



Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk....

ANZAC day is a day when we remember the anniversary of the landings of Australian and New Zealand soldiers or ANZAC's, as we now call them, on some beaches far

away from Australian shores. The place where the ANZAC's landed is called Gallipoli, a part of a country called Turkey. On ANZAC Day, throughout Australia, New Zealand and many parts of the world, ceremonies will be conducted to honour the memory of those brave ANZAC's.

Well, what happened?

Very early in the morning, when it was still dark, thirty six large rowing boats, loaded with Australian and New Zealand soldiers and towed by naval boats, left the protection of the larger British ships and set off for the beaches of Gallipoli. They were about to invade Turkey.

An hour and a half later, the first boats crunched against the rock and sand of a place now called ANZAC cove. The soldiers scrambled ashore and started to climb up the steep slopes. As enemy machine gun fire came down on them, many were killed or wounded in those first few hours ashore. In the dark, many of the boats had drifted off course and had landed quite a long way away from where they should have been. They had, in fact, landed where the Turkish forces were the strongest and where the machine-gun and artillery fire were thickest.

By two o'clock that afternoon, some 12,000 men had landed. Later that day, some very brave Australians reached the heights overlooking the beaches, however they were soon forced to turn back, never to return. Within a month, over half of those who had landed at Gallipoli were either dead or wounded.

For seven long months, the ANZAC's hung on to their positions on the cliffs and slopes of ANZAC cove. The Australians and New Zealanders could not go forward but neither could the stubborn Turks force them back into the sea. In those months a spirit developed amongst the soldiers - a spirit which relied on each soldier helping out his mates.

By the end of that year, 1915, some 32,000 Australians and New Zealanders had been killed or wounded at Gallipoli. The battle had been a military failure, the ANZAC's had lost and they were forced to withdraw and leave Turkey.

Serving our Nation

The battle was over, but in those months when so many Australians had died under terrible conditions of heat and cold, of sickness, of suffering, of lack of sleep, and food and shelter, in those months the legend of ANZAC was born.

Well, why do we now remember this occasion?

The ANZAC story shows us how important it was and still is to do our very best for our country Australia and to fight for what we believe is right. The story tells us that we must always be loyal to our country, and to our friends, no matter what the cost and to do everything as well as we possibly can. The example of the men of ANZAC and later generations of Australian service men and women should inspire us today. Those men and women believed in mateship, of helping out a mate or a friend, they were determined and courageous people. They were true Australians.

ANZAC day is not about talking of war and fighting as something fantastic. It is a reminder that war is horrible and while we should be proud of what the ANZAC's and other Australian soldiers have done, we should always remember that there are never any winners in wars. Every ANZAC Day, we should remember all current and former members of the Australian Defence Force.

Thank you to all those who attended a service on behalf of the school yesterday.

Billy Cart Challenge

Next week is it. I am looking forward to seeing the many wonderful designs next week. We have a team of scrutineers from the senior room who will be ensuring that all carts are safe and fair. Parents are more than welcome to come and watch the afternoon's events. We hope that all students will get a go at a race on the day. Details are provided in this newsletter.

Baker's Delight Lunch Orders

Don't forget to return your Baker's Delight Lunch order forms to the office, together with the money by Monday 30th April if you would like to receive a lunch order on Thursday 3rd May.

Mother's Day Stall

Our fundraising committee will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 10th May to provide children with opportunity to purchase something for their mother, grandmother or other special person.

More information about the stall will be sent home next week. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the stall. If you are able to help out on Thursday 10th May for a couple of hours please leave your name with the office. You will need to hold a current working with children's check to assist.

Attention Grade 5 parents

If you are thinking of sending your child to a private secondary school for year 7 in 2019, you must contact your school to see when enrolment is due. I recommend taking a tour of all schools to find the one that suits your children(s) needs. State secondary schools will ask for enrolments in 2018.

Newsletters

Please note that from now on, newsletters will come out fortnightly in the alternate week to the school assembly.

Important notices that require immediate notification will be sent out through compass.

