

Wandong Primary School



After having enjoyed a great start to the year- we are now well and truly 'back in the swing of things' in term two. I hope that everybody was able to have a bit of a break with family and friends over the Easter period. In April, we were not at school that much due to the holidays- however, we had a few big highlights, including:

Colour Run: The event was a huge success on the last day of term one, thanks to the help of school staff, parents/carers and students. All students were given an opportunity to run the course and to be covered with colour, which generated lots of smiles and laughter. It was great to see many older students assisting younger students to navigate trickier parts of the course, or to encourage everyone with a high-five as they rounded the corner. Teachers and support staff were also keen to give it a go, including the tunnel- which proved to be a bit of a challenge for anyone over the age of 12! Fun was not the only thing to be gained from the event however, and we look forward to finding out the total funds raised for the school in coming weeks.

ANZAC Ceremonies: The first week of term two was a wonderful celebration of the efforts of our students and staff, with their active participation in both our school and the community ANZAC Day services. A great turn out of families witnessed the respectful service held at the school on Wednesday 24th April. Feedback from our invited guests, which including the MP Rob Mitchell, Mayor Bill Chisholm, local Councillor Rob Eldridge, Sue Marstaeller OAM, Rhonda Cole and members of the Kilmore and Whit-tlesea RSL clubs, indicated that the ceremony was spot on. Led by our school chaplain, Mr Roland Gardiner, the service was an opportunity to show our respect for those in the armed forces.

A massive congratulations goes to all of the students involved in preparing for, and presenting in, the event – including our school captains and vice captains, our house captains and vice captains, students who laid poppies on behalf of their class and those who made speeches. The behaviour and attention of all students sitting with their teachers was first rate!

Our school captains and vice captains then represented our school at the community service the following day, Thursday 25th April. After they set up the remembrance garden with white crosses, they handed out programs and poppies before speaking about Sir Edmund 'Weary' Dunlop and Otto John

Siefken. This was a wonderful community celebration and they represented Wandong Primary School admirably.

I look forward to giving you an update next month.

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