Commemorating the Centenary of the ANZAC Landing

On Tuesday the 21st of April, the Year 9 SRC’s presented the rest of the College with a special assembly in remembrance of all the brave soldiers that fought for Australia in WW1. While two of the Year 9 SRC’s read a story about imagining what war would be like, Ms Coward and the Year 10 Drama class performed an emotional play. During the assembly we were lucky enough to welcome back to the College a former student from MacKillop, Declan Seidler. Declan talked about his experience of winning the Frank McDonald Prize – a History competition. By winning the competition he got the opportunity of a lifetime, to travel to France and Gallipoli. Declan talked to all of us about the amazing opportunity he had and recommended that we should give it a crack.

On Friday, 24 April, all five of the Year 9 classes headed off on buses to the Hobart Aquatic Centre, where we walked on the path of The Soldiers’ Walk. Here lay 500+ memorial plaques of most Tasmanian Soldiers. Before the Year 9s left the College, we were given two plaque numbers that we had to find and lay a special self-written note and a flower on. The weather was not particularly on our side; it was cold and raining. This gave us a better understanding of what it was like for the soldiers.

By Hayley Spencer and Maggie Tilley

I would think of the (Soldiers’ Walk) memorial as a reminder of the soldiers who died for their country and to tell future soldiers to watch their back! I think some wars are pointless because people die for their country when all countries should be equal and treat everyone with respect.

Eamon Winger, 9 Green

MOVIE NIGHT Thank you to the students, parents and staff who came along to the Gallipoli movie night. It was an intimate group and after some technology issues we settled down to watch this iconic Australian movie. The students enjoyed an opportunity to preview some of the war memorabilia we have collected so far - barbed wire and a slouch hat from Gallipoli; a boot from the Western front, a pickaxe; a periscope; a tin hat; a grenade and shell. These items and many others (lent by staff and parents) will be on display in the Rice Resource Centre during Terms 2 and 3, so please take a moment to visit our displays.