Coldstream Primary School
NEWS SHEET 21 April, 2015

Diary Dates
Wednesday 22nd
Legacy ANZAC Service Yr6
Thursday 23rd
ANZAC Multi Age Day
Friday 24th
Table Tennis
Monday 27th
School Nurse Foundation
Tuesday 28th
School Nurse Foundation
Wednesday 29th
District Athletics 3-6
Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 30th
Sausage Sizzle 3/4H
Interschool Sport (H)

MAY
Friday 1st
School Photos
Table Tennis
Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 4th
Mothers Night
Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 5th
Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 6th
Parent Club
Thursday 7th
Shrine Excursion 3 to 6
Friday 8th
Mother’s Day Stall
Table Tennis
Interschool Sport
Saturday 9th
Bunnings BBQ

From The Principal’s Desk

Hopefully none of us will ever know the horror of war, particularly that as brutal as WW1. With the coming of Anzac Day and some important events for our students over the next week or so, which we hope may give them some insight into why and how we commemorate the ANZACs, the following story might just help for everyone to understand what was going through the minds of those who were sent to Gallipoli, often credited as the coming of Age of our nation.

Like many young men at that time, Frederick Warren Muir, a law student from Unanderra, enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force at Randwick on 22 August 1914. He had brief military experience, having spent two-and-a-half years as a lieutenant in the cadets. Muir was assigned to the 1st Infantry Battalion and departed Sydney for Egypt aboard HMAT Afric on 18 October 1914.

After training at Egypt, Muir left with the 1st Battalion for the Dardanelles and participated in the landing on 25 April 1915. He wrote home to his mother almost every week from the trenches, describing in detail his experiences at the front line. His letters were published in the South Coast Times, a local paper in Wollongong.

The following extract gives an idea of the chaos that reigned on the first day at Gallipoli:

In places our line was stretched perilously thin, and we had no men to fill the gaps. Water and ammunition were running short, our officers and non-coms were decimated, our companies and battalions were scattered, and we had no communication with the rear so that we seemed to be deserted on that loan ridge, and it seemed, too, that the enemy must inevitably break our slender lines and drive us back to the sea. Still, however, tired, leaderless and broken as we were, we held on and despite the heavy, continuous fire commenced to entrench ourselves.”

Fred Muir – Gallipoli, 25 April 1915

His letters may also indicate where the legend of the ANZACs began

“The Tommies were filled with admiration for the Australians and were constantly wondering how we managed to capture the positions. They held a private view that all the Australians were mad, as they argued that no sane troops would have charged the hills as our men did. One of the Navy men who saw the landing on Monday morning said that all the Australians deserved a medal the size of an (adjectival) soup plate.”

Fred Muir – Gallipoli, 19 June 1915

In late November 1915, Muir was badly wounded and taken to the Hospital Ship Glenart Castle, just off the coast of the peninsula. Unfortunately, on 28 November he succumbed to his wounds and was buried at sea. He was one of 61,720 Australian enlisted personnel who died including 8141 at Gallipoli. Frederick Muir is commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial, Turkey.

Lest We Forget

Coldstream Primary School’s
Value of the Week

FREEDOM

You can do what you want provided you make the right choices in life
Have You Seen?
ANZAC Service     Grade 6
Aquarium Excursion F - 2

Weekly Attendance Champions

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It’s That Time of The Year
Yes it’s ‘sniffle and sneeze’ season again and we are asking each child to bring a box of tissues for their grade’s use during the winter months.

Student Star Achievers

JACOB
3/4H

School Photos
Friday May 1
9.00am

Have you returned your Coldstream Park Survey?
Collection boxes are in the office