ANZAC Art Exhibition

In week 2 of this term, we are having an art exhibition in the school hall.

On Thursday May 7th and Friday May 8th, every student will exhibit a piece of art, which represents their understanding of ANZAC Day, based on the ANZAC 100 year Centenary.

2015 is a significant year in Australia's history and the story of the ANZAC’s an important part of our history and culture.

To honour our past and acknowledge the centenary, Years 3 – 7 students attended the Tea Tree Gully “Field of Remembrance.”

All students will be contributing to a “Poppy Wall” outside of the office. The art show will be a fundraiser for current victims of land mines. We will be donating to “Safe Ground”, a not-for-profit organisation that works to minimise the impacts of war.

Thursday May 7th
11:10-11:40 Whole school assembly in the gym, with special guests. All welcome.
11:40-12:30 Community ANZAC morning tea in the hall. Guests will visit the art show. Open to the general public.
1:30-3:00 Classes visit the art exhibition
3:00-3:45+ Exhibition open for viewing

Friday, May 8th - Art exhibition open all day for class viewing and general public

“One Step at a Time” by Jane Jolly and Sally Heinrich

All students will be having this story read to them by their teacher before the assembly next week. It is based on a true story about a baby elephant that stepped on a land mine and was given a false leg to live a happy life. This book was written to highlight the issue of land mines and their impact today. You can read more about this book on http://www.pozible.com/project/180430
https://lukandmali.wordpress.com/

The beautiful lino print illustrations are now being exhibited at Gallery 1855, 2 Haines Road, Tea Tree Gully until May 9th. A signed copy of “One Step at a Time” will be raffled during the exhibition. More than 110 million land mines are considered to be active today. More information on “Safe Ground” can be found at http://www.safeground.org.au/

Fund Raising for Safe Ground

We will be donating all profits raised to “Safe Ground” and asking students to bring along $1 to sponsor their favourite piece of art. Every $1 will get you a sticky dot to place on a piece of art. It could be their own or another student's. Buy as many dots as you wish. The piece/s of art with the most dots will be framed and hung in the school.

Every $1 donated also gets you a ticket into the raffle to win a signed copy of “One Step at a Time”, a beautiful picture book about the impact of land mines today.

Please help your child sponsor the art show and raise money for such an excellent cause. Start collecting your donations now and bring them along on the Thursday or Friday of the art exhibition next week.
We are fortunate to have a parent volunteer to continue on with the Commonwealth Banking - THURSDAYS

CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday 12th
Wednesday 13th
Thursday 14th
Friday 15th
Tuesday 19th
Wednesday 20th
Thursday 21st
Friday 22nd

Michele Smale
Michele Smale
Nicole Hall
Megan Edwards & Kim Neate
Michele Smale
Jenni Krol
Lara Parmiter
Karen Luciano, Emma Sparks, Megan Edwards

Wheelchair Donation

If anyone has a light weight wheelchair that they would like to donate to the front office it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office on 8264 8099.

Would you like to be a School Volunteer? Training dates

If you would like to help out in your child’s classroom with transport, camps, in the library or canteen etc. please collect a ‘Volunteers Pack’ from the front office.

You are required to attended a training session as part of being a registered volunteer

These sessions are run each term and are advertised in the newsletter. Please register by phoning the front office, or come into the office to add your name to the list.

Volunteer sessions are being held on:

Tuesday 5th May 9am, 2pm, and 6.30pm

Please meet at the front office before the start of your session time. Each session lasts about 40 minutes. Please let the office know if you are able to attend.

If you have already registered as a volunteer and have not received the Criminal History Screening form, please collect one from the office.

Thank you to all those volunteers who have returned your Criminal History Screening form. You will receive a National Police Certificate for your records. The school receives its own confirmation of clearance, therefore we do not require a copy of your Certificate.

Excursion/Incursion Update

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School Photos

School photo day is Friday 29th May. We will be having class, individual and group photos all on this day. Envelopes will arrive shortly and then be sent home.

Family envelopes will be available from the front office. Please use correct money and there is no change given and the front office does not hold change, (cash, cheque and money orders only). You can make credit card payments online.

PUBLIC MEETING

COMMONWEALTH BANKING

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BANKING DAY - THURSDAYS
School Mobile Phone
We have a new school mobile phone, which we are implementing to be used for text messages from parents/caregivers for absences in the mornings. If your child is going to be away rather than ringing the school phone number you can just text to our school mobile. Please remember to add your name to the text so we can save the number as your name. Please do not ring this mobile number, it will be just for text messages. School Mobile Number - 0447 467 152.

Ardtornish Children’s Centre Update

New Term II Program with New Groups
This term’s program features a new speech pathology service, a ‘Bringing Up Great Babies’ course (starting Thursdays from 28 May for five weeks), a Baby Playgroup for children up to walking age on Wednesdays 10:30am-12pm. Making Music, Twilight Play - next Thursday evening for dads and kids to prepare for Mother’s day, Mum’s & Bub’s Yoga, and regular coffee mornings with speakers, will all be continuing this term.

Mindfulness
If there is interest we can run another adult, evening Mindfulness group (‘Coping in a Busy World’) with Philip Altmann. Some comments from members of our last group…
Sarah - parent; It has helped me to become aware of so many more moments in my day.
Karen - parent; It has concreted my faith in mindfulness and how effective it is for good mental health and also lead to a happier less stressful and less anxious life.
Laura - tertiary student. The workshop helped me with resources for a variety of ages and support to hold my own mindful practice.

We are also looking at starting a regular mindfulness support group for those who have completed the course or are current practitioners. See our Facebook page or drop into the Children’s Centre for more information.

New Valley View Playground
Thanks to Gerry Savill for this information … A new interactive playground has just been built by Tea Tree Gully Council at Valley View Reserve replacing old, out-dated equipment. It might look like an ordinary playground, but the hidden extras make it a big hit with the kids. Besides the regular swings, slippery slides and climbing equipment, the shaded playground at Conway Crescent has:

- Racing track for Matchbox cars on the edge of the slide
- Table tennis – BYO paddles and ball
- Kaleidoscope telescope
- A flying fox
- Barbecue and shelters
- Seating and picnic tables.

The playground is on the Dry Creek shared use path, ideal for walking, running and bike riding. The 6.2 km pathway goes from Wynn Vale to Valley View although apparently there are no toilet facilities.

Welcome back!
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The Heights School
Gifted Information Parent Evening. Tuesday 5th May 2015, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Topics covered: The difference between gifted and bright learners, the ignite program explained, open questions and answers. RSVP to Michelle Crush by 29th April 2015.

Mother's Day Stall
On Tuesday 5th May we will be having the Mother’s Day Stall for the students in the gym to purchase gifts for their mums. Students will be allocated a timeslot to visit in the hall. Gifts will range in price from $1.00 - $10.00. Most gifts $3 - $5, limited stocks of $1 - $2 items. Could parents please supply a plastic bag for your child’s purchase.

Would you like to Learn a Musical Instrument
We have: Flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, guitar, drums and keyboard. You can rent or buy an instrument or use your own. Fees also range from $18 - $30 depending on the instrument and whether or not it is a group or individual lesson. If you are interested please come into the office and collect a music enrolment form.