100th Anniversary Anzac Day Commemoration

Australians recognise 25 April as an occasion of national remembrance. Last Thursday, the Coolwynpin State School community commemorated the 100th anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Our school honoured the Australian and New Zealanders who served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations in our special ceremony.

We were privileged again this year to have Mr De Hayr play his bagpipes at the beginning of the ceremony as the special guests and cadets from Alexandra Hills State High School entered the hall and again at the conclusion of the ceremony. Another memorable moment was when our school band, conducted by Mr Aaron Tickner, performed “Abide with Me”, one of the hymns often performed at Anzac Day services. Members from our school community also lit candles to signify the spirit of the Anzacs: Mateship, Sacrifice, Courage and Endurance. Each class, special guests and representatives of the school community were invited to lay wreaths at the foot of our flag pole, in honour of those who have died on battlefields around the world. Our ceremony concluded with Mr Alan Beard, Redlands Deputy Mayor and current Coolwynpin State School grandparent sang a moving version of the song “Courage of a Mate”. This song symbolises the Anzac spirit and was written by a retired teacher, John Ryan, with the music arranged by Mr Beard.

Our school Anzac Day ceremony helped us all to understand the Anzac spirit and left us with a feeling of respect, compassion, pride and a sense of mateship.

Ann Leggett (teacher-librarian)
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students and Friends.

I trust you all had a fantastic Easter break. It was wonderful to see all our super students return to school last Monday and attack the beginning of the term with such enthusiasm and energy. With only eleven more sleeps until NAPLAN 2015, it is fantastic to see the effort that all our students are putting into their academic learning.

On the subject of NAPLAN it is important that students in years 3 and 5 approach these tests with a positive and optimistic attitude. Starting each NAPLAN Day with a healthy breakfast, a positive start and as normal a routine as possible is important in relieving some of the stress and anxiety which can sometimes come with such a formal testing regime. If you would like to know more about the NAPLAN test please don’t hesitate to contact myself or one of the members of the school administration team.

In recent weeks we have noticed and had reported an increasing number of students who are riding their bikes to school in ways which are dangerous. This is of great concern to our entire school community as we all want each and every student to make it safely between home and school each and every day. Consequently, should we find that students are riding to school without helmets we will be confiscating their bikes until they either return with a helmet or their parent picks the bike up. In the event that a student’s bike is placed in safe keeping the parents of the child will be called. It is against the law to ride a bike without a helmet.

Next week we will be hosting our Parent Teacher Interviews. If you have not already registered for an interview please do so as soon as possible please. If I can be of any assistance please don’t hesitate to make contact.

Your Sincerely

Mick Lawrence
Principal

Safe Cycling Fact

Riding a bicycle without brakes and a bell, horn or similar warning device

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OUR TOP ATTENDING CLASSES FOR THE TERM

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Our Positive Behaviour for Learning goal for this week is.....

we travel safely to and from school
Welcome to Term 2 everyone!

I hope Easter holidays were safe and enjoyable. The students have started off the term with enthusiasm and a keenness to learn which is great to see!

Don’t forget our parent teacher interviews are on THIS Wednesday night from 3.30pm - 8.00pm. This year we are trialling a new booking system and interview format. There will be 10 minute interview sessions available across the evening.

You are able to book your interview at: www.schoolinterviews.com.au with the user code of UMULD. If you are unable to book in at home please contact the office and we will be happy to book in for you.

Parent teacher interviews will take place in the iCentre/Library so please make your way here when you arrive for your interview.

This week we have had the World of Maths incursion in the hall. It has been a fantastic opportunity for students to engage in problem solving using teamwork and cooperation to solve Maths puzzles.

This has been a great opportunity for students to apply their Maths knowledge to real world puzzles. Students rose to the challenge with enthusiasm, concentration and laughter.

Here are some of our Year 6 students hard at work:

Rebecca Rayner
Deputy Principal

Messages or Reminders

Phone Messages

It would be appreciated if all parents/guardians could keep the requests for messages to be passed on to students to a minimum. Whilst we realise that circumstances for school pick-ups may change at short notice, it is important to remember that the school office is a hive of activity in the mornings and afternoons. Further, teachers are trying to finalise the day’s lessons and it is disruptive to interrupt their final lesson with phone calls. Students may not always be in the classroom to receive a message – they may be at specialist lessons or participating in outdoor activities in the school grounds – and it may be difficult to pass the message on in time. Please help by making sure your children are aware of the after-school plans when you drop them off in the morning. It is also important that they have a safe, alternate plan should you not arrive at the regular pick-up location, eg. return to the Office or classroom area in the school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation.

Absence Line: 39064360
HOC SPOT

What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials. All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN 2015 tests timetable

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Language conventions test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation. Numeracy test includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data. Calculators are NOT permitted in the numeracy test in Years 3 and 5.

What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?
Where possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 15 May 2015.

Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?
A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

Where can I get more information?
For more information about NAPLAN: visit the NAP website www.nap.edu.au

HOSES

Last Thursday students and guests attended an Anzac Day ceremony in the school hall. It was very moving and our students were wonderful throughout the ceremony. Classes lay wreaths in memory of those who lost their lives in wars and they recognised the sacrifices made in the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.

