ANZAC DAY 2015

At O’Loughlin Catholic College we gathered together for a formal ceremony to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the First Landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) soldiers on the beaches of Gallipoli.

Our ceremony was led by our college leaders Joshua Spera and Ciara Kruger, while our other college leaders served in various functions throughout the ceremony.

Our ceremony took the form of a prayer liturgy including a reading of the Holy Gospel according to John which emphasised the heroic sacrifice that is made by those who give up their lives for their friends as the greatest act of love, in the imitation of Christ on Calvary.

Our special guest speaker for the ceremony was Sergeant Kate Duncan who is a member of the Australian Army in the role of transport manager. SGT Kate emphasised that we did not gather to glorify war, but instead she emphasised that going to war, is last resort for a Nation, in an attempt to protect its sovereignty when all other avenues have failed or proved unachievable.

Our ANZAC Wreath was brought forward by Nicholas Darcy-Duncan from 7.4. Nicholas’ father Sergeant Daniel Duncan is currently serving in the Australian Army in Afghanistan and his mother Sergeant Kate Duncan is also a member of the Australian Army. Sergeant Kate led the Wreath laying party. [See photo inset].

The Ode was recited by our very own Mr Adam Turley, teacher of senior science, who was an Army Officer for 12 years, who achieved the rank of Captain and did a six month tour of East Timor as a part of Operation Astute from late 2008 to early 2009.

Three year 12 students, Tom Roster, Justin Murray and Scott Murray, who themselves are Air Force Cadets gave a salute during the playing of The Last Post and during the singing of the Australian National Anthem.

Members of the Australian Defence Force: Major. Rui Freire and Grant Carter, who themselves have students at our school, joined us for the ceremony along with members of their family, for the lunch afterwards where they met many of our students and staff, answered questions and joined in general conversation.

Our College Choir sang most beautifully providing a fitting honour for the ceremony and all present.

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Parents and Grandparents of our students, special guest Sergeant Kate Duncan, Major. Rui Freire, and Grant Carter attend the ceremony while Yr. 12 Student and air Force Cadet Scott Murray honours the bringing forth of The Wreath.
Sergeant Kate Duncan and Nicholas Darcy-Duncan from 7.4. during The Laying of the Wreath at the College War Memorial