Dear Parents,

Yesterday the whole school commemorated ANZAC Day while ten Year 6 students; Darcy, Eli, Elyse, Hanisi, Max, Milly, Pim, Ruby, Sam and Sienna represented Wattle Park Primary at the Legacy ANZAC Commemoration for students at the Melbourne Shrine. Below I have included the ceremony outline that our Year 6 Ambassadors; Ben, Lulu, Olivia, and Tim conducted:

TIM: The ANZAC tradition- the ideals of courage, endurance and mateship that are still relevant today-was established on the 25th of April 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

BEN: On this day we honour all men and women who have participated in wars, conflicts and peace keeping operations around the world, including the ANZACS who fought at Gallipoli in Turkey during World War 1.

OLIVIA: This year is particularly special as it is the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing. Of all the events in Australia’s history, the battle at Gallipoli in World War One stands out for many, as having contributed to defining the spirit of our nation. Although Gallipoli represents different things to different people, the story of the ANZACs who fought at Gallipoli is one of perseverance and courage in the face of failure and despair.

LULU: This is a reminder of how terrible war is and is a time for us to reflect on how lucky we are to live in a peaceful nation.
The Senior Choir led by Mrs Caulfield-Lloyd sang ‘In Flander’s Fields. Ben, Lulu, Olivia and Tim also chose and read a poem by David Roberts- ‘Making or Breaking’.

We inherit the world,
the whole of history,
our place on earth,
our place in time,
our fortune,
good or bad,
pure chance.
Now,
in one picture,
we see our planet:
one world,
one race,
one future,
bond together
for the first time.
Ours, for the breaking or making.

The students, I think encapsulated it all about the ANZAC Day legend.
It has been a school tradition for some time now to conduct our own Dawn Service commencing at 6.00a.m. So school families and the wider school community are most welcome to join us for the ABC broadcast and a cup of tea with an ANZAC biscuit after the service.

It has come to my attention that some students at home are participating in computer, video and Xbox games that are not appropriate for primary school aged students. Titles that come to mind are ‘Five Nights at Freddy’s’, ‘Call of Duty Black Ops’ and ‘Halo’

Parents please take the time to observe and be aware of what games your children are playing. As a mother of two sons I have gone on that journey and certainly know the ‘battles’ around enforcing what is allowed and what is not.

Much research has been done with varying opinions about the long term impacts about being exposed to explicitly violent and sexual material. However one thing that is indisputable is that computer, video and Xbox games have a content rating system to restrict access to young impressionable minds. Please take the time to read and be familiar with what your children are accessing.

We have certainly been blessed with warm autumn days. I have just spied the Year 2’s going for a walk to Wattle Park, which is part of their historical unit on ‘The Olden Days. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to accompany them. We have fantastic parent participation and involvement at Wattle Park that is definitely envied by many schools.

Look forward to catching up with you tomorrow at the Dawn Service.

Regards Gayle

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the red gum wood that was from the large gum tree that was recently cut down, could you please email Gayle on cope.gayle.l@edumail.vic.gov.au The wood was to be utilised by the school and it is very disappointing that it has now disappeared!
FOUNDATION 2016 ENROLMENTS

It is that time of year when schools are preparing for the following year and student numbers are critical to the school’s staffing structure.

Could you please complete the required Student Admission Enrolment Form if you intend enrolling your child at Wattle Park Primary School in 2016. This form is available from the office or on the school’s website. It can be forwarded by mail if requested.

If you are aware of any families who may live near you and have not enrolled, please encourage them to put in their enrolment forms as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATES

Please return the Student Information Updated information to your child/ren’s teacher as soon as possible if you have not done so. It is vital the school has the latest contact information.

FULL SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Friday, 1st May. Please make sure your child/ren are in full school uniform on this day.

Victorian Premier Reading Challenge
Foundation –2 Girls Uniform Order Form for Tunics
Cake Stall Raffle
Book Club Catalogue
Wattle Park Primary School with the permission of ANZAC House, holds a linkage (by ABC broadcast) to the dawn service on the school grounds.

We invite any interested persons in our school and community to join us in this opportunity to remember our fallen servicemen and women.

We feel this is a great opportunity for those unable to travel to the Shrine of Remembrance for the occasion.

We shall be following the order of ceremony as directed by the ADCC (Anzac Day Commemoration Council).

We ask those interested to gather at the School Administration area by 5.45am for a 5.50am start, concluding at 6.30am on Anzac Day, Saturday, 25th April. The Ceremony is an important occasion, so that future generations of young Australians do not forget the horror of war and the importance of ANZAC Day in Australia’s history.

Please join us in remembering and giving thanks to the men and women whose love and sacrifice in wartime has enabled all Australians to live in peace and freedom.

We encourage any children who may be in possession of their grandparent’s medals to wear them on the day, noting protocol; medals should be worn to the right side.

The poppies can then be placed on the memorial as part of the ceremony.
The Annual General Meeting
for the Parents and Friends Association (PFA)
of Wattle Park Primary School
is to be held on Friday 1st May 2015
at 9.00 am (sharp)
The meeting will be held in the Staff Room (in the main building)
We would love for you to join us
All parents are welcome to come along.
Wattle Park Primary School Cake Stall
Burwood Village Festival
Saturday 2nd May 2015

Wattle Park Primary has once again been invited to hold a cake stall at the local Burwood Village Festival on Saturday 2nd May 2015. The Festival is held from 10am to 3pm at the Burwood Village Shopping Centre, where Toorak Rd begins. It is a great family day out with children's activities, an entertainment stage, and stalls from local community groups and traders.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could support the school by baking goods to sell.

Ideas of things to bake are:

- whole cakes
- slices, brownies
- honey joys, chocolate crackles
- rocky road
- cupcakes
- biscuits
- gluten free baked goods

Packaging will be available for collection at the office from Monday 27th April onwards or you may package your goods yourself. We are also happy for items to be delivered in containers to be packaged by us and containers will be returned if named.

Due to health regulations, all items need to have a list of ingredients attached and cannot contain any cream. Items can be delivered to the school staff room between 8.30am and 4.30pm on Friday 1st May or to Sally Cleland's house at 29 Webster St, Camberwell between 5pm and 8pm.

If you have any questions please contact either
Kerryn Stirling - 0412 729 721, Sue Daglish - 0413 990152 or Sally Cleland - 0408 771 899.

Thank you for your support.
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