Dear Parents and Carers

On Wednesday 11 November we held a whole of school Remembrance Day assembly to acknowledge and pay our respects to those servicemen and women who have lost their lives serving their country. In attendance were a number of current and retired members of the Australian Defence Forces. Mr Paul Singer, Manager Strategic Program and Operations from the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General and a former Naval officer gave a superb commemorative address to the students, and Group Captain Wade Evans O.B.E, Major John Phippen (Retd) and Chief Petty officer Scott Clarke laid wreaths on behalf of the three services. Three year 6 students recited the poem “In Flanders Fields” and one of the senior school year 8 students read the Ode. Another group of our senior students sang beautifully.

The assembly was poignant and I was extremely proud of the respect demonstrated by every child in the school.

I would like to acknowledge the outstanding organisation made prior to the event by our Defence Transition Aide/Mentor, Hilary Kinraid.

On Thursday evening, we held an extremely successful Information Evening for the 2015 year 7 Students. This was an opportunity for every one of our Executive staff to enthuse our future clients. Feedback from the evening was most positive. I would like to thank all of the school leadership team who put enormous effort into ensuring that the event was a great success.

Late last week, the school was given the very sad news of the passing of one of our year 8 students, Natesha Gill. Natesha died peacefully on 7 November at Bear Cottage Children’s Hospice in Sydney. A funeral service was held for Natesha in Goulburn yesterday morning. Our thoughts go to Natesha’s family at this sad time. We have decided to present an annual award to one of our students each year for demonstrating courage in the face of adversity. The award will be known as the Natesha Gill Award. The first award will be presented at our Annual Award Ceremony towards the end of this term.

Kind Regards,
Linda Baird
‘Team Natesha’ Fundraising
Thank you to all the students, staff and community members who contributed to our fundraising for Natesha Gill, Starlight Children’s Foundation, and Bear Cottage. They are all very worthy causes and they are extremely grateful for your help. Including our final fundraiser which was Cake Day on Friday, November 14 (thank you to Fiza Asif and her family for their kind donation from The Cheesecake Shop), we raised over $2500. Congratulations to Team Natesha for their diligence in organising events, fundraising and providing support to people affected at this time.
Alexis Adams

NEWS FROM SCIENCE
The Year 8 students have been submitting their models of cells and we have been very impressed by the standard and variety of these.
All classes are working hard, finalising revision and completing assessment tasks.
As the weather heats up and holidays approach it is hard to stay focused, but please remind your child, as we do, that there is still valuable learning to be done.
Regards from the Science Faculty

The Dream is Almost Reality
Our school’s production of A Midsummer Night’s Dream takes to the stage on Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 November! All the Arts faculty are heavily involved in this, along with 100 students and the support of all other staff.
Tickets are available via the website. GET YOURS NOW! And enjoy an evening of wondrous entertainment.
And mark Dec 4 on your calendar as that is our Evening on the Green. A chance to bring a picnic and your family and make the most of fabulous entertainment and displays.
Come and join us for a relaxed few hours.
Regards,
The Arts Faculty
Senior Site Bites

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