

YEAR 6 - Our visit to Government House.

On Tuesday the 12th of November, the Year 6 team went on an excursion to Government House, to meet her Excellency Kate Warner (the Governor) and to have a tour of the beautiful house and gardens.

We were amazed when we arrived at the gates of Government House. The gardens were perfectly manicured and the flowers were luminous. When we first got there we went for a walk around the property and garden. There was a large pond/quarry and this was because when they were first building the government house in 1855 they dug the ground out and used the sandstone to build the house. Then they filled the quarry up with water to make the pond.

After that we were ushered into the vast and brilliant ballroom. The ceilings were very artistic with detailed designs and artwork everywhere. We found out that the ballroom is often used to give awards and host many people at once.

Soon the Governor addressed us all after entering the room where we stood waiting for her. Her Excellency told us about her role as governor and some of the things she does in this role.

She also told us about what she liked to do when she was younger, such as playing sports; tennis, hockey and roller skating. We were able to ask her some questions too. Teo asked if she ever had her own time and not much to do as the governor. She responded that she is very busy all the time but when she rarely has nothing to do, she always finds something to fill in spare her time.

After we had finished questioning her, we enjoyed some lovely food prepared by the staff at government house and some students talked to her Excellency herself. The food was delicious, with quite a bit of preparation gone into it. It was lovely to have staff waiting on us around the room.

We were then invited to tour around the house. It was gorgeous! Some of the ceilings and walls were hand painted and the rooms were delightfully decorated. There were secret stair cases for the royal master bedrooms. There were paintings of the Queen's ancestors hanging on the walls. There were fabulous chandeliers in a lot of the rooms.

Then we went onto some other parts of the garden, where there were cows in the paddocks to mow the grass, many hens in the chook pen and a large sectioned off garden for growing produce. Government House even has its own vineyard to make wine for some of its events. Seeing and learning about the grounds and the inside of this unique and interesting place was a great experience.

We are so grateful that Her excellency, Kate Warner invited us when she visited Snug PS earlier in the year. We have learnt so much more about many aspects whilst at school and now through visiting both Parliament House and Government House across the year.



To follow on from our tour, we also made our way along the Soldier's Walk Memorial Park, remembering Australian soldiers who are commemorated there and were mainly from Hobart. In all there are 533 individually named trees planted there, plus one for an unknown Soldier and three planted by dignitaries.

We continued on to enjoy Legacy Park and its playground facilities, before a game of soccer on Soldier's Park Memorial Oval and then walking the Bridge of Remembrance to the Cenotaph.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our day out, that fitted nicely in with Remembrance too.



