



Wednesday, the 10th of June, 2020

Newsletter 14

CELEBRATING LEARNING IN ...

Grade 5 / 6 Red



Although school has been a bit different so far this year, it doesn't mean our Grade 6 students miss out on things that make their last year of primary school special. So don't be alarmed if you see new jumpers or polo tops in the yard, it is just our Grade 6 students in their student designed Grade 6 tops.

Remote learning has finally come to end for the 5/6 class. During remote learning students worked hard throughout and completed some amazing work. Here is a very small snippet of it.

Australian and New Zealand Army Corps



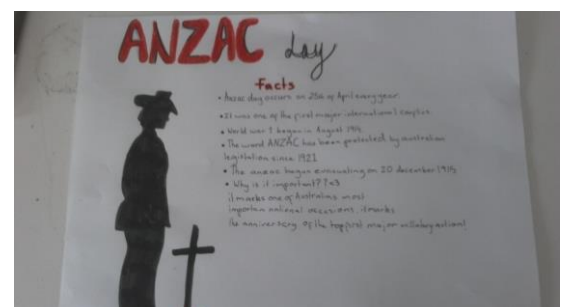
The ANZACs
The ANZACs were a volunteer army that wanted to fight for Australia and New Zealand. Unfortunately the ANZACs lost most of their troops.



About ANZAC cove
In 1915 a battle took place at Gallipoli where the ANZACs landed, today Australians and new Zealanders go there to remember the ANZACs.



ANZAC day
ANZAC day occurs on the 25th of April.
On this day we remember the Australian and the New Zealand troops that fought the Turkish At Gallipoli both those who survived and those who died.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrations!

With Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 returning yesterday (in their pyjamas, which some of us unfortunately forgot all about!), it has been almost surreal how smoothly we have transitioned back into learning on-site. But then again, why shouldn't we have? As we reflected on the challenges and successes of our transition back to on-site learning at last night's staff meeting, something that became apparent was that throughout remote learning, the vast majority of our families had been able to put in place structures and supports that enabled students to maintain learning routines and expectations. This, coupled with teachers and our education support staff providing ongoing and consistent supports for students, has resulted in our students being extremely well equipped to return to the classroom. In addition to our work as a whole community during remote learning, our successful return can also be attributed to the ongoing, day to day work of staff to build a school where students feel safe and eager to come to school and where learning tasks challenge and engage our students in their thinking. Whilst I am not going to say that every student I have spoken to since returning to the classroom has stated that they are over the moon to be back, the vast majority of students have stated that they are very happy to be back at school. And whilst being able to see their friends has been the most common answer to my question about what the best thing is about being back, it has been wonderful to hear so many students are loving being back due to the positive impact it is having on their learning.

To all of our school community who supported our students during remote learning – from teachers to parents/guardians, education support staff to grandparents and even elder siblings, a massive thank you. And now, with remote learning in the past, we shift our gaze to the future as we REACH for the stars!



Principal's Award Week 7:

Student Name: Jeremy Hall-Bowden

School Value: Community

For so thoughtfully creating a number of "Welcome back Willowmavin" signs and placing them on the school fence prior to students returning on Tuesday. Awesome stuff Jeremy!



Principal's Award Week 8:

Student Name: Torah Lang

School Value: Community and Achievement

For so willingly sharing her much loved toys with her classmates and for showing great resilience in returning to school without her siblings. Well done Torah!

Drop Off and Pick Up

As per our last newsletter, it has been great to see families following the directions communicated regarding drop off and pick up – especially now with the whole school having returned to learning on-site. With greater traffic now present at pick up and drop off time, we remind parents and guardians to farewell students from their cars in the morning and wait at their cars for drop off in the afternoon. Our F/1 and Grade 3/4 classes will finish the school day at 2:55pm, whilst our 1/2/3 and 5/6 classes will finish at the usual time of 3:00pm. F/1 and Grade 5/6 are to enter and exit the school from the double gates outside the 5/6 classroom, whilst Grade 3/4 and Grade 1/2/3 will exit from the main gate outside the office area. Thank you again for your co-operation with this matter.

Winter is Coming Here!

As the days and nights become colder and our morning landscape is more regularly matching that of a scene from a popular Disney movie, it is very important that our students are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Whilst it can often be a battle to have some children wear anything but shorts and a tee-shirt, it is a battle that must be won as children are more susceptible to being impacted by the cold – even if they don't feel it as much. Talk with your child and explain why they need to keep warm. And at the very least, ensure they have packed warm clothes for the day as we are regularly providing students who have come to school wearing just shorts and a tee shirt and complaining of being cold, with clothes from lost property to keep them warm outside.

Returning of School Devices on Loan for Remote Learning

During the period of remote learning, it was great that the school was able to support a number of families by providing them with devices that assisted students in engaging in online learning. A reminder that as remote learning is now over for all of our students, it is expected that any devices borrowed from the school, are returned immediately. Thank you to those families who took up this opportunity to assist with learning at home, and thank you in advance for your assistance in returning these devices promptly to school.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tyler Stebbing and his family on the safe arrival of Elijah. As many of the school community were able to witness first hand at last week's online assembly, both mum and bub are doing well!

