**Anzac Centenary**

**ANZAC DAY March:** Thank you to all of our amazing students who joined Mrs Mac and me at the Anzac Day march on Saturday afternoon. The way you conducted yourselves throughout the march and the service was most impressive. You have made us all so very proud. Thank you to the parents as well for your support. We had half of our students in attendance!! Best effort yet. Gold cards all round!! The two captains that represented our school at this event will also be accompanying me to attend the Galston High ANZAC service today.

**OOSH:** Finally starting on Monday 4th May!!!! At this stage enrolments have been received for Monday and Tuesday mornings and afternoons. Should you require this service on any of the other school days, it will be available by phoning or emailing Meryl Sykes ahead of the required date.

**Cross Country:** Mrs Urio has put a lot of effort into organizing the Cross Country event for this Friday. We do hope our students have been active over the holidays and are in good condition to last the distance. Should we have adverse weather conditions, the event will be postponed to the following Friday... Friday 8th May.

**NAPLAN:** In week 4 (May 12,13,14) our students in Yrs 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN testing, commencing with Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday, followed by Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. It is most important that all students attend on the day. Absent students are expected to sit the test at a later date, however, it is rather unsettling for a student to be sitting in exam conditions alone. We ask that all students are punctual on that day and come to school having had a normal breakfast.

**Footsteps Dance:** Once again we are running this worthwhile program for our students as part of their PDHPE and Creative Arts curriculum. Lessons will again be on a Tuesday afternoon, however, due to a clash with our excursion, the first session will be on Thursday 28th May. The cost for this activity will be $20 per student for the 5 week course. Permission note coming home soon.

**Zoo Excursion:** On the 26th May we have organized an excursion to Taronga Zoo as part of our studies in Science and Technology. Students will be supervised by teachers in their class groupings with the assistance of Bec as well. Please watch out for the permission note with the next newsletter.

**Mothers’ Day:** Our P&C will be running a Mothers’ Day stall on Thursday of next week so that our students will have the chance to “shop” for mum.

**Assembly:** Our first assembly for Term 2 is going to be a special event for our mums. Thursday 7th May at 2:15 we invite our “mums/ grandmothers” to a High Tea in the senior classroom. A note will be sent home closer to the date for catering purposes.

**OC Testing:** Any parents of Yr 4 wishing their child to sit for the Opportunity Class Testing is asked to apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement)
Parents of Year 6 students please note that this Year 7 application for the extension class closes this Friday. If you are interested in your child sitting this test on May 20th it is important that you contact Galston High before the end of school on Friday 1st May.

Please see above insert for contact information.

School Hours: Teachers on duty 8:35am
Morning bell ... 9:00am... 9:05 commence
Recess 11:05-11:25
Lunch: 12:40-1:30
Afternoon Bell ...3:05pm

Our P&C will be meeting TONIGHT!!!

Tuesday 28th April at 7:00pm
in the school library.
These meetings are short, fun and best of all ..... PRODUCTIVE!!!

We would love you to join us to help keep this school the amazing place it is and to ensure your children gain the benefits that previous years have been able to experience through the many efforts of P&C participation and guidance.

There is no one perfect way to be a good mother.
Each situation is unique; each mother has different challenges, different skills and abilities, and certainly different children....

What matters most is that a mother loves her children deeply...

Elder M Russel Ballard

A small reminder to parents that if you have any concerns at all regarding your child, their work or an issue with another child in the school, we ask that you please speak to the class teacher to clarify the situation. Sometimes things are not quite as they seem.

Do remember that in a small school, teachers are extremely busy, covering anything from 2 to 4 duties a day as well as preparation and marking. It may be, therefore, better to make an appointment to ensure satisfaction all round.

Ann Mills
Principal
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