FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
3:00pm: this Friday

Lyn’s Lines

Last Friday our senior students conducted an ANZAC day ceremony in the morning as a remembrance of fallen soldiers and current serving members of the armed services. They were sensational!! I have included the details of the service below.

1. Introduction - Eddie

“On the 25th of April each year Australians commemorate servicemen and women who have served in wars and armed conflicts. ANZAC Day is held on the anniversary of the 1925 landings by Australian and New Zealand troops on the beach at Gallipoli in Turkey – the first major military campaign fought by Australian soldiers. All Australian and New Zealand soldiers who served in the First World War became known as ANZACs. Their courage and sacrifice is remembered each year on ANZAC Day.”

2. Reading – Bailey E

“My group has been reading this novel called ‘Gallipoli’ by Alan Tucker. It is based on the war diaries of the 10th battalion. I’m going to read out a letter from the main character Victor, home to his parents.”

Pg 157 from ‘Gallipoli’ novel

Dear Mother and Father,

We captured a series of trenches called Lone Pine, as I’m sure you’ve read in the paper. We paid a big price for this small gain. I was not wounded but suffered fatigue and had to be evacuated to a nearby Greek island. I have recovered quickly and go back to the Peninsula tomorrow. Do not worry about me. When I am there I am where I want to be – with my battalion.

I have very sad news: Needle was killed. Fish was wounded in the same explosion and is likely to lose a leg.

I cannot write anymore it’s too hurtful.

Your son, Victor.

PS Please let Hans be healthy.

3. Story – Matt

“In our grade we read this story as a seed for our Writer’s Notebooks. We then used the ideas for our Big Write. This is my narrative about Gallipoli.”

GALLIPOLI by Matthew Schneider

January 22nd, 1915
It is my birthday today and I am now fifteen, my name is Danny. I got this journal from dad this morning. His name is John. He is an amazing dad and I am proud to call him dad. I got a pencil from mum. Her name is Sarah, and to sum her up she is a quiet, generous and a loving mum, and we all love her back.

January 24th, 1915
There was drama, and lots of it yesterday at the town hall! We currently live in New Zealand but we are thinking of moving to Canada.

January 28th, 1915
War, yes that’s right, we will go to war and I have to fight. Mum and Dad are upset and furious at the master for making me go. I am scared.

February 2nd, 1915
We are at the train station, I am scared and worried. Luckily I made a friend who has to go to war as well as me. His name is Fish. I like him. He is my age and he likes to talk. We are both glad we made a friend to look after us and help each other out, in addition to watch our backs.

February 7th, 1915
Fish and I are on a boat with another friend, he is younger at the age of twelve, yes, twelve, and he has to go to war! He is shy. Fish and I met him while he was getting beaten up for being so young! Fish and I helped him. His name is Joey.

February 19th, 1915
We spent a long time on that boat. Fish, Joey and I are now in Egypt, along with everyone else, but one poor man is extremely sick and needs help but none of the guards care. I worry for him, so do the other two.
February 25th, 1915
That poor man died, I felt terribly sad. Fish and I were crying of depression but the death just made Joey even more scared and he worries about his parents and himself. On the bright side, we met up with the Aussies today. There is this guy named Gobba, he is eighteen but is soft hearted and is completely different in looks. He looks like a man made for war, but absolutely loves kittens and ponies. I don’t get it!

March 3rd, 1915
We are on a boat again. There was a punch on. Fish was involved, he was badly hurt and laid in bed for three days. It started out with Joey and the other guy again. Joey was being held overboard, so Fish punched the guy in the jaw. This caused him to drop Joey, who I only just caught and it went on from there. I hate punch-ons.

March 25th, 1915
We are in Gallipoli, we had to run on the beach and get to cover. A lot of men were killed by Turkish gunners and snipers, but me and my friend were among few who made it alive.

March 30th, 1915
We have been at war for five days and it is not a good place to be. We have lost a lot of innocent men. Joey was shot in the leg on the beach. He just got out of the medic tent. He was scared of death, so I helped him to his feet.

March 30th, 1915
We formed an alliance with the Turks, which they turned on in a few weeks, then were back to shooting and bombing. War is no good, it is pointless and silly. Many men, many very good men have died over the past year, and I am not allowed to write to mum and dad. I am forced to shoot and kill many men just because of a silly argument, this is not fair!

