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K-2 Opera House excursión

The K-2 excursion to the Opera House was cancelled due to the inclement weather last week. The staff are looking at re-scheduling another excursion, however the show at the Opera House will not be shown again, so while we have missed this show, the staff are looking into the possibility of another excursion. Please stay tuned for more information about this.

Opportunity Class Applications Yr 5 2016

This week all Year 4 students should have received the information pack for Opportunity Class applications for Year 5 next year. Applications must be completed online by Friday 15 May 2015. The information pack and the website contain a lot of information about OC classes and the application process. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or Mr Kember, the Stage 2 Assistant Principal.

ANZAC Day

Our School Leaders led the ANZAC ceremony last week in the COLA area. They did a superb job reciting the ceremony, with some moving readings, and poems. Our choir, led by Mrs Pass and Miss Scotton, also performed two beautiful songs to reinforce the memory and significance of ANZAC Day, particularly this year being the centenary year of the ANZAC’s landing in Gallipoli.
Review of ANZAC Service at Wyong PS

Tangji and Bella – School Captains

On Friday last Week, we (School Captains and Vice Captains) ran an Anzac Ceremony to pay respects and commemorate the Soldiers that sacrificed their lives to save ours. We raised both flags (Aboriginal and Australian) and had a minute of silence while the flags were being raised.

The poem in Flanders Fields is a poem about remembering the soldiers that went to war. The poppies grew in Gallipoli when the soldiers were in war. They grew in really cold climates and are hard to grow in hot places.

The Ode - the ode is like a poem but it is a shorter one than others and it is a little description, and we all stand up in respect.

The Anzacs were dropped at the wrong place and many died in that tragic incident. We wore poppies and placed Wreaths under the Australian flag to pay our respects to the Anzacs that fought and died. There were many young people of the age 14-15 that went to war.

Mrs Pass and Mrs Scotton’s choir performed two songs called Lest we forget and We will remember they were both wonderful performances.

Flanders Field Poem

In Flanders field the poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw

The torch: be yours to hold it high.
If ye break with faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders field

The Ode

The shall grow not old, as we are left to 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.

I would like to include some history of Wyong in our newsletter, with particular mention to three young men who were part of the first landing at Gallipoli 100 years ago. I personally thank Mr John Selwood and Mr Warwick Horner. These men have compiled a project to profile the names appearing on the Wyong Cenotaph in Alison Road Wyong; so that each year from 2015, the names of the fallen for that year will be read out at the Wyong RSL Sub Branch Anzac Day service.

The Gallipoli Campaign: April to December 1915

25 April 1915 the landings on the Gallipoli Peninsula began at 4.30am. Australian forces landed at a place that is now known as Anzac Cove.

Little progress was made, and on 6 August 1915 an offensive attack was made on Turkish troops at Lone Pine. The next day an attack was made at The Nek. At the same time Australian forces attacked Hill 971. These offensives ran from 6 to 27 August 1915. The Turkish defences held. The Gallipoli campaign was abandoned on 7 December 1915.

Australian battle casualties totalled 8,709 killed, 27,000 wounded and 6,000 dying of illness. The total population of Australia, at the time, was less than 5 million. Despite this, the Anzac spirit had been born.
There are three young men from Wyong buried at Gallipoli.

**Private Raymond Leslie GOLDSMITH**

Born 11th November 1893 at Wollombi, second son of Ernest John and Eliza Emma Goldsmith of Hill Street, Wyong. Hill Street was later renamed Rose Street after the local MP Mr D'Arcy Rose. Raymond Goldsmith attended Wyong Public School. His occupation: a railway labourer.

*Died of Wounds: 1 August 1915 Age 21*

3rd Battalion AIF Service No. 1537

Embarked 20th October 1914 from Sydney on HMAT Euripides A14. He was 2metres (6ft) tall and a keen sportsman. Landed at Gallipoli on April 25th, 1915. Raymond was first wounded on May 19th, recovered and then sustained a shell wound on July 25th and died on August 1st, 1915.

**Private Leonard John KELLE**

Son of Albert and Agnes Wallace Kelle of "Lorraine" Wyong.

His photo is below.

Private Kelle was single and worked as a carrier. Killed in Action: Between 6th and 11th August 1915 Age 34

1st Battalion AIF Service No. 1542

Killed in Action: 19th October 1915 Age 18

Private William John WOODBURY


**Name listed on Lone Pine Memorial Panel 14**

Seven Victoria Crosses were awarded to Australians who fought in this four day battle at Lone Pine. 2,277 Australians and 5,000 Turkish soldiers died here.

**Private William John WOODBURY**


**Killed in Action: 19th October 1915 Age 18**

7th Light Horse Regiment AIF Service No. 1125 Embarked 7th June 1915 from Sydney on HMAT Chilka. The surviving Australian Light Horse Regiments then continued to fight Turkish forces in Palestine, also defending the Suez Canal and undertook the last great cavalry charge to capture the wells of Beersheba on the edge of the Sinai Desert.

In 1931 his mother requested a report on how her son died (and even included stamps for return postage). She was sent a standard reply, and her stamps. She was given his medals, the 1914/18 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal and a Memorial Plaque in 1922.

**Private William JONES**

Died at Liverpool Military Camp:

17 September 1915 Age 18

There were quite a few recruits who died before embarkation. Most died of respiratory illnesses. William died of measles and pneumonia. His body was brought home to Wyong. William was a Jilliby boy, who was a respected member of the local cricket club.

