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We acknowledge and pay respect to the peoples of the Yorta Yorta Nation, including the eight clan groups, as the traditional and ongoing custodians of the land on which we gather today and we recognise that it continues to be sacred to them. We Hail them: As guardians of the earth and of all things that grow and breed in the soil; As trustees of the waters – the seas, the streams and rivers, the ponds and the lakes and the rich variety of life in those waters.

## **Commitment to Child Safety**

Sacred Heart College Yarrowonga is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all students at the College.

As a Catholic school, we are entrusted with the holistic education of the child, in partnership with parents, guardians and caregivers who are the primary educators of their children. Sacred Heart College will implement the Child Safe Standards to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students at the College and promote an organisational culture that manages the risk of child abuse and neglect.

## **Child Safe Standards**

All schools in Australia are mandated to comply with the eight Child Safe Standards.

The standards are in place to keep your children safe. In order for us at Sacred Heart College to comply, it is imperative that we know who is on site between 8.30am and 3:30pm, the reason for their visit and how long they will be on site for. As such, any visitor to our school (including parents, volunteers and trades people), must enter via the front Administration Office and sign in and cannot simply enter any of the learning areas before doing so. Please do not be offended if a staff member asks you the reason for your visit or if you have signed in. This is for the safety of all children. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the College.

## **ANZAC Prayer**

God of love and liberty,

In whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who surrendered their lives to defend them.

We pray that we and all the people of Australia, gratefully remember their courage and their sacrifice, may we have the grace to live in the spirit of justice, of generosity and peace.

## **From the Principal**

### **ANZAC Day**

The College came together as a community to mark ANZAC Day with a liturgy last Friday.

Deputy Principal, Ms Fleur Linehan, welcomed Mr Dennis Causby and Mr Garry Scott from the Yarrowonga Mulwala Sub Branch RSL who addressed the assembly. College Captains Annie Robilliard and Brody Benjamin delivered their ANZAC Day address focusing on the Centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force. They also joined student leaders from Yarrowonga P-12 College in addressing a large crowd at the Dawn Service on Sunday. We were very proud of our student leaders as they continued a very proud tradition of delivering the ANZAC day address.



## Anzac Day 2021

On ANZAC Day we remember and honour the service and sacrifice of those who have served our nation and we are proud of the ANZAC legacy.

This ANZAC Day I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on and acknowledge the particular service of the Royal Australian Air Force who marked its 100th year anniversary of service on the 31st of March 2021. The Royal Australian Air Force, also known as the RAAF, has grown from humble beginnings in 1921 to a world-class Air Force. This air force is regularly relied upon in both conflict and peace by Australia. The RAAF consists of diverse, excellent and passionate Air Force members and they demonstrate this every day across Australia and around the world. As we gather here this morning, we remember with gratitude the 1171 Australians who paid the ultimate sacrifice, losing their lives whilst serving in the RAAF defending a grateful nation.



The RAAF has a long and distinguished history. For 100 years the men and women of the RAAF served Australia in many engagements including, but not limited to, The Malaysian Emergency, World War 2, Korean and Vietnam Wars. In addition, the RAAF played a pivotal role in regional security and peacekeeping efforts around the world.

Early in its history, the RAAF performed important work during peacetime with aerial surveying around the region, including supporting the Proclamation of Cape Bruce and Antarctica as a territorial possession of Australia.

Australian women have a proud history in the RAAF. The Airforce Nursing Service was formed in 1940, The Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force (WAAAF) was formed in 1941 and the Women's Royal Australian Air Force commenced in 1951 after many women thought their contributions could be of service to the RAAF.

The RAAF established its first base at Point Cook in March 1921 and over the subsequent 100 years have established 16 bases across Australia. In these 16 bases over the past two years, they have continued on with their main duties, as well as assisting in the operation of bushfires in Australia and in the government response to the pandemic through the COVID-19 Taskforce.

As we reflect on the service of the RAAF this ANZAC Day, we also remember and are grateful for all those who have served our country, past and present, and the sacrifices they have made across all of the armed forces. Over 102,000 have given their lives while serving the nation for which we are truly grateful.

By Annie Robilliard

## Anzac Day 2021

I would now like to highlight some of our Australian heroes that served in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the achievements of Frank McNamara. Frank was born in Rushworth, Victoria and completed his secondary schooling in Shepparton. From 1911 to 1915, McNamara worked his way up from Senior Cadet to Officer and was an instructor at the AIF training Depot at Broadmeadows.

In the month of August 1915 McNamara was selected to attend the Point Cook Flying School, graduating as a pilot in October that year. He was posted to No.1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, as an adjutant in January 1916 and sailed to Egypt, later leaving to conduct more training in England. Upon completing his course, he was attached to No.22 Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps as an instructor back in Egypt before returning to duty with No.1 Squadron.

