

## Semester 1 – Term 2: Anzac Day Commemoration Newsletter

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## Anzac Day Celebration 2014 - Year 10 – Australian History

Anzac Day brings fresh memories of how Australian and New Zealand soldiers served in the battlefields and the difficulties they faced in the trenches

The ANZAC tradition first began on April 25 April, 1915 and it is celebrated each year to remember those who died in war.

It is important that our students have the opportunity to gain greater understanding of the significance of ANZAC Day. It is with this focus in mind that I decided that the Year 10, Australian history class of 2014, play a vital role in establishing the link between the present and the past and take ownership of a special celebration planned for the 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2014, to mark this day.



As part of the curriculum the Year 10 History students are currently doing an in depth study on World War 11 and the impact the war had on the Australians. As a class collective decisions were made to transform A06 into a historical era portraying wartime memorabilia, such as helmets, grenades, bullets, uniforms and colour bars, kindly provided by Ken Taylor, a former student of the college. Posters, photographs and factual information were also part of the exhibition. A collection of letters written by a world War 11 veteran was also a part of the display. Mrs Barbara Goad had kindly lent the collection of letters by her dad during the war. Setting up the exhibition gave the students a greater insight into the lives of the soldiers during the war.



To reveal the soldiers experience of the trench warfare, a model of a real life trench was also on display to commemorate the fallen, to remember the wounded and to recognise the courage of the Australian and New Zealand servicemen.

In order to further be in the shoes of the soldiers, the class decided to prepare a three course traditional military lunch and invite the staff for lunch. To host the lunch, a group of students embarked on thorough research to establish what kind of meals was served to the soldiers during the war. The whole class needs to be commended for their contribution towards the setting, preparation, cooking and serving of lunch.

The objective of this was to capture the life of the soldiers on the front. Lunch consisted of an array of dishes such as chicken soup, pumpkin soup, vegemite sandwiches, beef sandwiches, beef pies, fries and mashed potato. Pavlova, chocolate crackles and peaches with custard were served as desserts. The students and the staff thoroughly enjoyed the exhibition and the lunch.



ANZAC day is one of the most solemn days of the year and having students involved in celebrations of such a nature and extent further broadens the meaning of this day.

My sincere thanks to the Year 10 Australian history class, Maxine Doran, Joyleen Auld, Gemma Griffiths, Luba Uwarow, Suzanne Clark and Ken Taylor for their support and contribution in making the Anzac Day celebration a huge success. This would set the platform for next year's 100 years celebration.

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