Festival of Instrumental Music

Last Monday we went down to Sydney for the Festival of Instrumental Music. There were seventeen girls and one boy. Some of us had never been on a plane before, so it was pretty exciting! As soon as we got to Sydney we went straight to our rehearsal at the Opera House. We perfected our 3 songs and then had a walk through the Botanical Gardens and the Art Gallery. We performed our concert at 7pm with 700 other recorder players, an orchestra and an amazing collection of talented NSW Public school students. Everyone finally went to sleep pretty late!

The next day was freezing! We headed to Taronga Zoo by ferry and skylift, which was an amazing view. The animals were adorable and kept us entertained. After the day at the zoo we were so hungry (and still cold!) so we headed to Paddy’s Market Food Court for an early dinner. We had an early night that night.

The next morning we were up early so we could appear on Sunrise with the hosts! We actually got to close the show with another school from Cobar, playing one of our songs. It was great for us to be able to meet the hosts and see how they film a TV show. We warmed up with a hot chocolate before heading for the Harbour Bridge to climb the pylon. The view from up the top of the pylon is amazing! We then headed down to the Rocks and into the Rocks Museum for a little history lesson.

Finally it was time to head back to the airport to catch our plane home. We packed so much into our trip and would like to give a huge thanks to Miss Cutler for organising it all and teaching us to become better recorder players, and how to play the songs perfectly. Thank you also to Mrs McAllum for coming with us to Sydney. We also really appreciated the help from parents, Mel, Liana and Izu-mi who came too – thank you.

I know it is a trip we will never forget.

Written by Lily
Dance Eisteddfod

On Thursday 6 August, Miss Hayes and I had the pleasure of taking the delightful Junior and Senior dance groups to the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. This annual event on the school calendar is highly anticipated by the students and it is fantastic to see their enthusiasm at 7.45am as they boarded the bus!

I was also so thrilled to see so many parents come and support our school at the Eisteddfod by watching their children. The students really feel special when they know someone is out there in the audience for them, so thank you to all those who could come along and watch.

The Junior Dance group give me a laugh every time. Something always happens! They are a group of very enthusiastic little dancers who have the biggest smiles and looked absolutely gorgeous on stage, and Miss Hayes and I were super proud of them. They received Honors. Well done Birds!

The Senior group looked absolutely fabulous in the flapper style costumes and the boys were just too smooth! They had charm and style and came away with Highly Commended. Again, we were very proud and loved watching you perform.

The next dance will be the end of year dance for Presentation Day, which will not begin production until early Term 4. Newcomers will be welcomed at this time.

Miss Cutler