We are so appreciative of your support. I’d also like to thank Mrs Mandy Stewart-Murphy for heading the fund-raising and being totally committed to this opportunity for our students. Without Mandy’s dedication the trip would have been too expensive to take.

So it is not long now. 12 sleeps to go before the early start at 6.00am at home, for departure at 8.15am.

Whilst in Canberra, the students have been invited to have morning tea with Jim Chalmers MP. We are also grateful to the Federal Government for assisting with the costs of the trip.

Students from our school will soon be undertaking, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

School Opinion Surveys
Thank you to parents and carers that completed the 2015 School Opinion Survey.

NAIDOC Day
Our school celebrated NAIDOC Day on Friday 31st July. The students had a great time learning to throw boomerangs and dance with tutor Robert Birri; design their own seed pots; listen to Aunty Peggy’s Identity storytelling and receive an animal token from her; and participate in storytelling with Regional Indigenous Education Manager, Sigrund Nilsen. We had a wonderful celebration of Indigenous culture which the students really enjoyed.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
PBL is a team-based, problem-solving system that relies heavily on the collection and interpretation of student behavioural data. Each fortnight the PBL team analyses behavioural data to better facilitate the needs of our students throughout the school. Recently, data indicated that the majority of negative behaviours occurring at our school were during play times. In response to this information it was decided that more structured play activities were needed. In the course of just a few short weeks, 11 play time activities have been established. Some of the new activities include a boy’s club, girl’s club, choir and percussion group, photography club, library group and arts and crafts group. Surveys have been sent to classrooms asking students to select activities they would like to participate in. So far we have had a great response. There are sure to be some fun and productive times ahead!

Woolworths Earn and Learn is Back!
Just a reminder to collect Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers if you are shopping with them. Collect stickers to place on your sticker cards. Once the sticker cards are completed they can be placed in a collection box, either at school or the local Woolies. These completed sticker cards can be redeemed for school resources and equipment. This community program enables learning centres across Australia to earn educational resources from shopping at Woolworths. Support us by collecting the stickers, completing the sticker cards and placing them in our collection box.

Canberra Update
On behalf of the senior students, families and staff I wish to sincerely thank the community organisations and our wonderful P&C for the incredible effort and generosity in fundraising for the students to fly to Canberra on the 18th August. Total funds raised were almost $29,000.

Bust-a-Move
Bust-a-move classes will be continuing of a Friday afternoon

Commencing 7th August