April 17th, 1915
I am still very ill. Joey is scared, Gobba is thinking about his pony, Sparkles, and Fish is next to me with only one good arm. He was shot in the arm by a sniper and was saved by a very brave man. I couldn’t catch his name but I thanked him greatly for saving my friend. He was an extremely noble man.

July 10th, 1915
I was asleep for ages. Many thought I was dead but Fish, Gobba and Joey didn’t leave my side from when I was out, and when I woke up (that’s what they said anyway) I thanked them anyway. I am happy to have such good friends.

July 16th, 1915
Two men were held hostage and the Turks screamed “Get off our land or die!” Those poor men were very scared, one of them looked more petrified than scared though. Our Commander told us to drop our weapons, so we all did. Joey was at the back of us all and the Turks couldn’t see him so he dropped to his knees and prayed for peace. Those two men died, even though we dropped our guns, but when they died we went crazy, we all picked up our guns and ended up killing a lot of them (except for Joey who was scared).

July 20th, 1915
There is talk of us going back home.

July 21st, 1915
None of it is true, sadly.

December 25th, 1915
What a Merry Christmas this is. There was more deaths than ever. Everyone was sad and ill, we were in a bad position. I asked the general if we could retreat but he said no. I think I am going to die, it’s absolutely terrible.

December 28th, 1915
I am in hospital again. I am on the edge, it is life or death. I am scared. My mum sent a letter. I sent one back but sadly I can’t put it in my journal.

January 1st, 1916
Happy New Year!! I’m going home, but it is also not so happy new year because Joey ran away and nobody knows where he is, I worry for him he was so young.

March 3rd, 1916
I AM HOME YAY!!
My mum is so happy, my dad is as well, but he tries to hide his emotions. I told them everything – my friend, how much I missed them and how scared I was. They also told me a lot as well. I am happy to be home! I also found out that Joey snuck on the boat with me, and he lives down the road. In other words he ran home!

THE END

5. Laying of wreath – Hazel

“Red poppies grew on the First World War battlefields in France and Belgium. They are often woven into a circle and laid on graces and memorials in memory of those who died in battle. Since the First World War, red poppies have been used as a symbol of remembrance on ANZAC Day. Tomorrow our school captains will lay a wreath just like this one at the war memorial. Today we will lay this one by our Australian Flag.”

6. Last Post – Alex

I will now read the ‘Ode of Remembrance.’ This will be followed by the Last Post, a minutes silence, then the national anthem.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them

Lest we forget”

7. Last post and minutes silence

8. National Anthem
9. ANZAC biscuits – Eddie

“During the First World War, people on the home front often sent parcel to the ANZACs to show their support. Many of these packages included biscuits made from rolled oats, coconut, syrup and flour, which had high nutritional value and kept well while being transported overseas. These biscuits have come to be known as ANZAC biscuits.

Today we will be selling ANZAC biscuits after school to raise money for the ANZAC Day appeal. This money helps to support those returning from service and their families.”

10. Thank you – Hazel

“Thank you for coming to our ANZAC Day service.”

Our School Leaders, Alexandra Lowe and Kody Budd were brilliant ambassadors for Bittern Primary School as they represented the school at the ANZAC Day service at Crib Point.

THANKS

A huge thanks to our garden fairies, Lorna Bagworth, Lauren Forster- Tuckey and Claire Murray who have spent time cleaning up in the garden, it is very much appreciated. If you could spare 20 minutes of your time even on the weekend when your children are playing in the school grounds to pull up a weed or two Brenda would be rapt!

PLEASE NOTE

Smoke-free schools are here!

The ban on smoking in Victorian schools was brought forward to the start of the second term.

The bans, established under the Tobacco Amendment Act 2014, were due to come into effect on 30 June but instead began on Monday 13 April to coincide with the start of the second term.

From that day, smoking is banned on the grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to, all Victorian schools, childcare centres, kindergartens and preschools as well as hospitals, community health services and many Government buildings including Parliament, courts and police stations.

The ban will apply to more than 2,200 primary and secondary schools, around 4,200 kindergartens and childcare centres, and 149 public hospitals and health services across Victoria.

People caught smoking in these off-limit areas risk on-the-spot fines of $147. The maximum penalty under the legislation is five penalty units, which is currently $738.

