



Sevenoaks Students Remember



Students Robbie McDonald and Lex Daniel Ramirez representing Sevenoaks Senior College

The Year 12 Modern History students were offered the opportunity to speak at the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) Day Centenary Service conducted by the Cannington and Victoria Park Returned and Services League (RSL). The two boys who volunteered for this honour were Lex Daniel Ramirez and Robbie McDonald.

The two students presented a speech that expressed empathy with the ANZAC sacrifices and spoke of how the ANZAC spirit shaped the Australian culture. Several community and RSL members approached the boys to commend their efforts, commenting that they were a credit to themselves and to the College. Part of the speech presented at the ceremony can be found below.

We stand before you today humbled by the knowledge that the privileges and freedoms we all enjoy – in speech, thought and action - arise from the commitment and courage of those who have come before us. We stand before you today to commemorate their legacy and to acknowledge that this is a debt we can never repay.

What we can do is respect and value the Australia in which we live today, a country whose national character was shaped so many years ago and where, thanks to the

efforts of those who have come before us, our country stands out as a beacon of equality, freedom and opportunity.

And so today on behalf of our school community we pay tribute to those who have served us, we commemorate the burden of their sacrifice and we give thanks for the privilege of living in the Australia that they helped to shape.

The story of the ANZAC unites Australia like no other and it lives on today because it represents the very best part of all of us. Lest we forget



Catching a Criminal

The Year 12 Integrated Science students looked into the world of forensic science by having a go at electrophoresis. This process creates DNA bands by separating the molecules so that individuals can be identified by their specific traits.

Students were given a crime scene scenario where they intercepted an illegal fishing boat with unknown fish meat. They

had to test the samples of fish by using electrophoresis and interpret the data to determine if there had been illegal fishing happening.

The process of electrophoresis is used to help analyse crime scenes, particularly in DNA fingerprinting. The equipment to perform the electrophoresis was loaned to the school from Murdoch University and local science technicians.



Pathways to University

Each Wednesday afternoon Year 12 ATAR students participate in Pathways to University designed to give students insight into university life and the entry requirements. Time is spent looking at alternative university pathways and available scholarships.

Students are coached to develop the skills they need

to improve their study skills and their understanding of how they learn.

The Pathways to University sessions provide students with a unique opportunity to meet with university personnel and learn about various university qualifications.



From the Principal

Dr Kath Partridge

Welcome to the term two newsletter. I am sure that fresh in our minds is the ANZAC celebration that took place at the beginning of the term. The 100 year anniversary of this Australian and New Zealand Army Corp (ANZAC) encounter was commemorated on April 25 2015. Two Sevenoaks Senior College students, Robbie McDonald and Lex Daniel Ramirez represented the College at the Canning City ANZAC Memorial Service. A large crowd gathered to respectfully remember the soldiers who lost their lives in Gallipoli and to reflect on the dreadful suffering endured during this battle. We are very proud of Lex and Robbie who addressed the crowd and laid a wreath on behalf of the College.

Our term two calendar provides students with a blend of academic and sporting opportunities. Our usual semester two change-over of courses will occur in week 9 of this term (17 June) with students sitting examinations in weeks 6 (Year 12) and 7 (Year 11). Students are aware of their up-coming examinations and are currently working hard in their course work.

Year 11 parents would have recently received a copy of their son or daughter's OLN results. A number of students will need to sit another round of OLN that begins on 31 August. As part of the new 2016 WACE requirements students must demonstrate a minimum standard in both literacy and numeracy to be eligible for the WACE.

I urge students, across all programs, to attend every class and submit completed work on time and to the

best of your ability. We are half way through the Year 12 academic program and there is still a lot of work to be covered. Make sure that if you need help, speak with your teacher or Advocate, both of whom are always close at hand to provide students with support and advice.

Our sports teams are enjoying mixed success with both boys and girls soccer involved in a regional after school competition, so too our Aussie Rules Football team. The teams look terrific in their freshly designed uniforms.

Finally, a reminder that I am available to meet and speak with parents and care givers so please feel free to make an appointment to see me. Our term two Parent Report Evening will take place on Wednesday June 24 2015, the same evening as our P&C get together in the College Boardroom at 5pm.



Say No to Bullying

On March 20, students and staff recognised the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This event was used to strengthen our existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at college are not okay!

Take a stand together” and were encouraged to write positive messages on the shirts as a way of showing kindness and friendship.

The event was very popular with the students and it helped create an atmosphere of unity and harmony around the College.

Students were given t-shirts with the slogan “Bullying. No Way!

Touch Football Returns

As a result of overwhelming enthusiasm, training for the Interschool Touch Football Carnival commenced in Week 1 in Term 2. Following an outing of mixed success last year, the students were very keen to build on their skills and fitness in preparation for the big event this year.

Mr Patrick Elshaw, a professional umpire, to coach and train our teams. Mr Elshaw very generously shares his passion for the sport and vast knowledge about technique, skills and rules with our students each week. Although the carnival is not until Week 7 in Term 3, the students have demonstrated their commitment and eagerness to make 2015 THE year for Touch Football here at Sevenoaks.



This year we have been very fortunate to secure the services of

Season starts for Football

The Sevenoaks football team is having a good season with two wins out of three games. The students played strongly against Darling Ranges Sports College and Clontarf, resulting in two wins. The loss was to Kent St by two points.



The students have been training hard throughout Term 1, with training sessions at 8am in the morning. The hard work has paid off with finals starting early June.

Notable players include Arnold Punch, Tere Teio-Yarran, Jesse Trigwell and Riley Schafer.

Fundraising for a cause

Last term in response to recent natural disasters in Vanuatu and Nepal, Sevenoaks students organised several sausage sizzles as fundraising events. The money raised will hopefully assist students in Nepal and Vanuatu resume their education.