Athletics

Well done to all who competed against other schools on Monday. Many great results and a couple of new records from our students. A great effort!

Movie Fundraiser

Mrs Middleton has once again organised a movie fundraiser, this time to see The Incredibles 2 on Saturday 23rd June. Tickets will go on sale next week and will be \$15. All funds raised will go towards the senior school area garden which is the JSC project for 2018.

Trivia Night

Tickets are now on sale at the office for the Trivia Night to be held on the night of Saturday June 16th. Early bird tickets are \$10. The first 30 tickets sold will also go into a draw to win 2 Showbiz movie tickets so come in and get your tickets early.

Working Bee

There will be a working bee at the school on Sunday 20th May from 9am until noon.

Head lice

Please note that there has been a case of head lice in the school this week. Please check your children's hair and return to school once treated. Remember to treat again after 7 days.

Swimming

Swimming notes have been sent home this week. The swimming program is conducted at Shayne Reese Swimming and is partially funded by parents with the rest being paid for with Department of Education and Sporting School grants.

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Happy Birthday to Mckenzie, Matilda G, Ryan M, Misha, Emily, Addison, Paige, Cody and any members of our community who are celebrating their special day.

Have a great weekend,

*Russel Cowan
Principal*



April 2018

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| 30 Life Education Incursion | | | | | | |
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May 2018

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| | 1 Book Club Due Back | 2 | 3 Baker's Delight Lunch 4/5 Canberra Meeting | 4 Assembly Billy Cart Challenge | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Mother's Day Stall Smart Start | 11 History Box | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 School Council | 18 Walk to School Day Assembly SSV Cross Country | 19 | 20 Working Bee 9-12 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Hot Lunch | 24 | 25 Junior STEM Day | 26 | 27 |
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June 2018

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All dates were correct at the time of going to print however they may be subject to change.



*Well done to
all of the
students that
competed in
the
Wathaurung
Athletics Day*





4TH MAY, 2018

BILLY CART CHALLENGE

12:45pm – 3:15pm

CART SPECIFICATION

1. All Billy carts must have four (4) wheels.
2. Maximum Billy cart length -2000mm
3. Maximum Billy cart width -800mm
4. Only wood and plastic based materials are allowed in the construction of the Billy cart
5. Steel based materials may only be used in the wheels and axles. NO STEEL FRAMES
6. Maximum wheel diameter -400mm
7. Axels must not extend past the wheel hub by more than 25mm
8. No dangerous protrusions as determined by scrutineer
9. All Billy carts must be fitted with working brake/s
10. No bumper bars in front of the wheels
11. Enclosed Billy carts where the front extends above the chest must be fitted with a seat belt
12. Enclosed Billy carts where the front extends above the chest must be fitted with a back board higher than the drivers head
13. The scrutineer must pass all carts
14. Handles used for pushing must be installed for push cart races

Families to build vehicle and present for scrutineering on morning of race. Please note that it is not compulsory, but we do hope there are many entries on the day.

Rules of racing

1. Helmets are **COMPULSORY**
 2. All drivers **MUST** wear closed in shoes. **NO** thongs or sandals
 3. Seat belts **MUST** be worn (if fitted)
 4. **NO** weaving or turning is allowed during the race
 5. Keep all limbs inside the Billy cart at all times
 6. Brakes must be used to stop after the crossing the finish line (in downhill race)
 7. Drivers must not exit their Billy cart until officials have given permission
 8. Downhill race- All Billy carts will commence from standing start under their own weight. One team member will be required to hold the cart until the race has commenced
- Push Cart - All Billy carts will commence from standing start. . One team member will be required to push the cart and the other steer for the duration of the race.

Race 1: Prep – Two push cart (1 lap of oval)

Race Two: 3/4 push cart (two laps of oval)

Race Three: 5/6 push cart (three laps of oval)

Race 4: 5/6 downhill challenge race.

Race 5: Adult race (parents and teachers)

Gordon Primary School

Triv?ia? ?NIGHT?

