Congratulations to all students who have completed the twenty five nights of reading challenge. The aim now is to continue reading every night and get to fifty and then one hundred nights. At the end of last term twenty five students were treated to an excursion to Ballam Park to have a play and they were all treated with ice cream. Well done to each of you on settling a great example for all students.

WHAT IS THE ANZAC SPIRIT?

On ANZAC Day people think about many things that have something to do with war and peacekeeping. The ANZAC Spirit can mean different things to different people.

Many of us have heard the story of the Australian and New Zealand service men and women landing on the wrong beach and having to climb the steep cliffs and gullies. As a result of this event, the ANZACs fought bravely on the Gallipoli Peninsula from April to December 1915. However, they hardly moved more than a few kilometres inland and the casualties were very high, though not as high as in France. Some people think about stories such as Simpson and his donkey, Duffy, that are often told at ceremonies on ANZAC Day. Others think about the nine Australians who won the Victoria Cross at Gallipoli. These are stories of brave deeds by very brave people.
Principal’s News

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When there is fighting going on all around you, or it is likely that fighting could start again at any minute, there is a heavy mental pressure on you. Then there are moments when friends and mates are lost or wounded. There is also the fact that these people survived in makeshift living conditions - in trenches and shelters dug into the sides of hills without the living conditions we take for granted.

A former Governor-General of Australia, Sir William Deane, spoke at the Dawn Service at Gallipoli in 1999. He described the Spirit of ANZAC in these words:

“ANZAC is not merely about loss. It is about courage, and endurance, and duty, and love of country, and mateship, and good humour and the survival of a sense of self-worth and decency in the face of dreadful odds. These were qualities and values the pioneers had discovered in themselves in what were, for Europeans, the new lands of Australia and New Zealand. They were tested here and on the ancient battlefields of Europe for the first time in the Great War. They were not found wanting.” The Gallipoli campaign was the first time the contribution of Australians to wartime activities was publicly recognised in such a positive way. Sir William Deane spoke about personal qualities Australians had developed since the early years of European settlement. These national qualities were now tested overseas. For some commentators the Australian nation was really born at Gallipoli, or at least came of age: like people turning 18 and becoming an adult. Many people say that Australians have shown this same ANZAC spirit in war and peacekeeping activities ever since as well as by our sporting heroes and champions. You will have to look at the facts and make up your own mind.

On ANZAC Day we should also think about all Australians who have served in war and peacekeeping during two world wars, in Korea, Vietnam, Malaya, Borneo and in many peacekeeping activities since 1945. There are many brave stories from these wars and peacekeeping activities too. Many people say the ANZAC Spirit lives on in them because they displayed the same courage, determination, patriotism and friendship as did those men at Gallipoli.

ANZAC Day is also a time when we should think about the cost of war: the loss of life and the sometimes permanently wounded. Places where Australians and others fought were damaged, often beyond recognition. Their homes were often destroyed and their natural environment and farmland severely damaged. People back in Australia whose sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, or friends went to war were also affected. We should also remember them.

Remember—’Every Day Counts’
Please be at school every day—even on your birthday

Tables and Chairs For Sale
Second hand tables and chairs are available from the office for a small Donation.
Parents, Teachers and Friends (PTF) News

Special Lunch
We still need helpers for tomorrow’s pasta special lunch. All welcome to come along to the Kid’s Kitchen anytime from 12 noon to help prepare and/or serve the lunch.

School Banking
School banking day is now Wednesday. The term two rewards are now available: Mud Splat Handball and Outback Pat Bag Tag. There are still some of the term one rewards available for those who would like one. Make sure you make 15 or more school banking deposits by the end of Term 3 to be entered into this year’s Grand Prize competition to win a family trip to Australia Zoo to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin.

Mother’s Day Stall
The PTF will be holding this year’s Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 6th May. There will be a selection of gifts for Mums, Grandmas or other special persons ranging from 50c to $5. We will need helpers on the day of the stall, all welcome to come and give us a hand at the stall anytime between 9am and 11.30am. Please let us know if you can come along.

If you have any questions or suggestions or would like to join our PTF mailing list, see the school office, send us an email at ptf1@kps.vic.edu.au or come and see us in the yard!

BOOKCLUB ORDERS—Due back to school by Wednesday 27th April

KANANOOK WEBSITE:
Don’t forget to check in regularly to find out the latest news, special event photos and important dates.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO FOLLOW THE LINKS TO THE REAL SCHOOLS PROGRAM THAT WE ARE EXCITED TO BE A PART OF.

CSEF CLAIMS (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund)
If you are a holder of a Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card you will be eligible to claim a CSEF payment of $125.00 per child which can be used towards camps, sports or excursion expenses for your child. You are still able to make a claim up until 3rd June 2016. Forms can be collected from the Office or downloaded from the following website- www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.
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