At the start of this wonderful adventure I could not believe that I would have the great honour of meeting Mr John Mickel, Minister for Logan and Chairperson for the Legislative Assembly and also going to Parliament House. We saw many great things, such as the Legislative Assembly. I took the place of an important Minister and listened to Mr Mickel tell us about Parliament House, which was interesting and fun. Afterwards he asked us many questions, he then took us to the Upper House where the carpet is blood red, not emerald green like the Lower House. We then headed over to the balconies for a great morning tea.

All the class had their picture taken under the Queensland Coat of Arms. We walked back to the train station to catch our train. As we waited I started a conversation with Mr Briggs about walking over the Goodwill Bridge and our great time at Parliament House. I would like to thank Mr John Mickel for showing us the Upper and Lower Houses and Mrs Hardess and Mrs de Groot for driving us to the train station and picking us up."
School Swimming

Term Four swimming is upon St Philomena’s students once again. The students have now completed their fourth week of lessons and, from the outset, the swimming instructors have been very efficient. Almost as soon as we arrive at the pool all children are in the water working hard. The lessons are graded to suit the various levels of skill and each class has only a handful of children, so all children are given ample attention for the entire lesson. The lessons are from forty-five to fifty minutes in duration and, by the time they are back on the bus, the students are exhausted. Upon completion of this programme we all hope the children will have shown a marked improvement in their swimming ability and confidence in the water.

Our Prep/Grade One class have been learning about dental hygiene this Semester. Here they are practising their tooth-brushing technique thanks to the Junior Toothbrush/Paste kits we were sent by Colgate.

School Play - “A Convict Christmas”

Rehearsals for this year’s school play are well underway and, as always, the enthusiasm and dedication shown by our students is commendable. We are still in need of prop items to really set the scene for the production - below is a reminder of the items we require. If you are able to loan any of these items to the school for use in our production, please label them clearly with your name and bring to the school by 5th November. All items will be returned to their families after the production.

Wooden Crates / Wooden Boxes
Bunk Beds
Ropes
Steel Buckets
Brooms
Hammocks
Wooden Barrels
Wash Boards

Wooden Chests
Grey/White/Cream/Brown Blankets
Large Baskets and Small Baskets
Billy Teapots
Long Johns
Straw Bales
Knitting Needles / Balls of Wool
Wooden Pails / Baths