

## THE STUDENT VOICE

Hello loyal readers and welcome to the second edition of the Student Voice! To begin...

In commemoration of the Anzacs, CESC Student Voice held our annual Anzac Day Assembly which many of you may have attended. For those of you who were unable to attend, the event included a variety of speeches, poems and letters created by students who were willing to volunteer their time and effort in order to commemorate our fallen heroes through these presentations. Below are some of the speeches that were presented on the day transcribed for your reading pleasure. Thanks to these students, Mr Evans who played the Last Post and Mr Shepherd from the Dandenong/Cranbourne RSL who spoke at the Assembly.

### Just another ANZAC Day poem – Bailey Smith – Year 11 Captain

A while ago, in a land far away  
We find some soldiers who fought all night and all day.

25 April 1915  
These soldiers arrive at Gallipoli.  
The 16<sup>th</sup> Battalion, over a 1000 strong,  
Arrived at the peninsula, armed with muskets and thongs.

Attempting to seize a strategic advantage  
They arrived, finding it was too much to manage.  
Overnight, on one day,  
on the second day of May,  
We lost 8 officers and over 300 men.

A failure for sure, but we did persist,  
As they charged head long into the war's heavy mist.

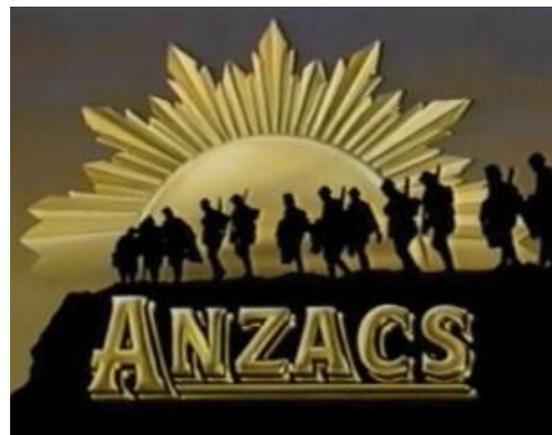
The campaign was an Ottoman victory  
But also a momentous day for Aus and New Zealand history.

A loss was had, that's for sure  
But from it came something even more.

A new sense of national pride  
Evolved from this defeat before our very eyes.

And that is why, on this day  
The 25<sup>th</sup> of April, not March or May,

The Anzacs we celebrate, not with cake or toys,  
But with our memory and respect for our brave boys.





### **The ANZAC Day Dawn Service - Makenzie Peters – Year 9 Captain**

ANZAC Day is a memorial day to honour the servicemen and women who have fought for our country and continue to do so today. I have been to a few dawn services over the past few years with my family and find it very moving to see the people wearing their medals or the medals of service men/women who have passed away, and to hear stories of what they went through. I recently went to a concert with Lee Kernaghan where he relayed stories, memories and letters sent home from soldiers to loved ones.

The most moving story I heard at the concert was about a man called Teddy. Edward "Teddy" Sheean was an ordinary seaman serving on HMAS Armidale when it came under attack. It was sinking fast and Teddy had been wounded badly. He dragged himself to his gun, which is like a canon at the front of the ship, and strapped himself to it whilst firing at the planes overhead. Teddy managed to shoot down 2 planes, still firing as the ship sunk, and he died fighting. Teddy was only 18 years old - three years older than I am today. This story is only one of many stories of bravery and perseverance that inspire me.

I will get up at dawn one day a year and pay tribute to the people that have lost their lives fighting for what we have today - it is the least I can do.

### **Letter from the Trenches - Blake Jackson – Year 10**

26<sup>th</sup> April 1915

Dear Charlotte and my loving family,

Second day here at Gallipoli, it's 8:00pm. I can't sleep because of the explosions coming from everywhere. I can't see how anybody can sleep with them going. Well, at least I survived the first day - my mate Little John didn't. He was only 19, I don't know what to say to his parents. It's hell here, there's already been enough dead to fill the local cemetery back home. I don't know how many wounded.

We've already built a shelter, just a small humpy about 4 foot by 3. Still, it kept us safe from the rain, so we are not always soaking wet. The food isn't too bad, at least it's better than the bloody wombat stew that nan used to make. We sometimes appear to be pushing the Turks back, but I'm just waiting for an ambush in these bloody mountains. The snipers are picking us off one by one, and the mines all around the place are nigh invisible to us.

Frankie had his legs blown off by one of them, lucky he lived, but what a life that will be. Only know a few blokes from back home so pretty lonely really. I just hope that I will be home sooner rather than later. No matter what happens, I will always think of you and the kids.

All my love,  
Thomas

## **ANZAC Day Memories - Abbie Robilliard - Year 7 Class Captain**

On this anniversary of the ANZAC's landing at Gallipoli, we remember with sadness those men who made that fateful landing.

To me, ANZAC Day is to remember those who risked their lives for Australia, to remember those who lived and those who died, to remember what they fought for and the risks they took. What they did for Australia was heroic, they fought for what they thought was right.

Remembering the ANZAC's is important because so many people lost their lives. We remember all the soldiers who went through something horrific, something that no one could imagine: dead bodies lying on the ground, gunshots being set off all night long, being on your toes, afraid of what will happen next.

ANZAC Day is special to me and should be to all of you. It is a day to remember all who lost their lives to fight for our freedom, at Gallipoli and in all wars.

Lest we forget.



Ms Strickland, Mr Shepherd of the RSL and members of the Student Voice Team before the ANZAC Assembly



# YEAR 7 NEWS

## Year 7 Student Voice News Update

When we were in primary school, we thought that high school was going to be pretty tough to go through, so on the first day of high school we were all very nervous about what was ahead of us. On the day, we were very confused about what to do and where to go, but as peers we helped one another to get through the day.

As time flew by, we got more accustomed to being in high school. We made friends that accompanied us and helped find solutions to our problems. We were given a schedule that looked a little complicated the first time we saw it but we got more comfortable with the schedule because there were supportive teachers all around that helped us. Our teachers and our classmates helped us to figure out a lot of things including the steps to unlocking the combination lock to our lockers.

The Student Voice team has been organising different events such as the Anzac Day Assembly and the Breakfast Club which will be happening soon. These events are held because the Student Voice team wants to make the school a better place for every individual in the school community.

Last term, we had a number of sporting events such as the House Swimming Carnival and Inter-school Sports. This term we are having Cross Country and the Athletics Carnival and we are really excited about both of them. We also had our really fun camp at the Forest Edge Camping Resort. There were amazing adventures at camp such as the flying fox and river sledding. We also congratulate the girls' volleyball team for making it to the regionals.

Some of the Year 7s received awards for different subjects at the end of last term. We received those awards because of our very supportive teachers that help and guide us each and every step of the way.

We wish all the best to CESC students and teachers for the rest of the Term!

Keara De Silva - Year 7 School Captain & Tiffany Alcazar 7A



Diversity Club is back this term, in Orange 10 at lunchtimes on Thursday! It's a wonderful place to come along and chat with friends. This term Diversity Club will focus on getting junior students on board with our Senior School Ambassadors coming around to Home Groups in the coming weeks. Diversity Club welcomes everyone and is a very safe space, free from any kinds of bullying. Diversity Club is currently working on some projects for this term and next term which we hope to announce soon.