ANZAC DAY

Lest We Forget

Last Wednesday, St John’s observed a special liturgy to commemorate ANZAC Day. This year marks the centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, and hence a centenary of the ANZAC tradition.

In the span of 100 years, Australian soldiers have served in two World Wars; in Vietnam and Korea; across South-East Asia and now in the Middle East. Many of these brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice and never returned to our shores. The ANZAC tradition was forged in the months of violence following the ill-fated Gallipoli landing; it is a tradition of perseverance, mateship and self-sacrifice. These are values that live on in our country and especially in the spirit of St John’s.

At St John’s, we acknowledge this history and pay homage to the brave souls who defend our nation. We were blessed to be joined by George Mehay, Vice-President of the Roma Sub Branch RSL Club, and David Schefe, of the Roma Light Horse, who raised the Australian flag at the start of the liturgy. We thank these two men for their contribution to our service. It is vitally important that the students of St John’s understand the history of Australia at war, and by having symbols such as the slouch hat, the World War 1 uniform and the playing of the Last Post, we expose them to an element of our history that should never be lost.

As Christians, we also pray for peace in the future. Part of our ANZAC liturgy focused on stressing to students that while we recognise and commemorate our wartime history, our focus is on building a future free of the tyranny of war. Dr Bird and I were very pleased to see that our students observed this service with the proper reverence that it deserved, and we hope that they learned something about our shared past and our hopes for the future.

Yours in faith,

Mr Alexander De Petro

Thank you to all the students, families, friends and staff who joined the ANZAC Day March through the streets of Roma. It was a proud moment to see how respectfully students acknowledged the contribution of Australia’s service men and women.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Cultures of thinking
It is interesting to observe the change in the teaching and learning equation over the past forty years. In the old days, the beginning teachers were taught that it was the quality of instruction that would make a difference to our students' results. We were the “sage on the stage”. Now the balance has shifted to an understanding that it is the quality of the students' thinking that will make a difference to their learning. As teachers, we are now more like “guides on the side” rather than being seen as the expert, the guru or the font of all knowledge.

This understanding has come with a whole new paradigm of knowledge. Knowledge has become “democratised”, in that everyone now has access to all the knowledge in the world through our connected world. In my early days, we only had the teacher or the encyclopaedia. What is clear to all of us now is there is no learning without thinking. Each student must be actively engaged in the learning process. We as teachers must "light fires, rather than fill buckets" as W.B. Yeats said.

Our hope is that we can provide all students and teachers with a common framework for thinking and hence for deepening their understanding in whatever they are learning.

Events in this month

Saturday, May 2
France Trip Students Return

Tuesday, May 5
Year Eight Immunisations

Wednesday, May 6
Enrichment Night

Friday, May 8
Roma Show Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 12
P&F Meeting 6pm VB Room - All Welcome!

Learning from the Past
In the 1950's, Orson Welles in the Radio Show ‘War of the Worlds’ had people in America actually believing the Martians had invaded America. Mass panic broke out. This is an historical fact.

In 2015, after a person (not from St John's) placed a comment on Social Media, we faced a similar problem. This will always be a problem when we think our children's safety is at risk. We all want to protect our children.

We, as parents, are the first educators of our children. When we panic or say things, it is picked up by our children, even though we think they aren't listening. We need to be careful and weigh up the facts with proper, well-informed thinking, as ignorance often leads to misunderstanding, worry and in some cases, panic. We must be careful to remain caring parents and not react to hysteria or comments displayed by some individuals who mislead us by their prejudices.

Our Queensland Police force is proactive in protecting our community.

ANZAC DAY 2015
I thank all of our families who took the time last Saturday to commemorate in some way the 100th Anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli. It is surely our civic duty that we recall the sacrifices made by so many to give us the lifestyle we all enjoy today.

Lest We Forget

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Lynch
Principal

Reflection

Religion is meant to lead us to the centre and source of creation, the aberration of Religion lies in spending so much time as religious people claiming our truth and condemning everyone else’s.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Lynch
Principal
Notices

Mothers Day Stall

Don’t forget the Mothers Day Stall is on May 7! You are still welcome to drop items in as per the list.

