a green room, the House of Representatives. In the Senate, there wasn’t a lot of people, but we saw people in red jackets serving the people in the chairs with water. The guide for group 2 had a strange accent and it was difficult to understand what he was saying. In the House of Representatives we saw the actual, real, living and alive Tony Abbott and Julie Bishop. We had an amazing day!

Jasmine, Sarah and Anna

Movie Night
On Tuesday the 1st of December, we had a movie night. On the movie night we watched “Inside and Out”, and we got to bring our pillows and we got to wear our own P.J’s. All the teachers wore their onsies and took photos of us. When the movie was starting, everyone made puppets on the projector and we got comfy on our pillows. We shared candy and chips with everyone.

Jacob, Andy and Ethan

Anzac Parade and War Memorial
On Wednesday afternoon we went to the Anzac Parade and War Memorial. For the parade, we walked past the sculptures and read about them and there was a lot of information. After the parade, we walked back to the memorial and went on a tour to learn about different things in the wars. We walked up the stairs and sat down ready to start the Last Post. When the Last Post started, a man talked about World War II. After he talked, we said the oath and students from our school and other schools laid a wreath. Jiah and Sakshi laid ours. We also saw lots of guns, costumes, boats and sculptures.

Joel, Kobi and Bryarne
On the Way Home

After we left Taronga Zoo we drove through Sydney to the Sydney Airport. There we waited to board our plane. While we waited we finished off our camp booklets. Once we boarded the plane we sat down. This time we had pillows and blankets so it was easy to sleep. Once we got off the plane we felt happy, tired and relieved.

Matthew, Jiah, Josh

Taronga Zoo

After the long drive to Sydney from Canberra, we arrived at Taronga Zoo. We were put into groups of eleven and started walking around the zoo. After we saw all the animals we were lucky enough to catch the Seal Show. The show was amazing and included beautiful routines. After the seal show some groups saw the bird show and some groups walked around a bit more. Time was our enemy so we all rushed towards the gift shop. Not many students had money left so some of us shopped while others waited outside. Taronga Zoo was a stunning sight which was worth seeing!

After the zoo we hopped on the coach for our drive to the airport.

Saneela, Breeanna, Caitlyn, Natalie

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