Welcome to week 2 of Term 2.

Principal’s Report:

It was wonderful to see our students marching in the Wagga ANZAC parade on Saturday. Thank you all of the parents who took their children to participate (especially as many of you had been to the dawn service). Ceilo, Ashley and Chloe also represented our school displaying pride and respect as they lay a wreath on the cenotaph.

On Thursday 23 April Chief Petty Officer Tom Reader from the Navy and Flight Sergeant Shawn Anderson from the RAAF spoke to our students about the changes in technology which have occurred over time to our aircraft and ships and compared the time it took to get to Gallipoli in 1915 to now. Some students even had the opportunity to try on helmets and head gear. Thank you for sharing interesting information with the students, this is specialist knowledge that had them engaged and motivated to learn more. Thank you also to Mrs Mel Anderson for organising this.

Our Anzac Day ceremony will take place on Tuesday 28 April at 1:30pm near our flagpole. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We have had quite a week in the media! On Wednesday WIN television came to the school to find out what we had participated in as a school and seek student’s ideas about ANZAC. Sebastian, Bethony and Kyah spoke clearly and with a lot of thought about the meaning of ANZAC for them. Katie, Taylah, Bailey, Ceilo, Ashley, Tahlia, Marli and Liam joined these students and Mrs McTavish in the library to make poppies.

On Thursday Pip and Whitto from StarFM came and interviewed Ceilo about her poem and asked her to read it for the listeners. Ceilo spoke confidently and had them laughing during the interview! Her reading was expressive and heartfelt.

On Wednesday 6th May we will be hosting the first meeting for the Murray Darling Basin initiative Creative Catchment Kids. We have been part of this initiative since 2012. During this time groups of students from years 4, 5 and 6 have written and had books published on local environmental issues. These books now form part of a collection of authors who are children in the National Library in Canberra. This year again, students will take part in writing a book for Creative Catchment Kids.

On Thursday 7th May, boys and girls from Years 5 and 6 are being given the opportunity to play in the Netball NSW Riverina Schools Cup at the Wagga netball courts. We have entered two combined teams with Collingullie and Uranquinty Public Schools. This will provide an opportunity for the students to develop skills in this sport and display sportsmanship.

Last week an envelope came home for the children’s charity Stewart House. They are asking for a donation of $2 for a chance to win a $4000 family holiday. All donations should be returned to school by Friday 8 May 2015. Every year 1,800 public school children attend Stewart House next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being. Students from Wagga Wagga will be attending Stewart House in November this year. Please consider donating.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) will be held from 12th to 14th May for our Year 3 and 5 students. A note will come home today with these students. A note will also be sent home to our Year 4 students about Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016.

The Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival is on Friday 8 May. All students from years 3-6 will be attending and those who are given a note from K-2. Please return the permission note that was sent home last week by Friday 1 May.

Regards
School News:
- Sydney Symphony Orchestra note has been given to your child today. Please complete the permission note and return it with money. Cost is $2.00 bus and $10.00 for the concert. Those families who have paid their work book fees only need to pay $2.00.
- Work Book Fees. There are many families still with outstanding work book fees. Cindy sent home notes last week to those families. We would appreciate these fees being paid ASAP. If you would like to discuss the fees in any way, please see Robyn or Lyn.
- Mother’s Day note has been sent home with your child today.
- Biggest Morning Tea, will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 10.55am.
- ANZAC DAY Service at Kapooka School tomorrow afternoon at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend.
- Family Fun Night, Kapooka Pre school - Friday 15th May, 5.30-7.30pm. Kapooka School families are invited. Please RSVP to the pre-school if you are attending. Is a FREE night.

Awards:
Table Champions: Sebastian, Raelene

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Over the weekend, the ‘5000 poppies’ project displayed over 250,000 handmade poppies in Federation Square in Melbourne. What an amazing and heartfelt tribute to our veterans for ANZAC Day. Well done to all our students (and staff) for contributing to this project.  www.5000poppies.wordpress.com

Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS)
Feeling a bit down after ANZAC Day? Please call VVCS, they’re there to support you. Phone 1800 011 046 to speak to a counsellor 24/7.

‘Defence Force Day’ at the Christian College
The Wagga Wagga Christian College has kindly invited our students in Years 5 and 6, to take part in their annual ‘Defence Force Day’ Challenge this Thursday 30 April from 9am – 3pm.
Activities during the day will include:
  - ANZAC Ceremony
  - Guest speakers
  - Team building and communication activities
  - Special Presentation and Morning Tea with Defence Force Families
  - Drill
  - Physical Training
  - Navy Flight Simulators

The afternoon culminates in the presentation of the perpetual ‘Defence Force Water Canteen’ trophy, on which the winning teams name will be engraved. Thank you to Jacqui Langstreth for inviting us to participate.

My hours this week: Monday & Tuesday from 9am to 3pm and Wednesday from 11.15am to 12.15pm. I will be away from school on the ‘Defence Force Day’ excursion on Thursday.
Please note that I will be in class from 11.15am to 12.15pm from Tuesday to Thursday.

Kind regards, Thérèse therese.mctavish1@det.nsw.edu.au
Laying the wreath on ANZAC Day

Chloe, Ashley and I met up at the Wagga Wagga City Council Chambers and took our wreath to the Cenotaph. We had our photo taken and then we put the wreath back, in front of the Council Chambers. We finally crossed the road and lined up by school in alphabetical order. Then we waited some more. We took turns holding the wreath, fixed the flowers that kept on falling and waited a little bit more. Finally some of those really cool jeeps came by, as well as the band of bagpipes. When everyone had assembled they started the ceremony. After some important people spoke the first school was asked to lay their wreath. Eventually it came to us. We laid the wreath, stood back and waited for a few seconds. After the speakers, the choir sang our national anthem as well as New Zealand’s. It was a very enjoyable experience.

By Ceilo, Year 6
On the 23/4/15 Kinder to year 6 were visited by two people, one from the Navy and one from the Air Force. Their names were Tom and Shawn. They showed us different ships and submarines. Chloe got to try a helmet on and we were shown 5 different hats for the Air Force. Cooper, Ben, Blayne, Sebastian, Olivia and Taylah tried them on. We also were shown planes from the past and present.