On Friday 1st November, Year 1 ventured to Taronga Western Plains Zoo to conclude their unit of study on ‘Endangered Animals’. We started the day with a visit to the Black Rhino for a keeper talk and feed. We watched as Zookeeper Nick patted and rubbed the mud of the huge rhino just like we would our own pets.

We then travelled back to the Education Centre for an informative lesson about illegal poaching, animal product trade and other problems affecting our endangered species all over the world.

We had recess at the playground and then set off on the bush walking track to see the White Rhinoceros. We were lucky enough to see Macho, the five month old baby boy rhino playing and feeding with his mother. Before lunch we also saw the Hippo, Cheetah and then climbed onto the Savannah Viewing Platform.

After lunch, we walked to the Greater One Horned Rhino, via the Gibbons and then the Siamangs. The Siamang family were so delighted to see us that they put on a magnificent singing performance for us. We all clapped and cheered their efforts. We finished our tour with the Otters. What we would have given to get into that nice cool pool of water with them, as it was quite warm that afternoon! We walked back to gladly seat ourselves back on the air conditioned bus and rest our weary legs. What a fantastic time we had!! 😊