By March 1917, No. 1 Squadron was making regular bombing raids against Gaza. On 20 March McNamara, flying on one such operation, saw a fellow squadron member, Captain D. W. Rutherford, shot down. Although having just suffered a serious leg wound, McNamara landed near the stricken Rutherford who climbed aboard, but his wound prevented McNamara from taking off and his aircraft crashed. The two men made it back to Rutherford's plane which they succeeded in starting and, with McNamara at the controls, they took off just as enemy cavalry reached the scene. For this action McNamara was awarded the Victoria Cross.

I would now like to talk about Hughie Edwards. Edwards was born in Fremantle, Western Australia in 1914. After working in a shipping agent's office, a racing stable and a factory, Hughie decided to join the Air Force at the age of 21. Following pilot training Edwards transferred to the Royal Air Force in Britain under a pre-war arrangement. In Britain, Edwards was posted to a bomber squadron in 1936. Two years later he was badly injured in a plane crash and did not resume flying until the war began. In May 1941, he was appointed to command No.105 Squadron; where he undertook attacks on Germany and the occupied countries, and on enemy shipping.

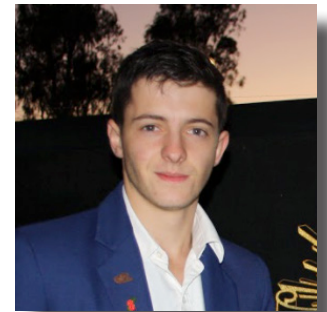
On 4 July 1941, Edwards led 12 twin-engine bombers in a low-level attack on the heavily defended port of Bremen. The aircraft had to fly under high-tension wires, through a balloon barrage, and into intense fire. All his bombers were hit, and four were shot down. For his gallantry and determination, Edwards received the Victoria Cross. Edwards continued to lead his squadron against major targets and was further decorated; his combination of awards marked him as one of the war's outstanding pilots. After decades of serving in the RAF, Hughie returned to Australia and became governor of Western Australia between the years 1974 to 75 and was knighted for his service to both Australia and Britain, later retiring because of ill health.

We stand here today on this cold frosty morning and we remember not just our Australian heroes, but every man and woman who has worn the Australian patch on their shoulder. Every individual who has put on our national uniform and stood up for the freedom of our future generations. The ones who stood on the sandy beaches of Gallipoli, ones who stood knee deep in mud within the Vietnamese jungle, the ones who held rank on patrol facing the penetrating blizzards in North Korea, the ones who were poised to attention on an aircraft carrier watching a Boeing Super Hornet take off, with the coast of Darwin barely insight.

We all have sacrificed a weekend sleep in and the comfort of our warm beds to stand here proudly to honour those who paid the ultimate price so we could live in a time of peace and freedom. Let us stand as one with our brothers and sisters who have fallen before us.

Lest we forget.

By Brodie Benjamin





## Catholic Identity

### ANZAC Liturgy

On Friday 23 April, Sacred Heart College respectfully participated in an ANZAC Liturgy which commemorated the Centenary of the RAAF and all persons of all forces across conflicts and peacekeeping who sacrificed their lives for the benefits of peace, safety and liberty. Ms Linehan established the tone and focus for Students and Staff appreciated the candour with which guest speakers Dennis Causby and Garry Scott spoke to all assembled. After explaining their personal experience of conflicts and commitment to the Australian and New Zealand forces which they represented, they provided a very clear explanation about the focus for this year's ANZAC DAY. Dennis and Garry opened up time for direct questions and they attracted the curiosity of staff and students. Ella

Skehan did a stellar job as she guided the ceremony, and the contributions of Annie Robilliard, Brody Benjamin, Tom Davidson, Emily Ford and Lucas Towner enhanced the significance and solemnity of the occasion.



**Above: Dennis Causby and Garry Scott pictured with College Captain's Annie and Brody**



**Above: Ella, Lucas and Brody, Lachlan and Annie**

## **2022 Enrolment Period**

The 2022 enrolment period commenced this week with the Year 7 Parent Information Session being held in the MPB on Wednesday evening. Parents and their children are strongly encouraged to take advantage of a school tour to experience first hand the heart beat of the College. Multiple tours are offered on May 5 & 10 and bookings can be made via the website [www.shcy.vic.edu.au](http://www.shcy.vic.edu.au) or by phoning the College during business hours. Enrolment forms are due back by Friday June 4.

## **Fund Raising Effort**

Congratulations to Year 9 student Jack McQualter Whyte who walked from the Mulwala RSL Dawn service to Bundalong with a 25kg pack to raise funds for worthy causes, including Soldier On, Goorambat Veterans Retreat and Path of the Horse. It was great to see Jack being encouraged and supported by his friends along the 25km journey. See attached flyer.

## **House Athletics**

The House Athletics carnival will be held this Friday at Vic Park. This is a great community day and we look to be blessed with some great autumn weather. Bus travelers will be dropped off at Vic Park and will be collected from the Gilmour Street bus stop. There will be a BBQ available on the day.

## **Debutante Ball**

During the term break the Sacred Heart Parish conducted two Debutante Balls, one for current Year 11 students and one for Year 12 students who missed out last year due to the prevailing conditions. The functions were conducted at Club Mulwala and were very well received by students and their families. The events would not have occurred without the hardwork of the Deb Ball Committee, especially Lynne Brear and Brooke Elliott, who do an amazing job.





