ANZAC CEREMONY

AT ST. MARGARET’S

On Friday 24th April St. Margaret’s students, parents and staff participated in an ANZAC ceremony. We would like to commend school captains Jade and Gianluca for introducing the ceremony and for reading the prayer with great maturity.

Class wreaths were respectfully laid under a cross in the garden by students representing each grade. Every student was asked to place a poppy in our garden to create a field of poppies in order to pay homage to the men and women who have served and died in Australia’s Defence Forces. The students laid the poppies with the utmost of respect.

We would like to sincerely thank Dwight MacKinnon for attending the ceremony as our guest speaker and for reading the Ode.

The ceremony concluded with the planting of a Banksia which was generously donated by Bunnings. A plaque commemorating the 100 years since the ANZAC landing in Gallipoli will be placed below the Banksia, as a place for all to visit and reflect upon.

A special thank you to all the St. Margaret’s staff for preparing the students for this commemorative event and to Mrs. Mac for supplying the reflective music on the day.

We are very proud of the respect and reverence demonstrated by the students at St. Margaret’s during this very important event.

Thank you to Leanne Trumino for co-ordinating the sale of ANZAC badges. We are thrilled to advise that the selling of the badges raised $922.65. Again, thank you to our wonderful community for supporting this valuable cause.

On the following pages are some beautiful reflections from two of our Year 6 students, accompanied by photographs from Mardi Hill.

After the ANZAC Day March:
Saturday 25th April 2015
Ben N— Year 6AH

April 25th is a very special day for Australia and New Zealand, especially this year with it being the 100 Year Anniversary since the ANZAC landings in Gallipoli.

The ANZAC Service started off beautifully and sustained this atmosphere all the way through. The tribute was sincere and treated with a respect that was more fitting to the brave men and women who served Australia.

The poppy was also very special. It was, at the time the only thing that grew on the battlefield. It represents the sacrifice that those young men and women made for honour, freedom and mateship.

As each class went up to lay the wreaths the background music was very atmospheric and reminded everyone of their national background, the wreaths themselves were “smashing”. Our class one was made of hands arranged in a circle. Have you seen them?

Bunnings donated a tree, and the school captains with some help planted it. So long as this tree grows we will be reminded on the ANZAC spirit.

From this I have learnt that despite what some say, war is a horrifying and terrible place. And people go not for adventure, not for glory, but for freedom and peace. May War be a thing of the past and peace be everlasting.

Lara—Year 6AH

April 25th is ANZAC Day, also known as Australia and New Zealand Army Corps. On this day we remember the Australian soldiers who had been killed and fought for us in all the wars. Also to remember the men and women who helped in the war like the nurses and doctors.

At St. Margaret’s we performed a remembrance ceremony on 24th April 2015 since this year was the 100th anniversary of the war in Gallipoli. The ceremony was to reflect and remember the ANZACS. We had a minute silence reflecting on the Australian soldiers who had been killed. They were brave and courageous. They stayed strong and positive even though they knew they would be killed. I thought the ceremony was very well thought out and respectful.

Everyone made these spectacular paper poppies which stood out and placed into the garden on St. Margaret’s. It was fun and hard to make because it kept turning out wrong for me but it was delightful and pleasant to make. Hopefully it doesn't rain so the poppies are still there and we can remember this day.

The significance of the poppy is it represented the soldier’s blood on the battlefield. It was the only thing that would grow on the battlefield at the time.

Each class made a wreath to lie in the poppy garden. My class had drawn our hands on two different types of green coloured paper. We glued our hands onto cardboard that was shaped like a circle. The wreaths were breathtaking so if you haven’t seen them yet you should check it out.

Bunnings donated a tree that would grow at St. Margaret’s for a long time. They also gave us a rock which was placed next to the tree. So if we want to reflect on something we can sit on the bench. I think that was a good idea because there is now a place to come and reflect whether it is something that is bad or good. You want to remember the good things but fix the bad things you have done too.

This day has taught me that war is something that is terrible and horrifying. For our generation and the next generation we should always strive for peace.