

Year 6 Canberra 2016

It's not long now.....

Flights - Virgin Australia – Coolangatta

Children need to be at the **Airport by 7.00am on Sun 11 Sept.**

Please note: Parents are asked to please check your child in with the class teacher upon arrival to receive their lanyard. Also you are asked to please NOT accompany your child through security as this will be a big help with crowd control. Thanks for your support in this matter.

Sunday 11th Sept *Flight VA512* - **Departs 9.05am**

Thursday 15th Sept *Flight VA 535* - **Arrives 6.30pm**

Spending Money

We ask for your support in holding your child to the \$60 spending money limit. You have been provided with one envelope today. Please return these by next **WEDNESDAY 31 August** with up to \$30 in it (Please send notes not coins). Your child should bring the remaining money (up to \$30) in a purse or wallet on Sunday morning.

Medication and Health Issues

All medication must be handed to your class teacher on the Thursday before we leave. It should be labelled with your child's name and clear instructions for when and how the medication should be taken. (Bill Smith 1 tablet daily with breakfast) Please ensure that all necessary information forms are completed with regard to medication. Please speak to your child prior to the trip regarding personal hygiene, particularly the washing of hands after toilet use and prior to meal times. Anti-bacterial hand soap will be available on all buses.

Contact Details

As previously discussed at our parent meeting, the children will not have access to telephones to call home. If you need to contact us in an emergency situation, a list of mobile numbers is below.

Emergency Contact Numbers

0409 560 994
0418 352 460

If you need to get a non-urgent message to us, please ring the school office on 5535 1803.

Blogs

Each Bus will upload photos updates, and information to a Blog on a daily basis. The address for these are:

Bus 1: mmpbusone2016.blogspot.com.au	(6Y)
Bus 2: mmpbustwo2016.blogspot.com.au	(6R)
Bus 3: mmpbusthree2016.blogspot.com.au	(6A)
Bus 4: mmpbusfour2016.blogspot.com.au	(6M)

6P students will be split between the four buses.

Packing

I have included below a recommended packing list. It might help some children to have the clothes for each day packed inside separate plastic bags so they don't have to hunt each morning for socks, underwear, shirts etc. Spare plastic bags will be needed to store wet or dirty shoes.

The children will have to carry their own bag / suitcase and backpack, so it is important that they don't over pack. Jeans/ tracksuits, jumpers, jackets can be worn more than once so the children do not need a complete change of clothing for each day.

Backpacks must be small enough to take as carry on luggage on the plane and to fit under the seats or in the luggage racks on the coaches. It is important that the children pack their backpacks carefully for the first day, as we won't have access to our other luggage until we arrive in Canberra on Sunday night at about 7pm.

Tying a piece of coloured ribbon to your child's bag will help to make it more easily identifiable. Please make sure the bag is discretely labelled with your child's name, Marymount Primary School and the phone number [07] 5535 1803. Please adhere to regular airline baggage rules for Virgin Australia.

Packing Checklist

(Doesn't include outfit for first day – they must wear their school hoodie to the airport and something comfortable to wear on the plane and in the coach for the trip to Canberra. Layers are best. Covered footwear is necessary at all times – joggers one good pair and one old are best.

Warm socks

Underwear

Pyjamas (a warm tracksuit is ideal)

2 pairs of trousers (warm)

Jacket /Jumper

4 - 5 T-shirts

Scarf, beanie and hat

Plastic bags for wet clothes etc.

Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, sunscreen, hairbrush, lip balm, moisturiser, book, cards, travel game, pen, pencil, wallet, watch, sunglasses

Water bottle (just a small one)

Wet weather gear (disposable rain poncho is a great idea)

NO Ugg Boots

NO towels, pillows or sleeping bags are needed as we will be in motel rooms where all linen is supplied.

In your backpack put:

Water bottle (full), Food for breakfast/snack on Day 1, book, hat, sunscreen, beanie, pen, wallet, rain gear, sunglasses, lip balm, cards or game. It is essential that sharp objects such as tweezers, scissors etc. are not packed in this backpack as they will be confiscated at the airport.

Food

Every meal on the trip is included from lunch on the first day (No dinner on last night). Since we have an early start on Sunday it would be a good idea for the children to bring some fruit, biscuits, sandwiches or something similar to eat either at the Airport or on arrival in Sydney. Virgin Australia do not serve meals to our group, so it will be a long time until lunch which will be provided between the two Sunday activities.

Whilst students are able to bring lollies with them we encourage students to minimise the lollies they bring and consume. Teachers will have barley sugar lollies or similar for travel on the buses.

Chewing gum and bubble gum in any form will not be allowed. This will be made very clear to the children and your support for this decision will be appreciated.

Personal Possessions

Whilst all care will be taken to ensure that your child's belongings are safe, Marymount Primary School and staff are not liable for the damage, loss or theft of property. Please do not allow your child to bring expensive or precious items on this trip. **In particular, the children are not to bring phones, iPods, iPads, Gameboys or other electronic games, jewellery of monetary or sentimental value or expensive camera equipment.** Children can bring a camera at their own risk. A labelled disposable camera is ideal. Please also ensure children have batteries or a charger for their camera.

Itinerary

(Please note, each bus may have a slightly different timetable each day)

Sunday 11 September	7.15 am 9.05 am	Meet teacher at Airport (wearing Hoodie) Flight leaving Coolangatta VA512- Virgin Arrive at Sydney Airport Meet coaches Explore Sydney Harbour, Tour Hyde Park Barracks Harbour Bridge Walk Depart for Canberra, Dinner and overnight at Sundown Village Motel
Monday 12 September		Indoor Rock Climbing National Capital Exhibition Government House Cockington Green Bowling Accommodation at Sundown Village Motel
Tuesday 13 September		Australian Institute of Sport Tour National Gallery of Australia Australian War Memorial Accommodation at Sundown Village Motel Australian Institute of Sport – Sports Experience
Wednesday 14 September		Sievx Memorial Parliament House Museum of Australian Democracy Questacon Accommodation at Sundown Village Motel
Thursday 15 September		Embassy Drive Mt Ainslie Electoral Education Centre Depart Canberra for Sydney
	6:30pm	Airport - Arrive Coolangatta on VA535 – please be prompt to pick up your child. Ring the phone numbers above to let us know if you are running late.
Friday 16 September		Day of Rest – No School