



RESPECT RESILIENCE COURAGE COMPASSION

NEWSLETTER 2018

TELLING TALES

Cross Country

Don't forget Cross Country is this Friday at the Walwa Golf Club. Students will need to be at the Golf Course by 9.45 am. We will walk the course first and then begin with the age events. There will be **no buses** running on the day. Students will need to be in their team colours and will need to bring water bottles, as well as a hat and some food. Lunch orders should have been returned to the school.

We will need some help from our parents for timing the runners in the older age groups.

Thank you and see you there.

ANZAC DAY

Lest we forget! Walwa ANZAC Day 2018 Remembrance Service. The Guest speaker was Lieutenant Bart Thompson. His poignant message was about the fact that everyone in this country has the right to be happy. Happiness - comes from freedom. Freedom comes from bravery, and bravery comes from courage - to do whatever is required or needed in whatever situation to make a difference. We, as Australians, need to continue to support others, we need to stop being so self-centred and to care more about how our 'neighbours' are going.

Can I say I was so proud of our young students who honoured our school so proudly and did so well during the Service.

2018 DATE CLAIMERS	
Term 2:	16 April to 29 June
May 3	Student Environment day Tallangatta
May 4	Cross Country Golf Course
May 8 to 10	NAPLAN
May 11	Dentist @ Walwa PS @ 12.00 noon
May 15	School Council
June 1	Golf at school
June 12	School Council: Strategic Planning module 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
June 13	St John Ambulance training all day P to 6
June 15	Golf at school
June 22	Golf at school
June 29	School Finishes 2.00 pm

RESCHEDULED DUE TO RAIN TO 18TH MAY





SCHOOL COUNCIL



There have been changes to the Strategic Planning process for 2018.

Strategic Planning module training: To ensure we are ready for the Strategic Planning process and our review, parents and School Council members are needing to attend a DET funded training on the processes. It is particularly important that all parents are aware of these changes. The training is two hours in duration on **Tuesday 12 June, 5.30 - 7.30pm**. John Sloan will be the presenter. We need to have a minimum of 10 people in attendance.

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Low level School Vandalism on Weekends

Just a note: if you notice anyone in the school grounds on a weekend (without cause to be in the school ie cleaner etc) can you either take note of the person/s (age etc) or contact the police. We have had some low-level vandalism (ping-pong table springs broken, cubby ruined, plants shredded) particularly on the weekends.

Absences

If your son or daughter is away for any reason or is going to be late to school, can you please telephone the school on **02 6037 1380** and leave a message on the answering machine (if no one answers) so we know why/if they are away or late. We need to know absences/latenesses for our Cases records.

For Metacognition, Reflection and Mindfulness ... we need to encourage our children to reflect on these 3 questions ...

3 Questions to Ask Your Child Every Day

By Megan Conley @-megconley
bit.ly/3QuestionsToAsk

Instead of: "How was your day today?"

Try: ① "How were you brave today?"

② "How were you kind today?"

③ "How did you fail today?"



(Note: Ask yourself these three questions, too!)

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ANZAC WRITING PIECES



Dear Papa,
Life here in this war is tough. I'm scared!
It's hard – there have been bombs and gun shots so close to camp - all night long. We are so very thankful that New Zealand troops have helped us.

Please tell mother that I am so very thankful for the Soldier Biscuits that she sent us.

The German fighters are trying to win the war for not only themselves but their allies as well, as are we. Water is always hard to find but we have a place only our Allies know of. We are trying so very hard Papa. The sand here in Gallipoli is terrible. Where ever you run is hard because the sand is so soft and there are bodies everywhere. The Allies who have helped us are amazing and when I'm talking about allies I am saying New Zealand, America and Britain. The Army here is so good and we are going to fight for justice to live free.

There have been so many deaths already. It's so very devastating to see the blood bath! The trenches here are crazy and there have been so many injuries. Thanks to the doctors and nurses and donkeys I should say. They have helped us so much! The bad news is I have been shot in two places but do not fear for my life! I am in Hospital and I am slowly getting better - my leg was shot and my left arm also. I am in so much pain. Luckily I can still write this letter because I am right handed.

When we get back I can't wait to honour the soldiers that have been sadly killed. We will remember them and have a memorial. Please if you have time could you please ask the prime minister if we could call the 25th of April ANZAC day because it is such a special day to honour the soldiers whom have been killed or people who have survived and are still hurt? Also could you please ask him if we can make poppy's and wreathes and also, March down the street with the soldiers. We need to have a minute of silence to remember whom have offered there life to save us. I hope you are well. I love you and miss you, give mother a kiss for me. Love from Nick (aka Ana Year 6)

A Day My Life:

When I got off the ship, it was so hot and there was pieces of shrapnel flying everywhere. One of my mates got hit by a stray bullet. He did not make it. When we got to the first trench it stunk of dead bodies but we just had to deal with it.

Suddenly, a grenade flew over and hit the trench. It collapsed over my leg. I was stuck - I could not budge it. I started to dig at it with my bayonet. Finally, I slowly pulled it out – my leg was crushed and bruised. There was only a couple of survivors from the blast and I was one of them. I started to climb up the trench and when I got up onto solid ground there were bodies everywhere ... My heart leapt ... there lay my brother - he lay motionless on the ground.



I took time to honour him. I dug a hole and I buried my brother with his gun and helmet to mark a cross. I kept walking on. Finally, I caught up to the other soldiers. I was so thirsty but one of the men gave me some water and I drank it all. Then a ricocheting bullet hit the drink bottle and another went through my hand. The searing pain...

Lachlan Year 6

GALLIPOLI

Dear Mum,

War is so scary.

I am writing this letter – as I sit in the Army truck eating bully beef and soldier's biscuits.

My friends Sylvia and John are here too.

Suddenly, Captain Smith has walked in. He is always so serious and mean. A bomb blasts - BOOM! The Army truck has flipped over.



We all came out except one ... John, where is he? He is in the truck and is unconscious. Through the smoke, suddenly a donkey comes out with a man leading it. The man has a cross on his chest. He was a doctor. He takes John with him.

At once, Captain Smith collapses. A bullet went in Captain Smith's arm. It didn't cripple him but it hurt him. We ran

and ran. I had my gun and I was shooting – I didn't care who I was shooting at. I just wanted to live.

Suddenly a bomb was thrown at me - I dived into a ditch then the bomb went off – shrapnel, guns, and people everywhere.

Charley Year 4

Mrs Holloway is now on a permanent sea change

We had a very sad farewell to Mrs Holloway on Monday. Mrs Holloway has been our relief teacher on and off for two years and also she has worked with our students doing Reading Recovery and support teacher to some of our students on a term by term basis.

We had a bit of celebration for her, but she surprised us all by giving us gifts. Thank you so very much for being a wonderful mentor for our students and for caring for us all so well. We will miss you and we wish you and Mr Holloway a wonderful SEA CHANGE retirement.



CAMP DATE CHANGE: Please be aware the camp has been moved FROM 13 – 17 August TO NOVEMBER 19 – 23. It will still be held at 15 MILE CREEK AND WILL BE FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 INCLUSIVE.