A campaign to remind Victorians about the new smoking bans, including print, radio and online advertising, has begun.

Smoking is already banned at train stations and raised platform tram stops, patrolled beaches, and within 10 metres of playgrounds and skate parks, sporting venues during under-18s events and within public swimming pool grounds.

Minister for Education, James Merlino urged all Victorians to avoid smoking near school entrances and so respect the rights of children to enjoy clean air.

“These bans are a vital step in reducing the normalisation of smoking for our young people. The more they see smoking in public, the more they might think smoking is OK when we all know it’s not.”
Hens or Roosters?
We have just gained 8 chickens to add to our school family. They are just over 6 wks old and they have moved into our school chook pen, they are settling in very well. They were born in a local retirement home and raised by a 2yr old in Bittern, then donated to our school. They are not old enough for us to determine whether they are Hens or Roosters, but when we find out, the Roosters will be going to a nice man with a big farm, near Hastings. It is our responsibility to look after our new family members. So **everyone can help**, there will be a container in front of the veggie garden, labelled chicken scraps. We can bring our veggie scraps from home and help feed our little friends; the only things they can’t eat are, (onion, meat, and garlic).

We hope the chickens have a fantastic long life at our school! WE TRUST THAT ALL OUR STUDENTS WILL GIVE THEM, THE RESPECT AND LOVE THEY DESERVE!

### JONNY’S POPCORN DELIGHTS
If you are looking for a tasty recess snack with:
- No preservatives
- No Gluten
- No dairy
- No nuts

Then this is for you, we have 3 tasty flavours, **caramel, buttery and sweet and salty**.

Our small bags are **$5.00 for 190g** and large bags **$8 for 380g**, it will last up to 2wks in an air tight container, or great to put in zip lock bag or small container for a snack.

Have your order in by **Thursday night**; a text is fine, with your name, flavour, size and quantity. Pick up Friday from 3-5pm in Bittern, **freshly cooked that day**!

If your family and friends haven’t tried our flavours before, I can do a **POPCORN PARTY** minimum of 8 people required, **host gets 2 large bags FREE and all the popcorn you can eat, on the night!**

Just Call Lauren on 0432 841580

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**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – TOMORROW**

**THURSDAY 30TH APRIL**

Please ensure that you send your child with their completed photo envelope and correct money in the morning. The school office is not able to accept payment or give change on the day.

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**360 ALLSTARS**

An Onyx Production | Directed by Gane Peterson

Tuesday 5 May, 8pm | Theatre

Exciting urban circus! Brook dancers, BMX flatlander, a Roux Cyr artist, basketball freestyler and live music; 360 ALLSTARS is as surreal as exciting as it is visually astounding. It’s a one of a kind family show!

Tickets: Member $30, Full $38, Conc $34, U00 $30, U16 $20, Family (4) $94 | Duration: 75 minutes, no interval
2015 FEES

Please be advised that all Essential Items and school contribution payments are now **OVERDUE**, these fees were due by end of term one. If you are unsure of the amount owing, please contact the school office. Reminders have been sent home, payment as soon as possible would be appreciated.

DON'T FORGET HOT DOGS THIS FRIDAY

**HOT DOGS!!**

Hot dogs will be available this Friday, at a cost of **$2.50**. If you would like your child/ren to purchase a hot dog, please complete the order form and return it to school this Friday, together with the correct money.

**PLEASE NOTE – THE CANTEEN IS NOT OPEN ON HOT DOG DAY**

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Interested in hockey?

*Why not come to Frankston Hockey Club!*

We cater for players of all levels & are particularly looking for players in the following age groups:

- **U10 – GIRLS & MIXED TEAMS**
- **U12 & U16**

We train at Monash University, Off Bloom St, Frankston

Enquiries to: Jason Knox 0424 143 226

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**RSPCA Million Paws Walk**

**SUNDAY 17 MAY**

**MORNINGTON PENINSULA • HASTINGS FORESHORE**

**REGISTER AND FUNDRAISE NOW AT MILLIONPAWSWALK.COM.AU**

**ENTERTAINMENT • FUN • ADVICE • RUN FOR EVERYONE**
**Every day counts – school attendance**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day. In the next few days you will receive a report from the school regarding your child’s rate of absenteeism. It’s amazing how easily and quickly it is for the days away to add up!!