Welcome to week 8

Apologies for not having a newsletter yesterday, Mrs Batterham and I had a Financial Literacy course in Scone which we had to attend.

Last week our small school was able to have many amazing experiences in the New South Wales Capital of Sydney.

We started early on Tuesday with a bus and train trip to Central Station. We found our accommodation and set our suitcases aside. We then took off straight away to the Powerhouse Museum and were treated to a wonderful show from Finn who took us back in time with Australian transport. We explored cars, trains, trams and planes, bicycles and horse drawn coaches. He was enthusiastic and all children were fully engaged.

We then moved on to a Glow in the Dark exhibition and we learnt all about light and fluro glow sticks and fireworks.

We stopped for a quick bite to eat and then moved onto the Wiggles exhibition, space station where we all got to stand in simulated zero gravity field and see a real piece of the moon amazing!

We went back for an early dinner and then caught the light rail to Darling Harbour where we bowled the night away with Skye and Lachlan Carter winners on the night.

Day two, we were all as keen as mustard for the Taronga Zoo trip. The ferry ride over and the Sky Safari trip up to the zoo entrance was fantastic. We loved to see the giraffes, elephants and witnessed a few altercations between some cranky chimpanzees and in another area a very dominant silverback gorilla.

We then caught the ferry back to Darling Harbour and made our way to Madame Tussauds, what a great place that is. We had photos taken with Presidents and the Queen, an interview with Oprah and played cricket with Bradman.

We sang a song with Kylie and Katy Perry and played in the band with Farnsey and Barnsey.

To top off a wonderful day we ate at the famous Hard Rock Café.

Day three was interesting as it was like we went back in time and saw the dinosaur exhibit at the Australian Museum and listened to a real Paleontologist. We also (under supervision) got to hold real dinosaur bones, what an experience!

We spent some time in the original houses in Cribbs Lane and heard the stories of some of the original First Fleet Settlers to Sydney. Following on from this wonderful history lesson we took a guided walk through The Rocks in costume. We were dressed as convicts and captains and all looked the part.

An early dinner that night followed by another session of bowling, (just because we had so much fun the first time.)
Our final day saw another great trip on the ferry to Manly where we then participated in our very first surfing lesson. All children managed to stand up and surf unassisted. The day was beautiful and the children had an absolute ball. It was a rush to get back to the train for home, but when we finally pulled up in Scone at 9pm, everyone was exhausted but still on a high. A wonderful fun and educational experience for all our students and a great opportunity for the adults to do things they had never done as well.

Many thanks must be extended to Bec Taylor and Lachie Maxwell who accompanied us on our trip your help was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to my staff, Dorry and Liz who came along and learnt along with us all. Thank you again to the Belltrees P & C for fully subsidising the school excursion, your contribution is certainly appreciated and we have over 3000 photos to prove the fun we all had.

The group and our tour guide Finn.

Emily on an original Penny Farthing bike.

The glow show at the Powerhouse Museum.

Jock playing the piano in the Powerhouse Museum.
Presentation night
This Friday 28th November, Belltrees Public School will be hosting their annual Presentation and Performance evening.
The evening will begin at 6:30pm with a variety of wonderful performances from our students followed by our presentation of various academic, citizenship and learning awards.

Please come along and support our small school, bring a plate to share and enjoy celebrating the yearly successes of our children.

Parents, please bring along full summer uniform for your children.