We Remembered Them

On Monday, the first day back at school after ANZAC Day, we held our own commemorative service to mark the 100 years anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign.

It was led by Year 6 & 7 students from Room 2.2 and included

- A commemorative address
- Reading the poem “In Flanders Field”
- Laying poppies near our Lone Pine tree
- Reading the Ode of Remembrance
- Listening to the Last Post
- One minute silence
- Rouse and Raising of the Australian flag
- Singing the National Anthem.

It was a simple and solemn service and all the students participated in a respectful appropriate way and were a credit to their school and families.
The link between success in school and emotional security is well recognized. Together, the parents and caregivers in our school community and school staff, can work to help our children to be healthy, happy and successful. The aim of this section of the newsletter is to share any interesting, useful tips and inspirational thoughts that come across my desk.

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Through a Child’s Eyes.

The more we understand our children the more we can help and support them. One of the ways we can do this is to think about memories of our own childhood and imagine a world from a child’s point of view.

- Remember what it was like to be a child
- Think about significant things that happened to you as a child and reflect on how they influenced you and your life.
- What would you have liked your parents to have done or said?
- What experiences do you want your child to remember?
- Children think in different ways to adults. They do not always understand situations in the same way as adults. For example children sometimes think they are to blame for things that actually have nothing to do with them.
- Try walking in your child’s shoes for a while. How does it feel to be so small when everyone is so big? What is it like to find the words to say how we feel?

This is a last minute reminder that we are running an AFL Auskick program at Plympton Primary School starting next Tuesday 5th May from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. The program will run for 9 weeks with a celebration night in week 10.

The Auskick program is open to all boys and girls in reception to year 2.

If you wish for your child to be involved then you need to register them before next Tuesday. To register all you need to do is grab an Auskick flyer from the front office with all the details or go to www.aflauskick.com.au find Plympton Primary School and enter your details.

All students that register and pay the fees receive an awesome pack full of gear towards the end of the program.

The cost to participate in this activity is $65.00 however; if you use your child’s sports voucher the cost is only $15.00. These vouchers are available from the front office of the school. To be eligible you will need to provide a valid Medicare number during the registrations process and you will be asked to make an online payment of $15.00.

Auskick is a great opportunity for students to learn skills of catching, kicking, and group work while having fun with their friends.

So I encourage any parent that wants their child to be involved in sport to register their child on the website.

If you need any further information or have any questions then please contact Anthony Worden though the front office.
Ah – the holidays! What a great time to work and learn the lessons of life away from school! My lessons were learned in the local park where I took my dog Toby every day for his exercise. All sorts of people use the local park. Every day you can meet different people and different dogs as well as meeting the regulars. This time we met some of the local Plympton Primary School boys – which was fabulous for me as they took over exercising Toby. The boys learnt some good lessons in helping with Toby such as needing lots of patience when waiting for Toby to return the ball. They also learnt about the building of trust in a relationship. Without trust you cannot get very far with playing with a dog. It was also interesting to see what some other boys in the park got up to during the holidays. A group of boys had ridden their bicycles to the park and were having a great time riding around the park. They progressed to building jumps out of soils and mud and had great fun flying through the air after a jump. It was all good fun until they progressed again and decided to jump with their bikes over each other as they lay on the ground...one...two....three. Now things were definitely starting to look dangerous. They were being successful and having a lot of fun as they pushed themselves onto more dangerous and exciting territory. But what should I do? Should I spoil their fun by warning them of the dangers? They were not my kids so should I just ignore? If I said something would their parents get annoyed at me for interfering? After considering these responses I thought the best thing to do was to quietly ask if they thought the jumps over people were a wise thing to do. Sure enough the next jump just grazed at a boy’s jumper and I asked my question. Asking shows concern and helps to shift the responsibility onto the boys in case they had not thought about the dangers. It also helps to avoid an angry response. Fortunately the boys expressed understanding and soon went off to find other, safer challenges. And Toby and I went back to throwing and chasing balls!

The lesson this taught me was that children do not always undertake safe behaviours when on their own. This means that we must take care to teach our children how to keep themselves safe both in the physical environment and when interacting with other adults. In this case everything worked out well – the boys were safe and had fun and I could enjoy watching them without worrying about an accident. It is not always easy to speak up as adults but we must encourage each other to do so for the safety of our kids.

Til next time – Karen (CPS)

Karen Tromans works in our school as a Pastoral Support Worker, and her role is supported through the Federal Government Schools’ Chaplaincy Program.
Fundraising – Mother’s Day Stall
We are holding a Mother’s Day Stall in the Canteen next week on Wednesday 6th May and Thursday 7th May at Recess and Lunch times. Items will be for sale from 50c to $7.00 each. Don’t forget to buy for Nanna too! We need parent volunteers to help sell items at the Mother’s Day Stall. If you are available from 11am to 11.30am and/or 1pm – 1.45pm on either/both days, please leave your name with Wendy at the Front Office.

To register your interest in a session please see Wendy in the front office or email Karly at the school: dl.0346_info@schools.sa.edu.au

Fundraising – Entertainment Books
Purchase your Entertainment Book for $65 from the Finance Office on Tuesdays – Thursdays. You can pre order online at www.entbook.com.au/1610r82 or at the Finance Office. Books will be available from the 8th of May. $13 from every book sold is going towards funding our Natural play space.

Keep Your Hat On!
Remember, our SunSmart policy tells us that students wear hats when outside at playtime and for outdoor lessons up until the end of May (Week 6)

Bike Ed
Year 4 and 5 students participate in Bike Ed lessons each Wednesday this term. This programme is part of our Way2Go programme that encourages safe, active and green ways for students to travel to and from school. During the Bike Ed programme instructors from Bicycle SA check students bikes to ensure they are road-worthy and teach students how to ride safely and confidently on roads and bike paths around our school. Students who do not have a bike of their own are able to use a bike loaned by Bicycle SA for the lessons.

They were FAST!
Congratulations to Ruby Vanloo who finished 2nd and Josh Johns who finished 4th at the Airport District SAPSASA Cross Country event last term. Both Ruby and Josh will be representing the District and the school at the State Cross country championships later this term.

Ukuleles and Recorders
You can still purchase your Ukulele for $22 and your Recorder for $8.40 from the Finance Office on Tuesdays – Thursdays. Be quick as they are selling fast.

Mathematics Workshop for Parents/Caregivers
Friday 1st May, Term 2 Week 1
9:00-10:00am and repeated at 2:10-3:10pm
In the school library
Any year level welcome!

- Are you interested in finding out more about what your child is learning in mathematics?
- Do you want to know about the Secret Code and Natural Maths?

Come along to our workshop and find out more.
Practical ideas and handouts will be provided.

Morning/Afternoon tea & Tea/Coffee provided