SCHOOL LEADERSHIP EXCURSION

Last week our senior school captains Bridie McCubbin and Louise Hunter (right) flew to Sydney with Mrs Mason to take part in the School Leadership Program. After a slow start (fog delayed flights on Wednesday morning) they caught a taxi to the Travelodge Motel on Phillip Street (having a slightly less exciting drive than the Condobolin team, whose taxi got sideswiped and ended up on the pavement). They had a look around the city before having tea and heading out to the State of Origin game with the Condobolin and Tullibigeal captains and Miss Milsom (below right), which was an eye-opener for the girls, and very exciting at the end. Many thanks to LAP coordinator Mel Rees for organising the tickets for this event.

The next day the girls visited Parliament House (right) for the morning and heard a number of members discuss the workings of our democratic system, as well as being able to ask questions. Before lunch they were able to visit the Upper and Lower Houses to see them in action (and had been warned beforehand by the members about the rowdy behaviour that goes on in there).

After lunch everyone walked to Old Government House (above left) and were given tours of the building before being seated in the ballroom and listening to the NSW Governor, Marie Bashir give an address and answer questions. A superb speaker, she brought a tear to many with her description of Prince William’s first visit to The Block in Redfern and his time with “the Aunties.”

After a quick afternoon tea (where Mrs Mason caught up with Don Hudson, UCS Principal back in 2000-2002) they finally caught a taxi to the airport and had a quick meal before catching the 6.10pm flight, arriving back home around 10pm.

Below: Our Member Adrian Piccoli was on the same flight home and posed with the girls before boarding the plane!
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014

The Athletics Carnival was hotly contested with only a 7 point difference at the end of the day. Congratulations to everyone who competed. There were some very close races and field events.

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There were four new records set for the day, two in secondary and two in primary:

14yr M 1500m   Kai Davies  6:10.86  (Matt Murrells  6:21.51  2012)
16yr F Javelin Kayla Bennett  25.76m  (Maggie Rogan  23.5m  1991)
6yr F 110m     Hannah Wilson  23.28  (Zoe McRae  25.61  2013)
7yr M Discus   Lewis Henley  14.09m  (Colby Crofts  11.02  2008)
Congratulations to the Athletics Age Champions for 2014:

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Barnaby Worland and Barnaby Worland and Noah Bryant
Joshi Batty

Breanna Roser, Chloe Cattle and Kayla Bennett
Rachel Ridley, Madison and Allora Vinecombe
Ryan Crofts
PRIMARY REWARD DAY
20/6/14
Last Friday Primary held their Reward Day for Semester 1. Students were grouped into four teams (Red, Yellow, Blue and Green) and began the day with an Amazing Race, complete with challenges such as making a bed of balloons. They then rotated through four different activities:

- Craft with Mrs James
- Old Fashioned Games with Mr Cattle
- Dance with Emma
- Cooking with Mrs Parkinson

After lunch the groups competed against each other in International Soccer. Everyone had a great time on the day, and all agreed it was a great idea for a reward day!
Max Heffer had a full bus on Sunday morning as the 14 Sydney Recorder students and Mrs Mason were joined by 7 parents (Vanessa Williams, Sally West, Justine Henley, Veronica Gerhard, Nicole Wilson, Fiona Bryant and Andy McRae) and headed off to the Sydney Harbour YHA for the Festival of Music. The bus made good time, with Mrs Mason reading out chapters from the “Ghost Boy” novel and Vanessa, Sally and Angus keeping busy folding paper cranes. After a quick lunch at the Goulburn park, complete with hungry pigeons, we arrived at the YHA at about 3.30pm. We settled in and Max drove us down to Hay Street and we had tea at the Capitol Hotel before sitting ourselves at the Capitol Theatre for “The Lion King.” Everyone enjoyed the musical: it had brilliant costumes, the stage settings were awesome and the singing was great! After the show we made our way back up George Street (via McDonalds) on foot to the YHA where we were glad to get to bed!
Breakfast at the YHA was at 7.30 for our group each day, and saw some interesting pyjama combos from some travellers who were too tired to get ready beforehand! We then went for a quick walk to Circular Quay before going to the Museum of Contemporary Art for our tour, which all the parents enjoyed as well. The students then had a sculpture-making workshop with our guide Marissa (above right) whilst some of the parents had coffee upstairs and saw surfer Layne Beachy! The group then had a quick lunch at Circular Quay and played charades on the Opera House steps whilst waiting to go into the Recorder rehearsal. Seth sat with the treble recorders and was complimented on his playing by the teacher sitting with them! After rehearsal we met up with the parents and had tea at the Orient Hotel before getting ready at the YHA and arriving back at the Opera House for the concert. We were a little early, as we had the hall to ourselves for about ten minutes before everyone else came in! The concert went really well, with our parents being blown away (again) by the quality of the sound. It was also inspiring to see other elite ensembles performing (the jazz band and the vocal duo were favourites) and we celebrated afterwards with McDonalds ice creams before heading back to the YHA.
After breakfast we headed down to Circular Quay where Mrs Mason bought “mymulti” tickets for us, and we caught the Manly Ferry, and then the 135 bus out to the Quarantine Station. Our guide Julie Regalado met us and took us around the site (which was breathtakingly beautiful, but very windy!) and we were able to see many of the places referred to in the “Ghost Boy” novel. We caught the bus back to Manly Wharf and had lunch before a quick walk up the Corso and back before (just!) catching the ferry back to Circular Quay. On our way back to the YHA we were lucky enough to see the “Sticky” boys in action, making traditional boiled candy sweets. After a quick regroup at the YHA we walked back down to Circular Quay and rode to Town Hall Station on the train(s), followed by a quick walk over to Darling Harbour where we had a look around and tea in the food court. Then it was time to head back to George Street and the Cinemas for “How to Train Your Dragon 2” which everyone enjoyed, and back on a bus to Circular Quay: we gave our multipasses a good workout! Visiting McDonalds for icecreams on the way, we walked back to the YHA and retired for the evening.
We loaded the bus up after breakfast and Max dropped us off near the Sunrise studio where we spent some time watching through the windows until the stars came out and had photos taken with us (and the Cobar recorder team played “Gulaga Dreaming” on their recorders). We then walked down George Street to the Markets through China Town and spent half an hour there before hopping on the bus and heading home. Max had his hands full with the bus over the mountains, as the wind was incredible! We stopped at Marulan for lunch (where Tess and Madi beat the arcade game system), Mrs Mason finished reading the “Ghost Boy” novel, and many of us had a good sleep on the way.

Congratulations to our students on their excellent performance and behaviour over the four days, and many thanks to the parents who came along and helped out.

Many thanks also go to our bus driver, Max, who did an excellent job as usual of getting us around to our destinations in plenty of time. We’re all looking forward to next year!