**100 YEARS OF ANZAC**

**THE SPIRIT LIVES**

1915—2015

**CONDOLENCES:** Please keep Chris, Liz, Jade, Amber & Luke Dortmans in your prayers on the passing of Liz’s mum. Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces at Gallipoli. This Saturday, April 25th, all around Australia at various shrines of remembrance and War Memorials, people will gather at dawn to honour those men and women who have gone off to war. It is a day of remembrance of the deaths and sufferings in war, the valour of fighting women and men and the ever present hope for the people of the world to live together in harmony and peace.

This Friday, April 24th, we as a school will be holding a remembrance service as part of our Friday assembly. Please come along to share in this reflection. This will take place in the SHED at 9:00am. There is also a small display of items from the RSL in the foyer.

The Leongatha RSL will be holding their annual ANZAC Day March and Commemoration Ceremony on Saturday 25 April. This is for schools as well as community groups. Our school will be participating in the March. Our Community Service Leaders will take part in the march and laying of the wreath. If your child would like to take part, they are to come in school uniform and assemble at the RSL, Michael Place, at 10:45am.

This Saturday, let us remember those people who live the reality of war each day. For the women, men and children of Afghanistan, Sudan, Sri Lanka, Syria, Iraq and for the people of many other countries who, as you read this, are experiencing the devastation of conflict. Let us also remember all those who are striving to bring peace to these war torn environments.

**DIARY DATES**

At the time of printing all dates were correct. Please check future diary dates for any changes.

**APRIL**

24th ANZAC Memorial Service and Reflection. Please join us in the SHED 9am. Small display of items from the RSL in the foyer to view. ALL WELCOME

25th ANZAC DAY (Saturday)

27th iPad interest group 4pm-5pm for parents of Grade 5 & 6 students

28th District Athletics PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE.

**MAY**

1st Winter Sport R1 Mother’s Day Dinner

3rd Family Mass 11am Church

4th Board Meeting 7pm

6th School Tour for prospective parents 9:30-11am

8th Mother’s Day Stall

13th OFFICE CLOSED due to Administration Cluster Meeting CEO Warragul

14th ENROLMENTS CLOSE FOR EXISTING FAMILIES Expressions of Interest Open for New Families

15th Gr 6 Student Placement forms to be returned

25th Lap-a-thon

27th Confirmation Retreat

29th Expressions of Interest Close for New Families

30th MMCRC Deb Ball

**4th Sunday of Easter**

“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

God of our Mothers and Fathers, we pray for the peace of the world. We especially entrust to your mercy the homeless and refugees; those who have been dispossessed through war; those whose lives and families have been disrupted; and who mourn the loss of loved ones. We give thanks to those who have served our country and for those who are actively serving, that they may return home safely. We pray for countries who are torn even today. May sanity return and kindness win through wherever there is warfare. We ask our prayers through Jesus Christ. AMEN

They shall grow not old, as we that are left 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.
Lest we forget!
NEWSLETTER - TIQBIZ/EMAIL ONLY

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HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS

The annual house sports were conducted in the last week of term one. A great day—very, very lucky with the weather. A tremendous response with parent helpers and parent spectators. Many thanks to all concerned. Also thank you to Mary MacKillop College for their students who helped out. Children competing in next week’s District Athletics will be receiving all the relevant information this week. Please note the date change to Tuesday, 28th April. Results for the day were:

1st Red (Reardon)) 147
2nd Gold (Phelan) 139
3rd Blue (Coyne) 138

Age Champions:
9yrs Charlotte Berry, Oscar Murdoch & Sam Carmody
10yrs Ada Hill, Jacob McRae
11yrs Bella Kent, Taite Cumming
12yrs Rachael Ramsay, Elijah Spaull

Bert Pickersgill Medallion 1600m:
Georgia Burn 6.49 (SJ’s), Ryan Giliam 6.22 (CCC)

Bruno Croatto Memorial Medallion Best Discus Throw:
Luca Babe 20.48m, Aleesha Hannon 17.68m

Congratulations to Bella Kent who broke the 11yrs Long Jump record. Bella jumped 3.88m. Well done to everyone.

iPad INTEREST GROUP

Individual notes have gone home to all families of Grade 5 & 6 students. A reminder that this group will run from 4pm-5pm on Monday, 27th April.

BUS PASSES

BUS PASSES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR LEISURE/ SPORTING ACTIVITIES, MUSIC LESSONS, PARTIES OR SLEEPOVERS. EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY AND WILL BE DECIDED BY THE SECONDARY COLLEGE BUS COORDINATOR. 24 HOURS NOTICE IS NEEDED.
**SUN SMART**

Though term one is over, sun protection is still needed. As per Sun Smart policy, school hats are to be worn until the end of April.

**WINTER UNIFORM**

All students are to be in full winter uniform by week 3 please (Monday, 27th April). It is advisable for children to wear school hats whilst the weather is still warm. A winter uniform list is on the back of this sheet.

Winter Beanies are available from the office for $5.

A reminder that medium/long hair on both boys and girls are to be tied back with bands/ribbon of appropriate school colours please.

Nail polish is not acceptable to be worn at school.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**MEENIYAN AUSKICK:** Auskick began on Tuesday 21st April at Meeniyan Recreation Reserve. If you would like to be involved and missed registration please call Tim Bright on 56 634 230 after 7pm.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:**

Invest in your most precious asset......Your Marriage. Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2015 Melbourne weekend dates: 19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 Oct. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

**FR AJU FAREWELL**

The farewell Mass for Fr Aju was a lovely celebration. Thank you to the parents who attended and enjoyed morning tea after Mass. Father was presented with tagine as a gift from the school. We hope that he can make many yummy meals in it.

We thank Fr Aju for his services to our school and parish community and wish him well in Sale.

**NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

It is policy of St Laurence’s that there are to be NO dogs in/on the school grounds even if on a lead. Assistance dogs accepted.
CALLING ALL FAMILIES
You Are Invited to

A

FAMILY MASS

Sunday, 3rd May

St Laurence O’Toole Church

11:00am

Morning Tea to follow in the Parish Centre. A plate to share would be appreciated.

All families are encouraged to attend this family celebration.