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From the Principal

The commencement of Term 2 via online learning has been enormously successful, with only minor technical issues. Overall, the process is working well and improving daily as both students and staff become more familiar with the programs.

I would like to thank our School Community for their overwhelming support and patience as we move into uncharted territory. Students are to be commended on their enthusiasm and approach to learning and they have really risen to the occasion.

I think we all understand that the next few weeks are going to be difficult, but our strong sense of Community will win through.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal

Managing in challenging times

Coming out of your comfort zone is tough in the beginning, chaotic in the middle, and awesome in the end.
Manoj Arora

We are currently in extraordinary and challenging times. The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown our lives into turmoil and highlighted the need for psychological flexibility and the importance of positive psychology. We are navigating new challenges whilst helping our children grasp these daily changes.

Our normal support systems, such as sport and seeing our friends, are disrupted and this situation has shone a light on the need to look after our mental health and help our children adjust to changing circumstances. **This is an opportunity to build communities and bring our best selves to every challenge.**

We are using the best of our real-time resilience skills to adjust to having our families working and learning from home. We need to give ourselves permission to get things wrong, snap at each other, say sorry, be less productive than we would like to be, and hold space for *all* emotions. Also, we must actively embrace the silver linings that are present each day.

Let's remind ourselves, and each other, that "tough times don't last, but tough people do".

Mr Bruce Simons - Associate to the Principal

ANZAC DAY

In this time of remote learning, the school continues to remain focused upon student awareness and involvement in significant events in Australia and around the world. The school would normally recognise Anzac Day by conducting a school service, which would include a minute's silence to honour the fallen and recognise the sacrifice of Australian and New Zealand armed forces. Whilst we cannot gather as a collective, we still wish to encourage students to find ways to acknowledge their respect for those that have chosen to serve this country. One such way can be for students to create their own poppy wreath. Instructions on how to make a wreath are listed below. Please continue to check our School Box page for further details on how students can participate in their own silent memorial for our diggers on Anzac Day morning.

THINK RECYCLING- REUSING - Scour the house for anything red that could be used to make a poppy. You could use paper, card, food packets or wrappers, plastic lids, page in a magazine, fabric, crepe paper, cup-cake liner, red paint, red texta etc.

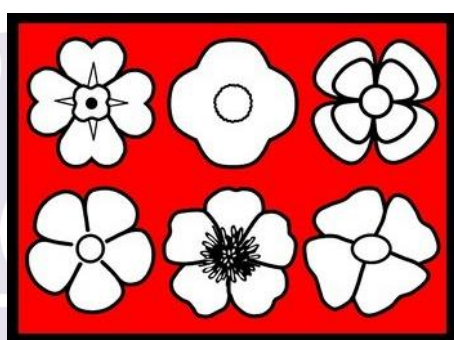
There are many references and instructions on the internet to assist you to make your unique poppy. Remember to give the poppy a black centre (texta) and attach it temporarily to a stem (could be a wooden spoon, stick/ twig from the garden, ruler, pencil, paintbrush etc.

If you have a paper plate (or other cardboard) and have materials to make more than one poppy, cut the centre out to create a wreath. Print or hand write 'Lest We Forget' for across the centre of the wreath. Templates have been added to the end of the newsletter.

Some examples:



Cup-cake liners



Poppy shapes



Paper plate poppy



Examples of wreaths made from recycled materials

Mr Sarah Hunter – Deputy Head of Campus – Woodlea & SRC Teams

School Photos 2020

A reminder that School Photos will be rescheduled for later in the year. We will keep families informed and updated when these dates have been confirmed.

Uniform – Noone

Noone has closed its major Victorian retail stores. The Head Office, distribution and manufacturing facilities remain open and our online and email uniform services will continue.

Uniform orders can be placed online through the Noone website (www.noone.com.au) and can either be collected when our stores re-open or home delivered via Australia Post. Customers are also able to email their requirements to sales@noone.com.au. Telephone enquiries can be made via our Head Office, telephone 9379 5037.

BMG Community Contacts

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat continue to operate the Out of School Hours Care.

Enrolment is now completed online. For full information please visit the [school website](#).

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ANZAC DAY POPPY AND WREATH TEMPLATES:

