From The Principal

Welcome back to Term two! I trust you all had a refreshing break and ready to embark on an exciting term of learning and engagement. We have a number of new families joining us at Wentworthville this term and I extend a warm welcome to them.

I had the wonderful opportunity of attending our ANZAC assembly at school this week. The student leaders conducted themselves in a most mature manner and led the assembly well. Thanks to Mrs Eastwood, Mrs Hall and Mrs Lawrence for their involvement and all classes who prepared a poppy wreath to place in remembrance. Please enjoy some of the photos I took below as a snapshot.

Below are some of the words I shared in my address to the assembly. I hope many in our community can join us next year at our school ANZAC assembly.

‘…ANZAC day is gaining greater significance across the nation. Each year the number of those attending ANZAC day ceremonies across the country is steadily increasing. The number of ceremonies has increased not just in Australia or Gallipoli, but across the world where Australian troops are posted.

On Monday, as I watched the ANZAC day March I saw lots of people represented:

- 90 year old men and women who were in the second world war, some marching independently, some in support vehicles, some in wheel chairs - growing number of young people of all ages who were there to watch or march alongside the returning servicemen and women. Many of those who marched were young people and families determined to keep the ANZAC tradition alive...

I think some of the reasons why the number of people and young people commemorating are increasing is because ANZAC Day has come to symbolise not just the courage and sacrifice of the soldiers at Gallipoli but the courage and sacrifice of all those who have fought for their country and continue to serve.

ANZAC Day reminds us of the horror and devastating impact of war but also of the importance of:

- loyalty,
- courage and
- mateship.
ANZAC Day has come to symbolise for many what we value and identify as being Australian. Since 1915, each generation of Australians has had cause to step up for service in conflict, peacekeeping, community rebuilding, and nation-making missions. The men and women of the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force have on every occasion served with distinction alongside our allies...

Today as we have this important Anzac assembly here at Wentworthville Public School, to remember those who have served, let us remember that war is never celebrated, but be thankful for those who have bravely served our country and courageously fought for our freedoms and the things we value in this great country. Lest we forget.’

Denise Lockrey

The P & C Executive

The Wentworthville P&C Association executive committee has changed for 2016 / 2017 as voted at our recent AGM held on April 6, 2016. I congratulate the following people who will serve as office bearers for the P&C and look forward to working with them throughout the year.

- President: Mrs NithilaarasiMathiseelan
- Secretary: Mrs PunidhawathyKanthisharamarajah
- Treasurer: Mr ChalanaPriyankaraJayakuru
- Vice President: Mrs ThushjanthyRamsundar
- Vice President: Mrs Jocelyn Gabriela Nunez Diaz
To all our volunteers thank you for contributing to our school. I know the volunteers are busily preparing for our upcoming Mother’s Day stall which will provide children an opportunity to purchase a small gift on Friday May 6 at school for their mother or significant person in their lives for Mother’s Day (a further P&C communication will be coming home in the next couple of days).

Upcoming P&C Meetings

- Wednesday May 4 - 6pm (in staffroom)
- Wednesday June 1 – 9am (in staffroom)
- Wednesday August 3 – 6pm (in staffroom)
- Wednesday September- 9am (in staffroom)

Notes in Bags Today:

Notes in bags Wednesday April 27:
- Environmental Education Program - Kindergarten and Years 2, 4 and 6
- Mother’s Day Stall Note (K-6)
- BOSTES NAPLAN Note (Years 3 & Years 5 Only)

Principal award students - weeks 1-3 students

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Student Achievement

Congratulations to these students on achieving a Principal's Award:

Jiya (KC), Kasper (KO), Vidhi (KO), Maia (KC), Anjali (KO), Sania (KO), Jinosh (KO)