Benalla P-12 College Holds Special ANZAC Assembly

Benalla P-12 College held a special whole school assembly last Tuesday to commemorate 100 Years of ANZAC. The event was held at the Clarke Street Gymnasium to hold the large crowd. Parents, community members, along with special guests including RSL representatives, members of Benalla Rural Council and School Council members attended the event.

Principal, Barbara O’Brien said “It was important that we commemorated 100 Years of the ANZACS by conducting a very special assembly in their honour. Our College Captains and Vice Captains led the assembly and spoke about the importance of ANZAC Day and payed tribute to our armed forces. School Captain, Kaitlin Kaine read the Poem “In Flanders Fields” and our Year Prep, One and Two students laid sprigs of rosemary before our specially prepared World War 1 Honour Roll. It was a very moving occasion and the commencement of a special tradition that we will continue with every year”.

Leading up to the special ANZAC Assembly students at the various campuses have been busy preparing for the day. Students in years three and four at the Waller and Avon Campuses made pin brooches, made from sprigs of Rosemary for everyone to wear at the assembly. Students from these campuses also prepared and made special ANZAC biscuits to give to the special guests on the day. RSL Members have also visited various campuses to talk to students about ANZAC day and what the Spirit of ANZAC means. Students have also been busy researching Gallipoli, and events that lead to the War including researching a significant person in the war, also preparing posters for the occasion along with learning poems and the song “The Last Anzac”.

School Council member Brett Taylor-Parkins “It was a great pleasure to be asked to attend the Benalla P-12 College’s ANZAC Day service on behalf of the Benalla RSL, and as the Vice-President of the School Council. As a veteran myself, I was very moved with the way the College Captains conducted the service. The highlight for me was listening to the Years Three-Four students singing the Last ANZAC. Benalla P-12 College should be very proud of all the students that were involved in the ANZAC Day service”.

The music department had been preparing a street performance with the Year Eight Music students and the Symphonic Band. They played at lunchtime Friday 24th for the community in Bridge Street.