St John’s Race Day Committee

St John’s Race Day Committee will be holding their first meeting on Wednesday, May 6. The meeting will be held 10 am in the VB Room. Everyone is welcome to attend. Any questions just call Debbie Green on 0428 188 894.

Year 12 Formal Movie Premiere Fundraiser

The Year 12s are happy to announce that on 14th May, we are hosting the premiere of The DUFF for our formal fundraiser! These proceeds will go directly to our formal fund. As this movie is rated M for mature, only students who are fifteen years or older will be able to purchase tickets. It should also be noted that this movie does contain mild language and infrequent sexual references. A single ticket will cost $25, which includes a pass to the movie and a sausage sizzle beforehand. The sausage sizzle will start at 6pm and the movie at 7pm. Tickets will be available from the front office or Cinema Roma. We hope to see you there!

St John’s Senior Class, 2015.

Cafe 54 Van

The Cafe 54 Van will now be available five days a week to Secondary students only. Tuckshop will run as normal for Primary students. Secondary students are still able to order from the Tuckshop on Tuckshop days via the paper bag system.

Padre For A Day

A Poem by Father Jamie

It is here in our town, on one day of each year,
That men and women march on down,
Holding their memories so dear.

Marching through bottle trees,
That each bear a name,
In this land of the free,
Our freedom they gained.

By giving of their lives that we may have life,
We gather with freedom from fear,
And for coming together without any strife,
We give thanks in this Centenary Year.

It’s true the light of ANZAC shines forth,
Into the dark corners of our world,
And we all come to value our worth,
For which our brave soldiers have fought.

For those who’ve paid the supreme sacrifice.

And found help along their way,
I’m sure would not think twice,
To call upon the support of a much loved padre.

So for every padre who has provided such care,
Scott and I represent here today,
Our role may be just to bless this fare,
But that’s a part of being padre.

So as we march along Bottle Tree Lane,
And the ANZACS of Heroes Avenue,
Let’s remember those who helped with the pain,
And soothed the spiritual few.

That’s why it’s an honour and a privilege too,
Each year to hear Robbie Menz say,
Fr Jamie...how about you,
Be our padre for the day.

MAD Week

MAD Week is Week Three of this term. Both Primary and Secondary students, start getting your costumes ready for Monday of week Three. Your costume can be coordinated with a group of friends if you like - dress up as your favourite music or television artist for the day! The photography competition is now open for entries! The theme for the competition is ‘MAD’; photographs you have taken must be printed, labelled with your name and year level, and handed into the office by Friday of Week Two if you wish to enter! All entries (from both Primary and Secondary) are welcome.
In Term Two during Religion, the Year Three students will develop their understanding of the life and teachings of Jesus and the Christian belief that Jesus is the Messiah. They will investigate prayers of thanksgiving and prayers of praise, including psalms to facilitate an appreciation of the significance of these forms of prayer for Christians. The students will engage in varied activities designed to give them an understanding of the life and teachings of Jesus and the Christian belief that Jesus is the Messiah.

Throughout the term, students will have the opportunity to answer questions such as; Why was Jesus called Messiah? What’s in a name? How was the Messiah Good News? and How can Christians get to know Jesus through prayer? We have begun the term by generating questions about the person of Jesus and investigating the idea of the Messiah in Jewish and Christian traditions.

*Ms Wright, Mrs Regan, Mrs Pursell*
Congratulations to the St John’s U19 boys and girls basketball teams as they both obtained a victory over the Maranoa Heat teams last Friday at the PCYC.

The St John's boys beat the Maranoa Heat 41 – 38. The boys were down by 10 points to the Maranoa team for the majority of the game, but came back in the fourth quarter. Highest regards to Edwin Pavia who led the comeback by converting several steals into baskets to bring the team back into the game. The St John’s boys defensive effort was outstanding and every player had to dig deep in order to keep the pressure on at the end of the game, finishing off to come from behind to victory.

