

By Charlotte and Connor

Last week, Grade 6 went on their trip to Canberra and we had an amazing time visiting all main attractions. Some highlights were: Questacon, Australian Electoral Commission, War Memorial, Government House and the Australian Institute of Sport. At Government House, we had the privilege of meeting Sir Peter Cosgrove himself! He spent time talking to us about his role and had a tour of Government House and Lilly was even able to sit in his chair! Another highlight was the Free Fall at Questacon, a 6-meter drop and free-fall. It taught us to face our fears.

The Australian War Memorial was absolutely amazing. We participated in a Wreath Laying Service in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This was an incredibly moving ceremony especially with the playing of the last post. We also met Ray Walker (an 86-year-old veteran) who shared his story with us about his experiences in the Royal Australian Air Force. His story was very interesting and we even had the opportunity to hold his uncles' Dead Man's Penny.

At the Australian Electoral Commission, not only did we learn about the history of Australian Democracy but also participated in our own election on which fruit candidate should be elected. Orange was victorious with apple in second, peach in third and banana in fourth.

We enjoyed staying at the Australian Institute of Sports (AIS), the food was absolutely amazing and the athletes were always happy to have a chat. We also had a tour of the AIS and participated in the sports experience program which included playing European handball, basketball and futsal. Canberra was amazing, and we learnt so much and had so much fun.

We would also like to say a huge thank to St Mary Magdalene parish for their very generous contribution to our fund raising for the Farmers. Well Done!