**Buried at Jilliby Cemetery, Anglican Section, Row B.** His headstone has an open book which has inscribed:

"He rose responsive to his country's call but, alas, was nipped off in the bud"

**NAPLAN 2015**

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
All Year 3, and 5 students at school will sit the NAPLAN tests from Tuesday May 12th to Thursday May 14th. The NAPLAN tests students’ skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy. NAPLAN test are administered simultaneously in all schools across Australia. NAPLAN tests are another way of finding out what students can and cannot do so that support can be provided. National test results provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning.

Some frequently asked questions about NAPLAN:

When will the results be released to schools?
Schools will be provided with data packages which contain detailed student results either before or at the same time that student reports are provided to parents. Student reports will be distributed during September term 3 2015 depending on the timing of school holidays in each State.

What will be included in the students report to parents?
Every child will receive a report showing his or her results against key national information. For each domain and year level, student results will be reported against six achievement bands, the national average, the middle 60 per cent of Australian students and the national minimum standards.

By the time student reports are distributed how will the information still be useful to help students?
NAPLAN results in 2014 will be available during the third term to inform parents, schools and teachers about student performance. This information can be used to provide support to students within the same year the tests are conducted.

What help will be available for parents to interpret the NAPLAN tests results?
Parents with questions about their child’s results should speak to their teachers to learn more about their child’s performance at school. Additionally, parent information sessions will be offered to assist parents in understanding the format of the NAPLAN report.

Do students learn specific skills for NAPLAN tests? No, but they are given an opportunity to become familiar with the NAPLAN tests formats and ways of showing their answers before they do the tests.

Parents/Carers can obtain additional information about the NAPLAN program by visiting the NAPLAN website on www.naplan.edu.au

Sydney North Rugby League Trials
On Tuesday this week Elvis O, Jesse D and James C all represented the Tuggerah / Wallarah Sports areas at the Sydney North Rugby League trials. The boys played 4 matches throughout the day against 3 other areas from the lower central coast, manly / Pittwater and Beecroft/Hornsby. Competition was tough, and the all of the boys performed extremely well. James Cogger and Elvis Opetaia made the final 34 squad, before Elvis was successful in gaining section in the final 17 team members. He will now compete at the state championships at Cronulla later in June for the 12/13 years against all of the other regions across NSW and including the catholic and independent schools. This is an outstanding achievement for Elvis and I am sure he will learn a lot about the game and his own skills. Well done to James and Jesse who narrowly missed selection and did themselves proud through their strong defence and running throughout the games.

Todd Miladinovic

Head lice – the following information is from the Schools DEC website.

The facts
Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
• head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
• head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment
• daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)
• school communities may need to hold 'check and treat' or Nitbuster days where everyone learns about and starts treatment on the same day.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice
As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.
• regularly check your children's hair
• teach older children to check their own hair
• tie back and braid long hair
• keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

What you can expect from your school
Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice.

Observing students scratching their heads is not a reliable or efficient means of assessing head lice prevalence in the school.

Where one student has head lice this serves as a warning light that there is likely to be an infestation in either specific classes or across the whole school population, including staff.

The school will send when infestations of head lice occur and request that parents examine their child's hair and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified. They will also encourage students to avoid head to head contact in group activities as far as possible.

In rare cases where students are experiencing a chronic head lice infestation the school, parents and the local community may need to work together to treat the infestation.

Stewart House Fund-Raising Day 2015
On Friday 8th May we are holding our Stewart House Fundraising Day.

Stewart House is at Curl Curl near Manly and they support children who need a holiday. They depend on schools to help raise money for them to be able to do this.

We are going to sell the Stewart House keyring torches and students are asked to wear blue-coloured clothing and make a gold coin donation.

Students will learn about Stewart House and watch a DVD about it this week when in the library.

Cost for the day is as follows-
- Blue mufti clothing – a gold coin donation
- Keyring torches - $3.00

Also, an envelope for Stewart House is accompanying this newsletter. You have the chance to win a holiday by placing a $2 coin in the envelope and returning it to the office at schoolboy Friday 8th May.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Mrs Wells

Library News
Lots of students have not returned their library books from last term. Overdue notes have been sent home. Could you please remind your children to return them this week so as they can continue to borrow this term.

All students were given library bags this year and it is important that they place their books in
it before placing them in their school bag to help protect them.

Mrs Wells

Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall, a new public artwork by Tony Albert.

New public sculpture pays tribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Diggers

MARCH 31: Girramay artist Tony Albert’s dramatic sculpture featuring marble and steel bullets and shell casings has been unveiled in Hyde Park as a tribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women.

Yininmadyemi – Thou didst let fall features four seven-metre tall, 1.5-tonne bullets and three fallen shells to represent the Diggers who returned to Australia and those who lost their lives.

The $500,000 public artwork was commissioned by the City of Sydney as part of its Eora Journey program celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history in the public domain, and curated by Hetti Perkins.

The public artwork was the request of Redfern’s Babana Aboriginal Men’s Group, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Services Association and the Coloured Digger Committee that jointly organise the annual Coloured Digger Anzac March in Redfern.

Maree Edwards
Aboriginal Community Development officer

P&C Easter Raffle

We would once again like to say a big THANK YOU to all the families and friends who donated prizes for our annual Easter Raffle, and also thank everyone who bought raffle tickets. The response was fantastic, and between us all, we managed to raise over $1,100!

A big thank you also goes to Helen Tremble, who drew all the winning tickets on 1st April.


We hope you enjoyed your Easter Treats!

WPS P&C Committee