ANZAC DAY - STUDENT LEADERSHIP

I would like to acknowledge the following students who rose at dawn on Saturday to represent our College in full school uniform to lay a wreath to mark the significant anniversary of Gallipoli at the following ANZAC Day services:

Lindisfarne Dawn Service:
Jacob Rugless and Matthew Bomford
Clarence/Rosny Dawn Service:
Charlotte Curran and Lauren Eaton (on behalf of the Student Leaders)
City Centennary Dawn Service:
Olivia Drew and Milly Gatehouse (on behalf of the Student Leaders)

CANTERBURY OPEN FOR BREAKFAST: MON / WED / FRI
The College Canteen has now extended its service to open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays prior to the first bell at 8:25am.

All breakfast items are at regular Canteen prices and include items such as egg and bacon muffins, hot ham and cheese croissants on toasties, raisin toast, cereal, blueberry muffins, all flavoured milk varieties and juices. I encourage parents and students to support this service by trying breakfast at the Canteen.

WINTER WELLBEING
All students should now be in full winter uniform. For full details please review page 14 of the student planner. Students are more than welcome to wear white singlets or thermals (without patterns) as a layer under their white College shirts in an effort to keep warm. In an

EDDIE RICE CAMP
Best wishes to the Student Leadership Team this Friday night as it hosts an overnight, Eddie Rice retreat for young primary-aged students on site at the College. A full report will be included in the next Newsletter.

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st Vincent de Paul winter appeal
As you may know, each year Mackillop holds fundraisers such as the Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This year, we are focusing on warm clothes such as jumpers, beaniess, thermals, long socks and socks (preferably new), as well as personal utilities such as shampoo and conditioner, soap, deodorant and shaving products. Blankets and bedding will not be needed this year. There will be donation bags placed in each Home Room for you to make your donations. You can also bring in your donations to the College Office. Please feel free to start bringing in your donations now.

Vinnies Morning Milo During Winter
Vinnies students will be selling Milo for $0.50 a cup on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. They will also have on the table some cinnamon bread for students to have for free. Please support your Vinnies group, who will donate all funds to St Vincent de Paul.

Edmund Rice Camps Head to Heart Program
The Student Leaders will participate in the first Edmund Rice Camp on Friday, May 1 to Saturday, May 2. Students will buddy up with a younger primary student for the two days which will be full of fun, games, cooking and competitions. Thank you in advance to Mr Ben Shaw’s Hospitality class, who are making lasagne and potato salad for the campers. The money that happens on the Head to Heart Program is a prime opportunity for both student and child to experience a new horizon of friendship and respect.

The Principal, John, told us that the school had lost almost half of its students in the last few years, and they were now a marginalised and vulnerable people in our society. Whilst charity and fundraising are important and have a place in our society, it is really the work of advocacy that will change the laws that govern countries and bring about social change in which the human rights of all are respected.

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