

PRESCHOOL NEWS

EXCURSIONS and INCURSIONS

A PONY VISITED PRESCHOOL



Lots of children had been playing with the model horses and trying to take the saddles off and put them back on. It was difficult so we decided to call in a horse rider to show us what to do. Everyone was so excited that a pony was coming to visit Preschool. We saw the truck and the float arrive in the carpark.



We sat together while Qiana and her mum, Rachelle, named the different parts of the saddle and the tools used to groom a horse. Then they described how to put on a saddle and groom a horse.



We all made sure that we were wearing closed in footwear and hats and then we watched as Rachelle got the pony out of the float and walked him into Preschool.



Jack Flash is a 10 year old Welsh Mountain pony. He likes it to be calm and quiet around him so we didn't make any loud noises or sudden movements or jump up and down. We listened very carefully and Rachelle asked us to stay in front of the pony, not walk behind his back legs.



Rachelle helped us to name the different parts of the pony. We were surprised to learn he had a frog in each of his feet!



We took turns to groom Jack and we fed him some carrots. He was still hungry and ate some clover.



Rachelle – “What do you think the blanket is for? Astrid – “In case the saddle hurts. Can we ride it?”
Rachelle – “When do they grow a woolly coat?” Tom – “To keep them warm” Ewan – “In the winter”
Casper – “You have a boat” Rachelle – “Oh yes, a float” Casper – “Yes, you have a float”
Charlie – “I haven’t brushed a horse before but I’ve seen a horse before. It felt scratchy”
Samara – “I want to brush his body”

EXCURSION TO THE KU-RING-GAI WILDFLOWER GARDEN



We went on a Community bus to the Wildflower Garden in St Ives. We looked at a turtle, some stick insects, a blue tongued lizard and an echidna which was not alive.



Then Vanessa showed us a scribbly gum and we learned about the insect that makes the marks. We made scribbles in the air. Matthew showed us a very tall plant – a Gynea lily or “Lily silly”



Everyone was feeling hungry and thirsty so it was time for morning tea. We chose to go to the chairs and tables, or picnic on the ground or sit with our parents.



After morning tea we went for a long walk through the bush. It was very hot. We got to the fern house and the rangers turned on the sprinklers. We ran through the ferns pretending it was a dinosaur garden and we were dinosaurs. We got cool and wet, ready for the walk back to the bus.



On the bus we sat back in our seats and wore our seat belts. There were signs on the bus which meant No Smoking, No Drinking and No Eating and Seat Belts Must Be Worn.

LOTS OF LEARNING AND FUN!



VISION SCREENING

About 35 children have had their eyesight assessed over the last couple of days by NSW Health. A consent form signed by parents was required.

Charlie – “A form is a kind of piece of paper”

Mia – “Is it like a platform?”

N.B. Some of the children and staff have been sad because one of our chickens was taken last week – Muffin. Is anyone able to look after Coconut and Pizza over the holidays?

**Don't forget the Leaver's/End of Year Celebration –
2.15pm on Tuesday 13th December**

From Christine, Pat, Nina, Lizzie, Felicity and Kay