Lucky
door prizes

Get
ready for a
great night

Light snacks
provided

Silent Auction
& games

Adult only
event

**Saturday
June 16th
2018**

Doors open from
6:30pm

Licensed Event
Beer, Wine and Soft
Drink available at bar
prices (No BYO)

Fun games and
prizes on the
night

**Gordon
Town Hall**

TICKET PRICES

\$10 (pre-purchased) OR \$15 (on the night)

Tickets can be pre-purchased from the school office from Term 2.
Tickets prices are per person. Tickets non-refundable. Max 8 per table.



PARENTS LETS GET ACTIVE AT LIVE LIFE LIVE FIT



FOR YOUR KIDS AND THEIR PRIMARY SCHOOL

LIVE LIFE LIVE FIT GET ACTIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPETITION

DETAILS:

Become a member at the Live Life Live Fit Studio located in Ballan. For every Group Fitness Class, you attend, a point will be given to your nominated Primary School. At the end of Term 2, the points will be calculated, and the winning school will receive \$300 to purchase Sports Equipment. So, parents it's time to get fit and raise funds for your Primary School.

DETAILS

Competition starts

1st May 2018

Competition ends

29th June 2018

Individually register
with L.L.L.FIT by
contacting Rachel

Nominate the school
you're getting
"active" for

Ballan Primary
St Brigids Primary
Mymiong Primary
Gordon Primary
St Patricks Primary
Gordon

LIVE LIFE LIVE FIT

116 D Inglis St Ballan

0404 895 598

info@llf.com.au

Contact Rachel



Try-A-Subject!

Grade 6 students are warmly invited to attend:

An afternoon at Phoenix P-12 Community College to gain a 'hands-on' experience in a variety of secondary school subjects.

Monday 30th April 4:00pm-5:30pm

Choose from Cooking, Textiles, Woodwork or Metals

(No more than 20 students per subject)

Monday 7th May 4:00pm-5:00pm

A combination of Maths and Science

Monday 14th May 4:00pm-5:00pm

Choose from English/SOSE or LOTE (Chinese)

Monday 21st May 4:00pm-5:00pm

Choose from Performing Arts or Visual Arts

Monday 28th May 4:00pm-5:30pm

Choose from Formula One or H.A.P.E (Health and Physical Education)

Where: Phoenix P-12 Community College (Community Hub) Tuppen Drive,
Sebastopol, Vic 3356

RSVP: Kelli Zaal via email- zaal.kelli.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

by the 23rd April 2018

Please clearly state which activity(ies) you would like to participate in and any necessary dietary/medical requirements/information.

Note: Numbers are strictly limited. Please disclose your preference for specific subject (first in, first served). Appropriate clothing and footwear is required.

"In Knowledge There Is Opportunity"



WHAT IS BMX?

BMX (Bicycle Moto Cross) is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia. It's a sport where the whole family can participate & riders of all ages (from 2 - 50+) can compete in organised race meetings throughout Australia. BMX racing ranges from club level to state level and right through to national and world championships events for all ages. BMX is also an elite Olympic sport!

Come along to the Ballarat Sebastopol Cycling Club BMX Division track on Sunday May 6th at 10am.



You will receive an introduction to BMX & will get to experience some FREE on-track coaching which is being lead by former Pro-rider & 6 time national champion Tony Harvey. The club will also be holding a Fun Clubby afterwards starting at approx 1pm.



What you need:

Bike: 20inch or 24inch (Cruiser) BMX bike.

For the safety of others we may have to remove kick stands & pegs but we will have a few handy members around on the day if you need any help to remove these things.

Protective clothing: Long Pants or track pants (fitted at the ankle). Long Sleeve Top or Race Jersey (fitted at the wrist). Fully enclosed Shoes. Gloves that have complete hand & finger protection & a full face Helmet .

The club has a small supply of spare bikes, gloves and helmets available, please contact us to arrange.



For more information or to register your interest;

Visit us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/ballaratsebastopolbmxclub

Email us at bmxballarat@gmail.com

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Find us at Marty Busch Reserve, Sebastopol

Enter via Burnett street and head right, past the Football oval.