The St John’s girls game against the U15 Maranoa boys was a close match throughout the entirety of the game. Racquel Jocson's aggressive play helped set the tone for the girls. The team worked together which allowed them to pull out in front in the last quarter of the game winning 22 – 19. Overall, the girls played great defence and moved well on the court.

Thank you to all of the parents, teachers and players who came out to support the team. Your encouragement and well wishes were greatly appreciated. We look forward to both teams playing again next month.

Miss Barrett & Mr Hurl

Year Six Maths

Another busy term is upon us. Year Six is starting the term with multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 with whole numbers and decimals. We are then moving onto measurement concepts whereby students will be choosing appropriate units of measurement to perform a calculation, solving problems involving length and area and connecting volume and capacity. The second half of the term will be focused on order of operations, positive and negative numbers, calculating a simple fraction of a quantity and performing division of decimals.

Our Mathematics investigation this term looks at prisms, pyramids, nets and 3D shapes. After teaching these concepts, students will be creating their own desk caddy to demonstrate their understanding of these concepts. Another exciting term awaits us in Year Six Maths!

Ms Roberts, Miss Chinnery
This Tuesday was the kickoff date for our new St John's Breakfast Program. We had a total of 18 students attend for breakfast. This program is a great way to give the students of St John's the opportunity to have a nutritious breakfast every Tuesday morning. The program is geared towards students who do not receive breakfast in the morning or for those families who are struggling financially.

Everyone is welcome to come and share a morning meal; all we ask is for a donation if you can afford it to keep our program running. This program is for both primary and secondary students. If you would like to attend please fill out an order form at the front office, or cut out the one to the right. The form needs to be in the blue box at the office the day before Tuesday morning breakfast. Any donations can be given to the ladies at the front office.

Thank you to all of the students and teachers who came to help out. If you are interested in helping in the mornings please see Miss Barrett for a permission note. Remember, you can earn points for your house.

Miss Barrett

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Breakfast Menu

Please tick beside what you would like for breakfast.

**Meals**

- **Pancakes**
  - Golden Syrup
  - Maple Syrup
  - Jam

- **Toast**
  - Raisin toast
  - White
  - Mustard
  - Wholemeal
  - Gluten Free bread

- **Fruit Plate**
  - Mixture of seasonal fruit; Watermelon, Kiwi Fruit, Berries, Strawberries, Grapes

- **Fruit Jar**
  - Yoghurt and Mixed Fruit

- **Eggs on Toast**

**Drinks**

- **Juice**
  - Apple
  - Orange

- **Milo**
  - Hot, or cold

- **Smoothies**
  - (Fresh Fruit & Milo)
  - Strawberry
  - Mango
  - Banana
  - Berry
  - Regular Milk
  - Soy Milk

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**Year Nine History**

During Term one, the Year Nine students investigated the Industrial Revolution. Students researched how Great Britain was one of the leading countries during that important period of change. They studied important people and inventions during the Industrial Revolution and how they have made significant impacts upon our lives today. Historical documentation was explored dealing with inventions, living conditions and child exploitation. Students used their IT skills to create Facebook pages for famous people. The unit of work culminated in Week Seven.

This then gave us the time to start our next unit of work which was World War One. Starting the second unit early, gave us the opportunity to research and investigate the causes of the First World War and the lead up to ANZAC Day.

Mr Swires
Year One English

Year One has been using the vocabulary they learnt last term to structure and write recounts, sharing the adventures they had on their holidays. Not only has it been great hearing about all of the fun and family time our students had, we are also very impressed with the knowledge the students retained about what is needed in a recount. In Term Two, we are focusing on non-fiction texts, specifically information reports. Students will be learning about insects and other little creatures found in our gardens during Science, and will use this information to write facts about these creatures in a report. We look forward to investigating lots of non-fiction texts so that we can write some outstanding information reports this term.

Mrs Croft, Mrs Smith, Mrs Freeman

Year Two Writing

This term, Year Two will be learning how to write information reports in their English lessons. The focus of our information reports will be on living things as we are studying a unit called, ‘Watch it Grow’ in Science.

