



Levendale Primary School

The little school with the big heart

FROM LEVENDALE, BIG THINGS GROW

A SMALL but excited group of Levendale Primary School students headed to Hobart airport earlier this term for six days of adventure.

Before we went our teacher asked us to research places of interest in Canberra and Sydney.

After checking out what these places had to offer we were all given the opportunity to select a "must see" place for inclusion in the itinerary.

There were set places that we had to visit but they were all places we wanted to go to anyway.

The National War Memorial in Canberra was impressive but moving, especially seeing wall after wall of the names of people who died for our country. We listened to the Last Post echo through the building before we left.

We visited Parliament House as well as Old Parliament House, which is now called the Museum of Democracy.

We found it interesting to be involved in the tours but the



CITIZENS OF THE WORLD: Levendale students in the national capital.

role-play we did about sending troops to Vietnam was best.

Did you know that in both old and new Parliament Houses the prime minister's office faces the War Memorial? This was so the prime minister would look at it and think very carefully before sending any of

our soldiers off to fight.

Cockington Gardens was a chance to see the world without leaving Canberra. With its many miniature buildings and scenes we felt like Gulliver on his travels.

With trips to the Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon

and the National Museum we easily filled each day.

We took a train to Sydney and met a mother and her son who like us were on a school excursion. We kept running into them all over Sydney and it turned out that their school only had six students, which was way smaller than ours.

We all agree that one of the highlights was when we went to the theatres. We all dressed up and had tea at a great restaurant on Darling Harbour before two of us went to see *Mamma Mia* and the other two went to see *Wicked*.

It was full on but a great time and none of it would have been possible without the kind people from Rotary Rainmakers (who were more like dream makers), the CWA, Rural Financial Counselling Service and our school.

Our teacher says "from little things, big things grow" and we are not sure if she means us or our school, or both.

ADRIANA, AMELIA, ANGIE and SARAH

BITS AND BOBS

Renovations

We are just about to start renovating our school buildings. It will all start with the toilets. There are going to be lots of changes and it is very exciting. The Grade 6s say they will want to come back to see what it looks like.

Thanks

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Good sports in all sorts

AT Levendale we like to be involved in sport but sometimes we have to do things a little differently.

This year a group of us decided to enter a badminton team in the southern primary schools sports day despite never having played before.

We didn't have a proper net so we used two brooms and some masking tape to make do. Off we went.

We had fun playing against other schools and now we

have all the proper equipment for next time.

In the lead up to the same sports day we got an email from another small school called Glenora for some help.

They wanted to put in a girls futsal team but didn't have enough people.

Even though none of us had played it before we agreed to help them out.

The weather before the day was very rainy so we took our soccer ball into the gazebo and practiced.

It was all about getting out and having a go — something our principal says she loves about us.

So although we don't have a lot of people in our school at the moment, we all like to be involved in a combination of enjoyable activities with a mixture of big and little people and even people from other schools, just because we can.

DEAN, KEN, BRANDON and TYSON

School Talk

What do you like about being a student at Levendale Primary?



Jakob, Prep: I like it when we do daily PE together.



Ashley, Grade 2: I enjoy being and playing with my friends.



Dean, Grade 4: All the people get along well.



Kenneth, Grade 4: Making friends and learning.



Sarah and Amelia, Grade 6: We like the way we are like a big family and we support each other.

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