



On Monday the students and staff came together to take part in a commemoration ceremony for ANZAC Day. We gathered to remember those who have given their lives so that we may enjoy the freedom and peace we have here in Australia. We also prayed for peace in our world.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldiers in those forces quickly became known as ANZACS, and the pride they soon took in that name endures to this day.

On Sunday the 25th of April, we celebrated ANZAC Day.

This was a special day set aside by Australia and New Zealand to remember those who have given their lives so that we may enjoy freedom and peace in Australia.

On that day 105 years ago, thousands of Australian and New Zealand soldiers were sent to Gallipoli to fight in one of the longest and most tragic campaigns of the First World War. 8,000 Anzacs died in the 8 months of fighting.

When the Anzacs landed on the black shores of Gallipoli the enemy was ready for them. Many Anzacs were killed in the first moments of battle. But the fighting went on for months. It was a long and bitter time, but finally the weary Anzacs were forced to withdraw.

Since then we have fought in several other wars: The Second World War in Europe and the Pacific; the Korean War; the Vietnam War; the Gulf War; in East Timor and Afghanistan.

Every year, on this special day, Australians have honoured the ANZACS and all Australian men and women, who have served their country in times of war. On Anzac Day around Australia, ex-servicemen and women march. This is the time Australians join together to say "We will remember them."

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DATES COMING UP

- 06/05/21 School Banking Starts
- 07/05/21 Mothers' Day Celebrations
- 14/05/21 Staff Development Day

ANZAC DAY



Prayer

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in all the nations upon earth.

This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day on **Friday 14th May 2021**

This is a Pupil Free Day. There will be no students at school on this day.

SCHOOL BANKING IS BACK



School Banking is back. School Banking Day will be **Thursday**, commencing on **Thursday 6th May**.

For each weekly deposit made at school, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once they collect 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a School Banking reward.

If your child has previously participated in School Banking, or has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away by bringing their Dollarmites deposit wallet to school on School Banking day.

If your child has lost their deposit wallet, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch for a replacement.

If your child doesn't have a Commonwealth Bank account you will need to open one before they can start banking. You can do this at any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Our School Banking program is made possible because of volunteers. Thank you to those volunteers for donating their time to run School Banking for our students.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS WITH A TWIST!

We would like to invite you to our
2021 Mother's Day Celebrations
Friday 7th May 2021

I am sure that you all can't wait to get back into the school community to celebrate special occasions with your children. We feel the same way! Due to the building works and no access to our school hall for the remainder of the year, we are still unable to invite the whole parent community to whole school special events. Because of this, this year we will celebrate Mother's Day a little differently!

Students will be grouped into stages over the course of the day. Each group will prepare a Mother's Day presentation for mothers and carers. We understand that you may have children in different stages and may need to attend two different time slots. We do apologise for this inconvenience.

Each session will consist of a prayer, a scripture reading and a class / grade presentation.

We look forward to welcoming you back onto our grounds for a session of song, dance, prayer and celebrations!

9am - Early Stage 1 Kindergarten

10am - Stage 1 students (Years 1 & 2)

11.30am - Stage 2 students (Years 3 & 4)

12.30pm - Stage 3 students (Years 5 & 6)



WINTER UNIFORM

All children return to school in full winter uniform - Often when we return to school after the term one break, the weather can still be warm. We expect that all the children will be wearing the winter uniform by Week 3 (Monday 3rd May 2021).

BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues are being sent home. Orders are due by Friday 7th May 2021. Please order online using **the LOOP app** or you can order through scholastic: <http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP> We are no longer taking cash orders through our school office.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 Statements went home this week, if you didn't receive one please contact the Office and a copy can be sent home with your child. Due date 26th May, if you're on a arrangement please check that your payments are up to date.....

Thank you Mrs Falconer, Senior Finance Officer.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This year Parent Teacher interviews will commence from Monday 17th May 2021 (Week 5). We will again be using the online booking system. To book an interview with your child's class teacher you will need to go to the website: www.schoolinterviews.com.au. School Interview Bookings will be open next week. Keep a look out on the Compass Parent Portal for notification of when the interviews are open.

WELLBEING PROGRAM—PDHPE

In Term 1 our school took part in a new initiative, implementing a wellbeing program as an extension of our PDHPE program for selected students in Stage 2 and Stage 3. This was a great success.

The program provided curriculum-aligned content which enabled the children to thrive in their academic, personal and professional lives.

In Term 2 we will continue the program for selected students. The program will deliver social, emotional and physical skills for our students once a week for 20 minute sessions. The weekly classes will be run by Mr Andreatta.

The lessons provide:

- Learning experiences for students to build social, emotional and fundamental movement skills, via lessons made up of age appropriate exercises, games and quizzes.
- Wellbeing check-ins
- Activities that reinforce and develop resilience, communication, critical thinking, agility, collaboration and leadership.
- We look forward to spending the time with students teaching and navigating them through this wonderful program.

Many thanks,

The Wellbeing Team

Mr Andreatta, Mrs Griffiths, School Counsellor- Veronica Morrison

LILLIAN AND FUNDRAISING FOR KIDS

Last Term Lillian of Year 4, did some fundraising for kids with cancer and cut her hair to donate to Wigs 4 Kids. Lillian raised over \$1600 and will be sending her hair away so it can be made into a wig for sick children.

<https://fundraise.kidswithcancer.org.au/fundraisers/lilliansultana>



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mikaela from Year 4 and her group for coming 2nd place in jazz, lyrical & hip hop dance last Sunday in the Time to Shine Competition!! Well done.