Unicef organise “schools in a box” that are delivered to areas which have been affected by natural disasters and war. The Student Guild raised enough money to buy one of these valuable educational tools and they will continue to organise fundraisers for various charities throughout the year.

Saving Lives

The Year 12 Physical Education class learnt a valuable lesson in early May when St Johns Ambulance trained the class in resuscitation.

Students were trained in the skills of looking for danger, checking for breathing, compressions and using a defibrillator. These skills were tested on the mannequins with all students successfully completing the course.



Bstreetsmart

Earlier this term seventy students from Health classes, the Trade Training Centre and Canning Skills attended the Bstreetsmart event.

Bstreetsmart is a road safety event designed to inform students about the realities of risky behaviour on the roads. The major components of the day include the re-enactment of a crash scene, hearing from people who have been affected by road trauma and the opportunity to participate in interactive road safety displays.



Fitness Focus

The Year 11 Physical Education students were put through their paces on a recent excursion to Loftus Recreation Centre.

The gym staff at Loftus provided a personal fitness session using a variety of simple but heavy equipment. This included ladder running, fit ball exercises, pushups on tyres and using core strength muscles. These exercises were used to enhance the learning in the fitness component of the course.



Urban Field Studies

The urban studies fieldwork excursion is the highlight of the Stage 3 Geography course. The excursion involves examining the patterns and processes of the internal morphology of Perth or quite simply, studying human settlements.

Students travelled to various suburbs of Perth including East Perth to examine urban redevelopment; Northbridge which is one of the most dynamic zones of the city; West Perth which was once the most prosperous residential area of Perth and Kings Park where students had a bird's eye view of the CBD and South Perth.

Huntley Mine

Recently the year 11 General Geography classes headed to Pinjarra to observe the Alcoa bauxite mining operations at Huntley. The purpose of this excursion was two fold; to see the mining process and just as importantly to witness how Alcoa rehabilitate the surrounding jarrah forest.

The rehabilitation process has been refined over many years to improve the outcome for the jarrah forest to 100% re-forestation. It is recognised as 'world's' best practice.

Students on the Move

Eighteen students braved the wintry conditions during the first week of the holidays to visit the campuses of the universities of Edith Cowan at Joondalup and Mt Lawley, UWA Crawley and Notre Dame Fremantle.

These students were taken on guided tours to the Engineering, Nursing and Creative Arts areas and shown libraries and other facilities which will be important to them

next year when they begin their studies. It was an opportunity for students to gauge transport availability (first year students at UWA are not permitted to park on campus) timetables, locations and for many of the group to enjoy their first time on university grounds.

A further ten students who are part of UWA's Fairway Program were involved in academic extension sessions during the first week of the holidays.



Student Leadership Camp

The tranquil bush setting in Byford was the location of the two night leadership camp for the newly elected Year 11 and 12 Student Guild. It was in this setting that the 19 students were challenged to test their grit and determination and to step outside their comfort zone.

A high ropes course, six metres above the ground tested the students' sense of balance and trust. Other team building challenges included a blind trail obstacle course and food preparation. Students also worked on their

organisation and leadership skills whilst planning a major fundraising event.

The student Guild members are: Head Girl Jenny Dutosme, Head Boy Lyndon Issacs, Alex Benesisto, Melissa Staniland, Joy Abogado, Damien Manu, Tendai Muchacha, Yakira Venagiam, Patsy McGinty, Vito Yusuf, Aiden Clyde, Danai See, Eunice Robless, Mary MacDonald, Farzana Syed Abdul Ahmed, Lalitha Ail, Rituja Ganguli, Chloe Dodds and Mary-Jane Middlecoat.



Bindi Bindi Dreaming

Recently a group of our Aboriginal young women took part in Bindi Bindi Dreaming. This program shared the cultural knowledge and history of the Noongar People as well as how to care for our country.

The traditional role of women in the Noongar culture

was another important aspect of this program and it was discussed with participants. Students were able to view and use some artifacts from the Noongar culture such as kangaroo hides and grinding tools.

Dwellingup Day Trip

Nineteen students from the Clontarf Academy participated in a day trip to Dwellingup in week one of term 2.

One of the activities on the trip was a coaching clinic at Dwellingup Primary school where the Clontarf students taught football skills to sixty primary school students. The

Clontarf students were able to show their considerable leadership skills while teaching the younger students.

Mountain biking on the Dwellingup bike trails and lunch at North Dandelup dam were two other highlights of the excursion.



Calendar of Events - Term 3 - 2015

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 1	20 School Development Day No Students	21 Start of Term 3 for students	22 Year 11/12 Uni Pathways	23	24
2	27	28	29 Year 11/12 Uni Pathways	30 Showcase Day	31
August 3	3	4	Year 10 into Year 11 Parent Information Evening Year 11/12 Uni Pathways	6	7
4	10	11	12 Staff Meeting	13	14
5	17	18	19 Year 11/12 Uni Pathways	20	21
6	24 Library Week	25 Library Week	26 Library Week Year 11 / 12 Uni Pathways (Elevate)	27 Library Week	28 Library Week
September 7	31 OLNA Testing	1 OLNA Testing College Board Meeting	2 OLNA Testing Year 11 / 12 Uni Pathways	3 OLNA Testing	4 OLNA Testing
8	7	8	9 Staff Meeting	10	11
9	14	15	16 Year 11/12 Uni Pathways	17	18
10	21	22	23 Year 11/12 Uni Pathways	24	25 End of term

Year 12 Semester 2 Exams

Will occur in the school holidays:

Starts Wednesday 30 September to Tuesday 6 October

Parent Course Information Night

August 5, 7pm start

Information about Year 11 Courses 2016 will be presented at this event.

Please save the date