

EXCURSION REFLECTION

WHO & WHERE

The Year 3/4 block went to Perth Zoo on Thursday 13th September.

EXCURSION FOCUS

Students explored the many unique and well-adapted Australian animals that call the bush their home. They learnt how humans and other factors have affected each animal and how scientific discoveries are helping to ensure their long-term survival.

PHOTOS



STUDENT COMMENTS

Chase: I had a really fun day on the excursion. My favourite thing about the day was watching a little bit of the elephant show. I wish I could have seen one of the penguins dive into the water. Maybe text time!

Matthew: I had so much fun on the excursion, and wished we had more time to see all of the animals. My favourite thing about the day was choosing my own animal to look at which was a penguin.

Ally: I really enjoyed the excursion because I like animals and I like writing reports on animals. My favourite thing about the day was seeing all the animals.

PARENT COMMENTS

Sharon: I was lucky enough to accompany cabin 9 on their excursion to Perth Zoo. Even though it was a wet and windy day, we had a great time learning about lots of different animals. Whilst my group were exploring the Australian Animals Walkabout, we got to question a zoo keeper in the numbat enclosure and found out lots of extra facts about this shy, reclusive creature. Overall, it was a great day and the kids did Ocean Reef proud by demonstrating their STAR behaviours.

Alicia: It was great to see all the kids so excited and interested in learning new things they didn't know about animals. I think one of the highlights was seeing the baby meerkats.

Kelly: A really great day was had by both the students and parents I have spoken too. It was well organised and as a parent the information provided was clear and easy to follow. For most students in my group it had been years since they had been to the Perth Zoo (or any other zoo) and they were genuinely amazed at the size, behaviour and attributes of many of the animals they had only seen in books or on TV. It was a really great day and I'm sure the kids learnt a lot and will remember the experience for years to come.

TEACHER COMMENTS

Miss Phillips: What another fantastic excursion! Students were so engaged throughout the whole day and loved exploring the Perth Zoo, regardless of the wet weather. The Aussie Walkabout Program was very hands on which the students loved and they learnt so much about different Australian animals, in which they will use as part of the report writing unit. The parents who accompanied us were very helpful and seemed to really enjoy themselves also. Overall, it was a great day and I am proud of how our students demonstrated the Ocean Reef STAR behaviours at Perth Zoo.

Mrs Barton-Harvey: Wonderful day of learning in a fun way. Exploring the habitats of exotic animals, learning about our own Australian native animals and having the opportunity to learn from the experts was a fantastic experience. All groups of children worked well and had fun and displayed STAR behaviours which was great to see. A very memorable day for all. A big thank you to all our parent helpers who assisted us on the day.