## **Chelonia Green**

In English, we are reading a novel called Chelonia Green. It is the story of a young girl who finds a Loggerhead Turtle that has been killed from choking on discarded fishing line. With today being Earth Day, we decided to walk down to the Yarrawonga Foreshore to see how much rubbish ends up in our lake. We were also worried that our school rubbish, which hasn't been put in our bins, would blow through the fence and down to Lake Mulwala.

After walking the lake through Hunt, Coghill and Murphy Streets, we were happy to see that there was minimal rubbish that could be contributed to Sacred Heart College. We did find things such as a dirty nappy, bottles, cans and even dog droppings that was not picked up by its owner. We also checked Lake Mulwala for plastic and other rubbish and did not see any along the Yarrawonga Foreshore. It is great that people are getting the message about littering and looking after our Earth.

Please do the right thing and put your rubbish in the bin when you are at school and also around our great town.

**Written by Year 7/8 English**

## **Education Perfect Language World Championships**

Students in Years 7 & 8 participated in the world language championships on Education Perfect along with thousands of other schools from around the world. Students should be congratulated for their commitment and enthusiasm during our first Education Perfect Language Championships edition. Our school came third out of all schools that teach Spanish in Australia.

## **Caritas Fundraising**

Lach and Max stacking and delivering firewood which was part of the Caritas fundraising effort.



The new Administration Building is progressing with the pouring of the slab this week.



## Reporting of Student Progress and Parent Teacher Interviews 20th of May

Parents and guardians are encouraged to log on to PAM to gain feedback on their child's learning progress. Teachers have placed assessment task results and written comments for assessment conducted thus far on SIMON/PAM for students and parents to receive. If you have forgotten your login details or need assistance navigating the platform please contact the College. If you have any concerns or questions about the feedback provided please do not hesitate to contact your child's Learning Advisor or the relevant teacher.

Please also be aware that Parent Teacher Interviews are taking place on Thursday the 20th of May from 12 - 6 p.m. This is a student free day however students are expected to attend interviews with their parents/guardians. A letter will go home when bookings for the interviews are open which will contain instructions on how to book the interviews. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress please do not hesitate to contact your child's learning advisor or teacher please do not feel that you have to wait until the interviews.

Kind regards

Fleur Linehan

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching





Dear Parent/Carer,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2021 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 11 May, Wednesday 12 May and Thursday 13 May 2021. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 14 May 2021.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

Yours sincerely,

Fleur Linehan  
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching





## KEY DATES



Wednesday 28th April	2022 Year 7 Information Evening
Friday 30th April	Athletics Carnival
Monday 3rd May	O & M Boys Senior AFL
Wednesday 5th May	School tours at 9.15am and 11.30am. Contact the College
Wed 5th to Friday 7th May	Justice Matters Camp
Thursday 6th May	Cross Country
Monday 10th May	School tours at 9.15am and 11.30am. Contact the College
Tuesday 11th to Thurs 13th May	NAPLAN
Wed 12th to Friday 14th May	Year 11 CBD Camp
Mon 17th to Wed 19th May	Year 11 Live4Life
Thurs 20th May	Parent, teacher, student interviews
Wed 26th May	O & M Girls AFL and O & M Junior Boys AFL
Thurs 27th May	Live4Life Year 8

## Community Notices

### Bingo

In an endeavour to gauge the interest in starting up Bingo again in the Old Convent, we propose to hold a meeting on Wednesday the 5th May at 7.30pm in the Old Convent for all interested parties.

For further information, please contact Ron Foley on: 0437 406 199

### Mulwala Water Ski Club's Got Talent

Each year the Mulwala Water Ski Club celebrates and encourages local talent with the "Mulwala Water Ski Club's Got Talent" with a 1st prize of \$5000.

Whether you sing, play a musical instrument or have an entertaining act, we want you to share it with us.

Download an application form from our website: [www.mulwalawaterski.com.au](http://www.mulwalawaterski.com.au) or contact the Ski Club and book an audition. We are now taking entries with the Heats and Grand Final to be held in June.



## Jack's Walk for Aussie Veterans

On Anzac Day 2021, 15 year old Jack Mcqualter-Whyte will run /walk from the Mulwala RSL Dawn Service to the Bundalong Tavern to raise money for Aussie Veterans suffering from PTSD and homelessness. This remarkable young man will walk / run in full army kit, including a 25kg back pack to honor those that have served in our armed forces.

If you would like to help Jack, give him a beep and a wave as you pass, donate directly to Jack, stop in at the Bundalong Tavern and donate either before or on the day or donate directly to Bundalong Community Assist Charity account BSB 803-188 Acc 18456 with the reference Jack.

All proceeds raised will go to the following charities:

- Soldier On
- Goorambat Veteran's Retreat Inc
- Path of the Horse



## Enrolment Schedule

School tours	May 2021
Applications due	June 4th*
Interviews commence	June 7th
Enrolment acceptance	By end of Term 2

\* Applications received after June 4th may go on a waiting list

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