3/6R Mix with the rich and famous!!!!

Last Tuesday students from 3/6R caught the train into Town Hall station and walked through the hustle and bustle of the city to Darling Harbour. Some students had never been on a train before so were very excited about their very first time on a train. Everyone was amazed by how beautiful Darling Harbour was as we sat and ate our recess looking at the water and the submarine outside the Maritime Museum.

After recess, we made our way into Madame Tussauds. We were all looking forward to learning more about famous people from the past and the present, as well as learning about how the sculptures are made. There were so many different people represented at the museum. We saw everyone from politicians like Julia Gillard and John Howard to influential world figures like Nelson Mandela and Prince William and Princess Kate.

We loved seeing sporting figures such as Cathy Freeman and Shane Warne. We were even able to have our photo taken holding the Olympic Torch from the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. We saw famous musicians such as Michael Jackson, Justin Bieber, Kylie Minogue, Jimmy Barnes and Lady Gaga.

The museum was really hands-on which we thoroughly enjoyed. We were able to practise our golf skills beside Greg Norman, sit on the bike with ET in the front, play guitar beside Slim Dusty and play the drums and keyboard with Jimmy Barnes.

We learnt all about the huge amount of time and effort that goes into each of the figures and how they are made. Can you believe it takes 170 hours to mould a figure!

After an action packed day we headed back to Rooty Hill on the train. Some boys and girls were so exhausted that they had a little nap on the train. Everyone in 3/6R really enjoyed the day and learnt a lot about different people and the work that goes into the wax figures.

Miss Regan
Aussie of the Month....
Congratulations to the following February Aussie of the Month recipients:

Mason Walton KF - Being a caring, thoughtful class member
Zacharia Matara 1L - Being a good friend
Azariah Ah Kee 2Y - Being a polite and friendly student
Gizem Biber 3T - Being a respectful, hardworking student
Jamee-Lee Balzan 4F - Being a polite and friendly class member
Mathew Fono 5/6E - Being a helpful, caring and respectful class member
Monique Powell 6G - Helping to make new students feel welcome

More great art on display....
We would like to thank Dennis King and his brother Robbie King for contributing their time and effort into creating a new mural depicting the Aboriginal totem for this area. Mary Nixon was one of the students lucky enough to help pick the colours used for this beautiful artwork.
Later in the year Dennis will be working with other students to create the second part of the mural.

Jenny Tume
Organiser

Year 6.... Out and about

On Tuesday 25th March some of the students from 6S, 6G and 6D went on an excursion to the Sydney Observatory. We were dropped off outside the Observatory, but it was too early to go in so we walked down to Circular Quay. When we got there we had our recess outside the Art Gallery, There was a big P & O cruise ship docked at the harbour. It was a beautiful morning at the harbour.
After recess we walked back to Observatory Park and took some photos of the view. We split up into 3 groups and a guide gave us a tour of the Observatory. He took us into a room with lots of telescopes and we got to look at the Sun and Venus. Then we watched a few short clips in 3D, it was very cool! We then got the honour of going into the planetarium where we saw all of the stars and constellations.
Then our day came to an end. We got on the bus and headed back to school, it took about an hour to get back. Overall it was a very good day and I learnt some interesting stuff about the solar system.

James Herning 6D

Great educational opportunities…

On Tuesday 25th March, 5S, 5B 5/6E and Year 5 students from 4/5L went to Rooty Hill High School for ‘Confucius Classroom’. We spent the day learning about Mandarin language, culture and cuisine.
First we learnt about Chinese Calligraphy: How to write characters and how to make ink with an ink stone and an ink stick. We learnt that in Chinese culture, one character represents one word. We got to write the character for ‘person’ on rice paper and take it home with us. We then learnt about Chinese food and heard a song about a girl who loves Chinese food! We were taught how to use chopsticks properly and we had the chance to taste delicious spring rolls!
Lastly, we learnt about Chinese festivals, mostly about the First Moon Festival or the Lantern Festival. We were shown how to make a paper lantern which was pretty fun. Visiting the High School and learning a few things about China was awesome!

By Erin Mercado 5S

Year 5…. Always learning…

Last week 120 students from Stage Three enjoyed an excursion to the Sydney Observatory. Tuesday was a sunny day and students experienced looking at the sun through a telescope. Unfortunately on Wednesday it was raining with a cloud cover. All students enjoyed spending time in the planetarium star gazing and learning about constellations and planets. Students also enjoyed a 3D experience in the Observatory theatre learning about how big ‘Space’ really is.
Lunch and morning tea was enjoyed on the steps of the Museum of Contemporary Arts or on the pavilion at the Observatory.
Tuesday’s students walked around the historic Rocks area and Wednesday’s students walked to the Opera House and climbed the steps.
We might have gotten a bit wet on Wednesday but a great day was had by both groups on both days.

Mrs Epps
During week 8 and 9 of this term many students of 6G, 6D and 5/6E each enjoyed a wonderful morning helping Greening Australia plant a variety of native plants into the Cumberland Plain Woodland area, located behind Joe McAleer Park Glendenning. Students learnt about the local woodland area, the native plants and how conservation works. After receiving instructions on how to use the equipment and how to plant successfully, each student set about selecting trees, shrubs and grasses to plant in a designated area. The conservationists from Greening Australia were on hand for any questions and to lend a hand to everyone. Students were also given the opportunity to plant and prepare seedlings. Many great days were had by all students who attended and students enjoyed the opportunity to be ‘hands-on’ and engage in a fantastic community program. A special thanks to Tracy Thomas for lending a hand when 6D planted.

The Music Bus....

Last Thursday ‘The Music Bus’ visited Rooty Hill Public School for a demonstration day. All students were extremely excited to see ‘The Music Bus’ and all the different instruments! There were also a number of parents/caregivers who visited ‘The Music Bus’ and showed a huge interest. The ‘Music Bus’ offers private music tuition for students in the following areas:

Lessons Available (30 minute duration):

- Keyboard K-6
- Guitar Yr2-Yr6
- Drums Yr1-Yr6
- Singing Yr1-Yr6

Cost is $15 per week payable by the term up front. (drums $17)

(Initial term required to purchase $30 starter pack which contains tuition book, CD and bag)

The exact day/time of classes is still to be confirmed, but will probably take place before or after school or at lunchtime.

We are now asking you to express your interest in joining the program for Term 2. Last Friday the youngest in each family received an expression of interest letter for ‘The Music Bus’. If your child(ren) is/are interested, please return the expression of interest letter to your child’s classroom teacher by Friday 4th April (Week 10).

(Spare notes are available, outside the front office)

For more info on the program please visit www.themusicbus.com.au or phone 1300 168 742

Paul Haste
Assistant Principal