During the week prior to Anzac Day, classes engaged in a range of activities to build their history knowledge and understanding of the significance of Anzac Day in 2015 as well as other conflicts in which Australians have served. Students, staff and parents at Friday morning assembly were then treated to a range of memorabilia belonging to Mrs Sutton and Mrs Lloyd. Jack kindly took the role of navigator with his RAAF jacket, head gear, leather gloves, an overcoat, ID tags, Dead Reckoning Computer (held in his hand and nothing like the computer students expected) and his Kodak fold out camera which to this day still holds a 1940’s film in it. Should he be unfortunate enough to have his plane shot down in the Pacific he also had his signalling mirror and survival guide with instructions on how to make a tent, hammock or sleeping bag from his parachute, what wild foods he could eat, some key words in Malay and a number of other survival tips for the jungle. It was a fascinating journey for the students to unpack these artefacts and how they were used. A big thank you to everyone in the school community who contributed during the Anzac week.
**PREP REPORT**

After a well-deserved Easter break, the prep students have returned refreshed and ready to go for another big term ahead. They’re even a little taller!

In English, we are continuing to practise our sight words and are working even harder on writing words and sentences. We will be continuing on from our nursery rhymes unit with some poetry, and even begin presenting to the class to practise our public speaking.

We are learning about the weather in Science and how it affects our day to day lives. In Geography we are learning about how to care for locations that are special to us.

Coming up at the end of this week is the World of Maths incursion. This will be our second incursion for the year after the Life Education Van, where Harold the Giraffe helped us learn about healthy foods and exercise, and how to be safe when doing lots of different activities. During the World of Maths Roadshow, students will participate in many different hands-on activities in small groups that will enhance the concepts that we have worked on throughout this semester.

We look forward to sharing our wonderful progress with you through the students’ first report cards before the end of the term.

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**YEAR 3 REPORT**

This term, 2/3C and 3A students will be completing an assessment on road Safety. This assessment is part of our work in The Arts — Media strand. Students will be using power point software and image editing software to create a power point that tells the story of road safety. Creating digital stories enables students to create their own media text consisting of photos and images. It highlights the importance of young people producing media texts that are relevant to them.

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**YEAR 5 REPORT**

**World of Maths**

This week 4/5B and 5A participated in the World of Maths challenge in the hall. There were many complicated maths activities to choose from. The games were all different and they certainly got the students’ brains working hard. In teams the students problem solved all kinds of difficult maths questions. All the students had a great time and they learnt a lot too. They never knew maths could be so much fun.
**P&C AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

**What's happening this term....**

**Bunnings BBQ**
Huge thank you to everyone who helped support the Cool School BBQ at Bunnings Capalaba. We made approx $2100 profit from the 7 hours there, that's $300 an hour, fantastic effort and well done, we couldn't have done it without you all!

**Entertainment Books for sale...**
$65.00 per book and $13.00 from each book sold goes back to Coolnwynpin State School. If you have never purchased before, you will be surprised at how quickly you get your money back. You can buy a book membership meaning you get a book or a digital membership to be used on your phone which means you will probably always have it with you. There is even more value this year with David Jones coming on board. They are offering 10% off gift cards up to $1,000.00 at one time. There are loads of 2 for 1 food deals and many new places such as Mecca Bah, Paleo Café, Moreish Food and Col-fee which have come on board, just to name a few.

There are also discounts for movies, football matches, accommodation, Virgin Blue. The list goes on and on. Check it out at [www.entertainmentbook.com.au](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au) or better still go direct to our school link and order now [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/22168c7](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/22168c7)

You will be receiving a flyer home with your child this week. Any questions, please send me an e-mail, pm on Facebook or give me a call.

**Mothers Day**
You can still order flowers for Mum, Grandma, Nana etc... at the office until Monday 4th May.

Potted Chrysanthamums $8 each
Single Roses $4 each
Chocolate Roses $4 each

These will be given to your child in class on Friday afternoon 8th May, please let me know if this does not suit your family.

Big thanks to Kathryn Arnold, Mike Henley and Kristen Phillips for their help organising this fundraiser, you are awesome!

**Cool Walkings**
Save this date!! - Friday 19th June 2pm - 3pm
Every year we are holding a Walk-a-thon to raise money to add to a shaded seating area on the side of the oval. Last year we raised just over $4000 as a school community so lets see if we can beat it in 2015!! Forms will be coming home soon, please take the time to talk about it with your children, set prize goals and make a hit list of family and friends who would like to support our community.

**Pie Drive**
In week 9 of this term forms will be coming home for Yatala Pies - pie drive. Forms will be due back with money in the first week of term 3. Start talking to your friends, family, work mates, neighbours etc about this. Pies will be distributed on a Thursday this year to make it easier for your to give to those who ordered. Funds raised by the pie drive help to support the Tuckshop.

Big thanks to Alicia Bond for organising this fundraiser... You are pie-licious!

Please don't feel that you have to participate in everything on this list, it is great to be able to offer you a variety of fundraising ideas and then you and your children can choose what you want to do. Personally I saved over $500 by using the digital version of the Entertainment book last year for my family, so I'll be doing that one again!!! If anyone would like to help with fundraising or has a great idea please contact me I would love to hear from you!

Are there any businesses within our school community that would like additional advertising via our Koala Fair facebook page, Fair newsletter and/or signage on the day of the Fair? Do you run a trade type business and would like to be involved but don't have anything that can be raffled? We would greatly appreciate your assistance in purchasing items that can be used at a number of our stalls and in return receive advertising. This is ideal for electricians, pest control or carpet cleaning, plumbers, handymen, painters and the like. If you are interested, please contact Sonya Farrington at koalafair@gmail.com

Have you checked out our Facebook Page “Coolnwynpin SS Koala Fair”? We kindly ask that you spread the word amongst your friends and share our page.

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