Remembrance Day this year was, quite appropriately, marked by the planting of a rosemary hedge around the border of our ANZAC Centenary Garden.

At 11am on 11th November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. Accordingly, the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month has attained a special significance associated with the remembrance of those who have died in all theatres of war.

Following tremendous support of our students at this year’s ANZAC march (over 150 in attendance) it was decided to develop an ANZAC Centenary Garden within the school grounds. Earlier in the year flagpoles were installed central to the bus bay. At a subsequent working bee parents and staff of the school did a magnificent job paving the path in the shape of a cross. We wish to express our appreciation to Lower Mountains Landscape supplies for their generous support in establishing our ANZAC centenary garden.

On Remembrance Day, at the 11th hour, the mass planting of rosemary bushes began. All students of the Junior School (K-6) were involved in personally planting the 200 bushes that form the hedge. Why rosemary? Traditionally, sprigs of rosemary are worn on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula.

All that remains to complete the garden is the spreading of Flander’s poppy seeds, that should rise to life next Spring. Why Poppies? From its association with wild poppies flowering in the spring of 1915 on the battlefields of Belgium, France and Gallipoli this vivid red flower has become synonymous with great loss of life in war.

The ANZAC Centenary Garden, and the school's strong support of remembrance events, by no means glorifies war. On the contrary it is a reminder of the broken and sinful world we live in, and the great sacrifice of those who have fought to preserve the peace and freedom we so often take for granted.

We all desire peace in our lives. The Bible makes it clear that true peace is more than just an absence of war and violence. The Hebrews had a word for such peace, ‘Shalom’. Shalom embraces a total sense of wellbeing,

Student Name: __________________________

Class: ________________________________

Number of card packs: ______________________

Amount enclosed: $________

Pack of 6 cards $5, or 5 packs (30 cards) $20

Proceeds will be donated to ‘Destiny Rescue’, the school’s signature charity that works across Asia, rescuing children from the sex trade.
a life of harmony and fulfilment through oneness in relationship with God, others, the cosmos and even one’s self. Shalom can only be found in Christ, complete and full beyond measure, life as designed by God.

May our community know the ‘Shalom peace’ of God, especially in the lead up to the time we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Great Prince of Peace.

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he (Jesus) himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:13-18)

Peter Jamieson
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

If you have had the misfortune to have to visit a shopping mall recently, you will no doubt have been bombarded by Christmas trappings… decorations, songs and of course a multitude of (not heavenly hosts) but suggestions as to how to spend your money! Children are already dropping ‘wish list’ hints – some subtle and some not so subtle! At this time of year it is also a great opportunity to encourage our children to consider others, for whom Christmas is not such a happy time.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

At Wycliffe, each year we encourage our students to think beyond themselves, by donating pantry items to be distributed to those in need in our immediate community, the lower mountains. P-6 classrooms can bring items of non-perishable foods to their rooms for collection. Secondary students are also encouraged to contribute and they can bring their goods to Reception. We encourage families to support this worthy cause.

TEAR FUND

K-6 also raises money to support TEAR. For 2 weeks during Wk 7 – 9 (individual teachers will designate the weeks), instead of doing homework students are encouraged to do ‘jobs’ for family and friends. We collect all the money raised and tally it up. The children then decide what they would like to ‘purchase’. In previous years we have bought a range of items from, chickens, goats, water supply, toilets and schools. The children get a lot of pleasure out of selecting the items and we are able to support poorer communities in a practical, lasting way.

IN THE CLASSROOM

This week 1-2T made helicopters as part of their Science unit Pushes and Pulls. The children have been learning about gravity and wind resistance. They made several helicopters, experimenting with different wing sizes, weight and material used.

Designing helicopters is hard work! [Isaac Bartlett & Harry Greenaway]
Done! [Ellie Newton & Isabel Ferara]

...finally test flights! Success!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please pray for these events that are coming up in the next two weeks:

• Year 9 Encounter Week - (16th – 20th November)
• Kindy Transport Excursion - (20th November)
• New Families Orientation Day & Year 7 Orientation - (23rd November)
• K-2 Big Splash - (26th November)

Coral Edwards
Deputy Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

ENCOURAGING LEARNING FOUNDED ON GOD’S WORD

The Wycliffe Christian School Vision statement begins by stating that our educational community, “Encourages learning founded on God’s Word”. Introducing children to God’s Word is fundamental to enabling them to know their Creator and to understand his purpose for them and his world.

This year, two new editions of Bible stories have been added to the library collection. These are being used in the primary classes to introduce children to the narratives of both Old and New Testaments. Through these stories, children learn of the power and love of God demonstrated in his promises and faithfulness to his chosen people.
The Big Picture Story Bible by David Helm and Gail Schoonmaker is written for younger children. It uses age appropriate language and bright colourful pictures to re-tell familiar Bible stories. There are three outstanding features of this book. The first is the way that it introduces children to, not only the stories of the Bible, but also to other significant sections such as the prophets, the epistles and the book of Revelation. The second is the focus through the stories on the big themes of the Bible: Creation, Fall, Redemption, New Creation and the fulfilment of God’s promises in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Each part of the book includes an explanation of the events and includes questions in the text that invite the young reader to reflect on God’s actions and to consider the big picture of God’s plan of salvation.

The Action Bible by David Cook and Sergio Cariello is for older children. It is a telling of the Bible narrative in contemporary graphic novel form. Once again, it covers the whole of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation and includes sections from the New Testament letters. The theme of The Action Bible is the redemptive story of a God who acts in amazing ways, often using imperfect humans, to make himself known and who still acts today through those whom he chooses and saves through the original action hero, his son Jesus.

Parents are welcome to borrow these two publications from the school library and evaluate them for themselves as a way of sharing the great story of God’s plan of salvation with their children. “The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.” Deuteronomy 30:14

Mr Cooney

SCHOOL NOTICES

MATHEMATICS STUDY CENTRE

The Mathematics Study Centre has now concluded for 2015. Sessions will recommence in Term 1, Week 4 of 2016 on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00pm until 3:45pm in the School Library.

Michaela Inglis

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming school events are available from: www2.wycliffe.nsw.edu.au/calendars
Wycliffe Christian School
Celebration Concert
2015

THE STORY OF THE
MESSIAH

Tuesday 8th December, 2015
7pm - 9pm (Doors open 6:45pm)
Wycliffe School Hall

Featuring Student Displays from K-12
Students are reminded to please sit with their parents