PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Anzac day is a deep and complex event in the Australian psyche. Civic rituals and prayers occur in every town and suburb in the land. We also pick up the themes, nuances and mood in our Mass for the day. Anzac Day carries multiple overtones: It is a martyr’s day when we commemorate the sacrifice of the fallen and honour those who gave their life that we might live. It is a commemoration of the dead when we commend those who have died in war to the Lord, especially members of our own families. It is a prayer for peace, because all war is horrible no matter what heroism it reveals. It is a day of national identity, an Australian ‘coming of age’ a decade and a half after the formation of the commonwealth. It is a story of victory in defeat, survival and life in the face of overwhelming odds.

And with Australia’s flag shall fly
A spray of wattle bough,
To symbolise our unity,
We’re all Australians now

Year Six students attended a beautiful ceremony at the City of Belmont yesterday, celebrating with representatives from government, education RSL and schools in the area. The Pre-Primary children astounded me all week with their knowledge of ANZAC Day. This afternoon all children have been engaged in ANZAC DAY activities; a good conversation starter for you at home.

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY is an opportunity to provide your feedback of the school climate. The feedback from this annual survey is used by the Staff, the School Board, Parents & Friends and the Leadership Team when planning for the development of the School’s Catholic identity, curriculum, facilities and community building events. 60 families have been randomly selected to participate and will receive their package on Tuesday. If you do not wish to participate, please return your package so that another family has the opportunity to do so. All individual responses are kept confidential and only the analysis of the data is made public to the School community.

MUSIC lessons have begun with Mr Murray Bishop from Keyed Up Music. In order to make the most of Mr Bishop’s time and have minimal disruption to the school timetable, for the remainder of this year, private music lessons for some students will have to take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Where necessary teachers will ensure that students don't miss valuable learning activities, however at times it may be necessary for these students to complete work at home.

MANDARIN lessons will hopefully resume later this term. Parents will be advised accordingly.

SCHOOL WEBSITE will go LIVE next Friday. A note will be sent home mid week on how to access. Please note that all class and school news will be through the class blog,
connected to the home page. Teachers will add class news each week and over the term load class work. Please be patient as we explore the opportunities of the technology to showcase your child’s learning and the school's events and achievements.

SCHOOL PHOTOS are next Wednesday. ALL ENVELOPES are to be returned to school on the day and not before, please. Students are asked to wear FULL WINTER ACADEMIC UNIFORM (bring sports uniform in bags please).

OFFICE NEWS Mrs Dearling is on leave and returns Monday 4 May. Ought you to require assistance and information in regard to school fees, please do not hesitate to enquire with Mrs Rimmer or me.

COMING EVENTS:
- Monday 27 April  ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 28 April  Classes resume, School Climate Survey opens, P & F meeting 6:30pm
- Wednesday 29 April  Waste Free Wednesday, School Photos students to wear full academic uniform
- Thursday 30 April  LifeLink Launch at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School Lockridge
- Friday 1 May  Bust out in Blue Asthma Awareness wear blue to school

May you all enjoy a very happy and safe long weekend, on this very special occasion.

God Bless
Jonnine Lamborne
Principal
Reaching for Great Heights