



**Book
Club
Due**

**Friday
7th
May**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 21st April—28th April	Book Fair Week
Friday 23rd April	Special Persons Day
	ANZAC Ceremony
Sunday 25th April	ANZAC DAY
Thursday 29th April	Canteen Reopening—Please place orders via QKR.
Friday 30th April	Responsible Pet Education Program 11.50am —1.20pm
Sunday 2nd May	School Working Bee 10.30am—12.30pm

Dear families,

Welcome back everyone to Term 2,

What a delight to see so many happy smiling faces eagerly greeting friends and their teachers. It sounds like everyone had a great holiday. Nice and relaxed, ready for the busy week ahead including; A curriculum day, Grade 5/6 visit to the Ballarat Cemetery to lay flags on the sites of returned and fallen soldiers, a whole school visit to the theatre '91st Storey Tree House', Book Fair, a Special Person's day and the Anzac Day Ceremony.

Curriculum Day

Teachers are learners too! Mrs Reyntjes delivered professional learning on Teaching Strategies to best support students' needs with reading. It is good to know that our staff are up to date with most current theory in relation to how students learn reading best and that this is effectively differentiated for each child and their individual needs.

Lunch with Mrs Carey



This week two very lucky students had lunch with me in my office. It was super fun. We got to chat about how they feel about school and to collect some really important input on ways to further improve the school. Their highlights of our school include friends, the fun ways to learn, sport, games, performing arts, maths and that their teacher makes learning interesting, knows them well and also motivates them to learn. Thanks Tyler and Aurora.

Honour and Respect

It was such a privilege to attend the cemetery excursion with our Grade Five and Six students this week. We placed over 140 Australian flags on the graves of returned soldiers that had fought in World War 1, World War 2 and other conflicts across the world. In total 2500 flags will be placed by Ballarat Schools this week. So moving to see the flags gently swaying in the wind, amongst the golden colours of Autumn, lovingly placed to remember. If you get a chance, take your family for a drive through to commemorate as a family.



Principal's Award – To all the grade 6 students

**What an outstanding job you did today leading the Anzac Ceremony showing our school values
Respect, Responsibility and Resilience**

91st Treehouse

Another fabulous learning opportunity, a trip to the theatre. This fits in beautifully with literacy appreciation and also our performing arts program.

Andy and Terry's Treehouse has reached an amazing 91 Storeys! It's now more fantastically dangerous than ever, with a deserted desert island, a whirlpool, and a giant spider! But Andy, Terry and Jill have no idea they're about to face their biggest challenge yet! Mr Big Nose has sent his grandchildren to the Treehouse, and they don't want to just sit quietly. Can Andy, Terry and Jill master this extreme babysitting challenge? What does mysterious fortune teller Madam Know-It-All really want? And will the Big Red Button really destroy the world?



Carrera & Dimitrii—
big smiles after the performance

Special Person's Day and Anzac Ceremony

What better way to commemorate Anzac Day then with our special people. Thank you to all our special people who came today to share in our learning, participate in a very moving ceremony officiated by the Grade Six Leaders and to share morning tea with each other.

Working Bee

We need you!

Our school is so successful due to the ongoing support of our community and we need your help now. Our school is beautiful, but does need upkeep. We are going to have a working bee on Sunday 2nd May at 10.30-12.30pm. The more volunteers the less work. We will be weeding, turning over garden beds, cleaning up sandpit, overturning soft fall and so much more. The focus will be on the front garden beds. We want our school to look so spic and span, especially as we come up to enrolment time. The grand reward will be, a connected community working towards a beautiful looking school, inside and outside. A sausage in bread will be provided. Don't miss out on the FUN!

Take care

Kim Carey ~ Principal

School Breakfast Club Program Parent Volunteers

Are you free on Fridays 8.00am to 8.40am? Or every second Friday?

To restart and run a successful Breakfast Club, we are seeking volunteers from across our school community. If you, or someone you know, can assist, we would be very grateful. We aim to create a team of volunteers to help serve food, pack up and engage with the students.

If you are available and interested in assisting on one or more days, please contact Jenny in the office on 5332 4746 or email macarthur.street.ps@educaion.vic.gov.au



GRADE 5/6 VISIT TO THE BALLARAT CEMETERY



On Wednesday, all students in Grades 5 and 6 visited the New Ballarat Cemetery. The purpose of our visit was to place Australian flags by the graves of Australians who had fought/served in wars, battles and conflicts in days gone by.

The significance of this activity relates to ANZAC Day, given that there will be many people wandering through the cemetery to pay their respects to loved-ones and other people who have served their nation; having a flag by their grave makes it easier for them to be

identified, whilst being acknowledged with the flag by their final place of rest.

The students of Grades 5 and 6 represented the school impeccably and showed the utmost respect during this undertaking.



ANZAC Ceremony 2021

This morning, the Grade 6 students conducted our Annual ANZAC Ceremony. This ceremony is run in conjunction with/on behalf of the 2/8th AIF Battalion Association. The Grade 6's gave a rundown of the events of the Gallipoli landing, the hardship that the Australian and New Zealand soldiers came up against, and dedication and resolve shown by many Australian men and women during this time. We also learned about the sacrifice made by those associated with the 2/8th Battalion during World War II.

As ANZAC Day approaches this Sunday, take the time to reflect upon the sacrifice that countless Australians — both past and present — have made on behalf of their nation in wars, conflicts and peace-keeping operations.