In our Science unit, we will be studying how living things grow and change and how things, for example, temperature, may influence how they grow.

Once we have chosen a living thing from our Science unit that we wish to investigate further, we will be using the skills that we have been learning in English to write an information report. It is hoped that through our writing, we will develop an understanding that different types of texts have a particular text structure and that we will need to use particular vocabulary to suit the purpose of our writing. This term, we will be focusing again on capital letters and the use of full stops in our writing.

We are also very excited about handwriting this term and are very keen to start learning about exits and entries.

Mrs Brennan, Miss Van Slobbe
ENRICHMENT NIGHT

Plans are well underway for an awe-inspiring 2015 St John's Enrichment Night next Wednesday 6 May. The evening will begin at 5.30pm outside the school library; spectators are promised a packed program encompassing vocal, dramatic, cinematic and dance performances, an art gallery and an Outdoor Education Display. A barbecue will be in operation adjacent to the tuckshop with proceeds going towards this year's St John's Confraternity Cup team. The P&F Multi-Purpose Centre will be abuzz with enthusiastic students sharing their passion and interest in a wide variety of topics.

Students with displays will be given set-up time during their afternoon lessons until 3.30pm. The P&F Centre will then be locked to ensure the safety of the displays. Contributors will chat with judges later in the afternoon before the Centre is open to the community.

A letter will be sent home on Wednesday 29 April outlining further details and an App Alert will inform the St John's Community of last minute arrangements.

Come and join us for a night which will showcase excellence at St John's.

Mrs Emery, Mrs Makim

Bookclub

Welcome back to Term Two. Bookclub Issue Three is currently out and is due back this Friday 1st May to the class teacher or front office. Scholastic has trialled its new Linked Online Ordering and Payment System for a couple of issues and is now the preferred method of ordering and paying for bookclub online. The website is http://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/ and there is a helpful video to explain the system, along with a step by step guide to the process. To begin, please click the order tab and add the details: QLD, 4455 and St John's School Roma, then you can order all the items you like for each child in one go and once completed, pay for the order with a credit card. Please retain the eleven digit reference number and order list just in case there are any problems. The order awaits submission to Scholastic by the Bookclub Coordinator and will arrive at school about a week after Monday 4th May. Reading is a vital skill for everyone to have and support of bookclub aids your child’s development in life-long learning. Thank you for your continued support. Please contact the library regarding any Bookclub queries.

Miss Sarah Mehay-Dewar (Bookclub Coordinator).
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MAD Week

We acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land, the Mandandanji people, and show our respect for their ancestors and traditions.
FREE ENTRY!!!

Maranoa PCYC will be hosting a FAMILY FUN DAY to highlight Domestic & Family Violence Prevention month

Jumping castle  Face painting  Fun outdoor activities

Food & Drink stalls and lots more!!!

Please come show your support to those that have been or are currently affected by Domestic Violence

Saturday 23rd May 2015
12:30pm—4:30pm

PCYC Maranoa
Phone 4622 8446
BLUE LIGHT DISCO
ZOMBIE THEME
FRIDAY 15TH MAY 2015
Roma RSL Hall – 21 Quintin St, Roma
6pm – 9pm: UP to 17 years
$5 ENTRY
Dress up for your chance to win prizes!

You must be dropped off AND collected from the door (drop offs and pickups will be monitored) or no entry

Canteen will be open for food and drinks and Sausage Sizzle available

STRICTLY NO PASS OUTS

It is a condition of entry to Blue Light Events that any photograph, film, tape or other images taken of you whilst at the venue will be taken for the purpose of, and may be used, to help promote the QBLAI & it's not for profit activities, images may be published, broadcast, or otherwise distributed by QBLAI in any media (with or without identification) and in publications within as well as outside Queensland, for example our website & newsletters.
Roma Scouts

Car Wash

Saturday May 2
From 8.30 am
Banks Bolts & Fasteners
(Mitchell Road)

While you wait take a browse in Banks Bolts & Fasteners or sit down and enjoy a coffee.

Activities for the children