Dubbo Excursion

The Dubbo excursion was a huge success. Our first stop was Pilliga Pottery where the students were instructed how to make pinch pots and a small bird out of clay. They also had the opportunity to watch a pottery demonstration where a local artisan made a giant vase and decorated it with blue wrens. The children were amazed to know that the whole process from lump of clay to a finished fired product can take up to six weeks.

Upon arrival at Aussie Cabins the children unpacked and played games on the volley ball equipment. After a barbecue dinner we headed off to Tenpin Bowling. The students had fun and were excited when they bowled a spare or a strike. So was Scott, the bus driver (and to be honest – me too!!)

Day 2 consisted of a visit to Dubbo Zoo and the Japanese Gardens. At Dubbo Zoo the children learnt about many endangered animals. Highlights included the feeding of the rhinos, the lions and tigers, and the extremely funny monkeys. We also visited the Education Centre where the children had the opportunity to see and touch many native reptiles. (For some reason I decided to stay far away and simply take photos – I’m a bit of a scaredy cat when it comes to snakes and lizards)

The students had so much fun at the zoo that we almost didn’t make it to the Japanese Gardens. The peaceful Zen of the area was ‘enhanced’ by the laughter and running steps of excited children. Although it was too early for many of the plants to be in bloom the beauty of the setting was clear to see.

The next day we hit the Old Dubbo Gaol before heading home. The morning had a slight misty drizzle which added to the atmosphere of the place. Our students were greeted at the gate by an ‘inmate’ who wanted to ‘help’ Kisti with her bag. He was absolutely fantastic and the children were regularly in stitches. He wasn’t the brightest spark – Hannah had to help him with his left and right when putting on his shoes. We then toured the gaol, unfortunately things did not go to plan when I was locked in the holding cell WITH the children – they were supposed to wait till I got out before closing the door.

Thank you to Miss Winter for organising a fantastic excursion. Thanks must also go to Scott O’Dempsey for driving the bus, helping with the children and cooking the barbecue. The excursion would not have been a success without the support of Lee Traynor and Kisti Brazel.
**Long Service Leave**
As you are aware I am taking long service leave starting Monday 19th October. I will be away in Italy and then on a river cruise for five weeks.
During my time away Ms Kim Dudgeon will be Relieving Principal. She has previously spent time as a Relieving Principal in Glen Innes and at Croppa Creek. Ms Dudgeon comes to us with a wealth of experience and is looking forward to working at Bullarah. I am sure you will make her feel welcome.

**Learn to Swim**
The Learn to Swim program starts Tuesday of next week and will run for five weeks. Due to our large numbers we have had to use Wick’s Bus Service to take us to the Moree Aquatic Centre. Students will need to come to school in uniform and change into swimmers at the pool. They need to pack lunch and recess as well as a water bottle. Please return permission notes by Friday 16th October.

**Library Borrowing**
Due to Learn To Swim classes being held on Tuesday – School Library borrowing will be conducted on Monday Week 2 thru Week 7.

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**Dates To Remember 2015**

Week 3 | Tuesday 20th Oct – Learn To Swim  
       | Thursday 22nd Oct | Kindy Transition  
       | Friday 23rd Oct | Pre School

Week 4 | Tuesday 27th Oct – Learn To Swim  
       | Thursday 29th Oct | Kindy Transition

Week 5 | Tuesday 3rd Nov – Learn To Swim  
       | Thursday 5th Nov | Kindy Transition  
       | Friday 6th Nov | Pre School
Photo Gallery
Photos from our Dubbo Excursion