Dear Parents/Grandparents,

Through the eyes of the children of today it is obvious the stories of the past, the legacy of war, lives on. On Wednesday we assembled at McKnight Park for the Remembrance Day ceremony, along with the Urana community, to reflect on the human cost of war. The tragedy of war is that many who serve the country come home suffering from the physical and mental scars and take their own lives to escape the pain. We remember them also!

The year is winding down or winding up, depending on which chair you sit in! We eagerly watch for proof that the learning is sticking as we begin the report writing season.

The students are eager to demonstrate new learnings and share their excitement in producing quality work. It is very rewarding to watch the students grow through the challenges and smile at their own achievements.

They are aware they need to fail and perhaps fail again in order to find a way to learn new things! Stick at it!

**Presentation Evening**

~Celebrating student achievement~

Tues 8th December @ 6pm

**Coming up:**

P&C Meeting
7pm 24th November

Final Day for Term 3
Friday 18th September
Student reflections 11/11/15

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the white handkerchief was raised to declare that the war was no use. So the soldiers declared a truce. That's why we go down to the park to respect and remember the soldiers who fought for us. Cameron

We went to the park today because we remember the soldiers declared that the war was over. It is an annual celebration in Australia because men and women fought for our freedom and sacrificed themselves just for us. So to us, they are like heroes. Joseph

We celebrate Remembrance Day on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month because the Germans called a truce and the Allied Forces agreed. Jack J

We have Remembrance Day on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. We respect the people that have fought for our freedom. We stand for one minutes silence to remember the people that have sacrificed their life for us to have freedom. We take a single flower or a poppy to give love to the soldiers who have died. Bailie

Remembrance Day is a sad time for those poor wives whose husbands didn’t come back after the war, and for the soldiers who had to fight for their lives. Just stop and have a minute of silence and remember who died in war for us. We're lucky we didn't have to fight! Willow

It has been 97 years since the First World War ended. Grace

Remembrance Day means that our bravest men and women went to a death certainty to save our country for freedom. Many people died in that war and many people that made it back from the war would take their own lives because of the flash back of bad moments. Lest we forget! Bryce

Remembrance Day is when the soldiers came slowly out of the trenches when the guns went silent. Remembrance Day is on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month to remember the people who died in the war. Laura

Remembrance Day is when we pay our respects to the soldiers who fought for their lives to save ours. On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month we stand for a minutes silence to remember the ones who have fallen. Lest we forget, let us remember. Noah

Remembrance Day is how we honour the soldiers, who died serving our country, with a minutes silence. Jacob
Our school community -

Our students:
The Yr 6 students are coming to the end of their primary school journey and are currently experiencing secondary education with transition activities at either OCS and/or LCS. Baxter and Aiden have really settled into the routine of school, looking like they belong in their uniforms and joining us for the Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday. They have a head start when it comes to their learning journey and really are an integral part of the school environment. Meanwhile great learning continues every minute of every day for all!!

Our families:
'The Pink Day In' afternoon is an opportunity for families to come along and share in the learning culture of the school. Thank you for joining us for this Student Leaders’ activity today and for contributing to the fund raising effort. It is always great to see grandparents too!

......... and engaging with our community:
A number of parents/grandparents are enjoying a Scrap and Chat session with Janice, held every three weeks in the library. What a great opportunity to complete a craft project, in the company of others with a cuppa in hand! Come along in Week 9 for the final get together for this year. Many thanks to Kerri Gooden for her donation of extensive scrapbooking supplies for use in these sessions.

The Yr 5 and 6 students look forward to games at Colombo Lodge each Wednesday morning. This initiative is proving very rewarding for students and residents alike. It is an opportunity for some local history to be passed down and some insights from younger people to be passed on!

We are keeping our fingers crossed for good news on our application for funded chaplaincy services for the next 3 years. Janice is an integral part of the fabric of this school and one way or the other I will find a way to maintain the chaplaincy service that she brings.

Signing in/out
Just a little reminder about the importance of signing in and signing out should you be at school for any reason—classroom helper, Kids Club or Scrap ‘n Chat. A fire drill carried out this week did highlight a weakness in this area. Should a fire occur and the school needs to be evacuated we need to account for everyone in the school at that time!

Dorothy Dore