Signing Off

No quote this week. Just a hope that by the time you are reading this, William Callaghan, the 14 year old boy lost near Mt. Disappointment, has been found.

Until next time, take care of one another, and be the best you can be.

Mr. O'Callaghan



Student of the Week



Term: 2 Week: 7



F/1

RYDER MORGAN

SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT

For his outstanding efforts in attending class meetings and completing all set learning tasks during remote learning.



1/2/3

JACK GRIFFITHS

SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT

For an amazing start back at school after remote learning. Super effort Jack!



3/4

ANNEKA THORNTON

SCHOOL VALUE: COMMUNITY

For always writing a welcome message in our online classroom each morning and offering to help others when they need it.



5/6

HAYLEY WELLER

SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT

For an amazing effort while working independently during remote learning.



Student of the Week



Term: 2 Week: 8



F/1 LUCIE HISCOCK SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT

For making a great start to her learning in Term 2 after remote learning.



1/2/3 BLAIR NEWBOULD SCHOOL VALUE: COMMUNITY

For working cooperatively with his group members to create a petrol station in Inquiry. Great work!



3/4 JACK HAMILTON SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT

For contributing very well to our Webex meetings by asking questions and sharing information about himself.



5/6 CADE GARLAND SCHOOL VALUE: ACHIEVEMENT

For putting in a great effort with his remote learning.

...in their PJs!





The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.
Dr. Seuss

25 Nights Plus

Milla Hiscock
Lacey Buhagiar
Charlie McKenzie
Jack Griffiths
Jett Skinner-Mclean
Jake Bamford-Newey
Harrison Mealy
Tanika Dale
Charlotte Hiscock
Jake Jackson
Amelia Standing
Chloe Jackson
Max Buhagiar
Dayne Lang
Brodie Ellis

50 Nights Plus

Jesse Jervis
Zara Gill
Jack Hamilton
Louis Campbell
Ben Hamilton
Charlotte Jackson
Blair Newbould
Hudson Buhagiar
Torah Lang
Bailey Morgan
Willow Roberts

75 Nights Plus

Maddie Nolan
Olivia Poulter
Georgia Bradley
Molly Gill
Willow Poulter
Charlotte Bradley
Ruby Ellis
Sway Frost
Bryce Haber
Charlie McCrossan

100 Nights Plus

Tyler Stebbing
Alexis Carter
Anwyn Lajang
Alex Mason
Rhys Pate
Anneka Thornton
Charlie McKenzie
Elias Haber
Beau Jervis
Riley McKenzie

125 Nights Plus

Christopher Milvain
Jai Bamford-Newey
Hannah Pate



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What's On...



June

8th June – Public Holiday

**9th June – Return to school 3/4 &
5/6**

**26th June – Last day of Term 2
(2.30pm finish)**



June

4th Alex Mason

10th Elias Haber

12th Charlie McKenzie

15th Molly Gill

Enrolments are open for Foundation 2021

If you would like to enrol your child in Foundation for 2021, please contact the office on 5782-1319 for an enrolment form and information booklet. If you know of other families with children commencing school in 2021, please pass on the flyer on the back page of this newsletter.

Whilst we cannot currently conduct tours of the school, we are more than happy to have a phone conversation or meet via videolink/Webex to discuss any queries you may have.

Return of Remote Learning devices

Could you please ensure all devices loaned to you during the remote learning period are returned to the school office by the end of this week.

WILLOWMAVIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



Respect, Environmental Awareness, Achievement, Community, Health & Wellbeing



“Though she be but little, she is fierce.”

We are a school small in size but big in stature. We work together to develop students who REACH beyond their perceived potential.



“We absolutely adore our school! The specialist program was a huge plus for us. The teachers are beyond amazing and it has a great community feel.”

Steph and Chris,
Grade Foundation, 4 and Grade 6
parents.



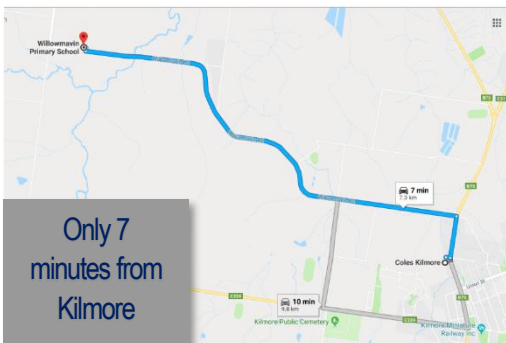
“We love our little school, the warm, caring, loving, nurturing country feel, with huge emphasis on community, respect, resilience and learning. We wouldn't be anywhere else.”

Tam and Cameron,
Grade 4 and Grade 1 parents.



“It is a great feeling when you walk into the school and have the principal and teachers personally acknowledge your child. The teaching staff are amazing, they are approachable and continually focused on improving the wellbeing and learning abilities of the children.”

Amanda and Ben,
Grade 4 and Grade 2 parents.



ENROL NOW FOR FOUNDATION 2021

DUE TO COVID-19, SCHOOL TOURS CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE
Please contact the office to organise a phone or video
conference with the principal, or to collect an enrolment pack.

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