We began this week with a wonderful Commemoration service for **ANZAC Day** that was organised and run by our school captains Bronte and Nibal. Students from the 5/6 Learning Community and the Junior School Council also contributed. They did a wonderful job and I thank them all for their contribution. Showing respect for our history and the people who served and still serve our country is a great lesson for our students.

Thank you to all those who supported the RSL by purchasing ANZAC Day badges and wrist bands. I know they appreciate your support.

This week the **The Life Skills Group Program, Healthy Skills for Life** continued. This week the topic was **Mindful Listening and Honesty**. There is some more information about this topic on our Life Skills Page in this newsletter. Don’t forget to try the Parent/Carer’s Tip and Family Self-Care Tip!

**Enrolments for 2017** have begun and we will be running School Tours throughout the term. If you know anyone who has a child due to start school next year please let them know that they can ring and book into a tour. The office staff is able to answer any questions new families may have so feel free to ring the school on 9306 4144.

Raffle tickets for our **Mothers’ Day raffle** have been distributed. This raffle is an important fundraiser for our school to help us provide equipment for our students. The tickets are $1.00 each and are in books of ten. Each student has received one book of tickets – more books are available at the front office. The prizes include some great things we think mums will like such as a **gift vouchers for nails and hair, perfume, handbags and many more.**

As all prizes have been generously donated, all money raised will go directly to the purchase of equipment. Many of the prizes have been donated by local businesses that have generously shown support for our school. Don’t forget there is a prize to the value of $50 for the student who sells the most tickets!!

**Don’t forget - Every Day Counts!**

Have a good weekend

**Jo Money**
 Principal

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**DIARY**

- **School Banking:** Every Tuesday
- **Healthy Lunch Orders due:** Tuesday 3rd May
- **Healthy Lunch Order Day:** Friday 6th May
- **Mothers’ Day Stall:** Wednesday 4th May
**MOTHERS’ DAY STALL**

On **Wednesday 4th May** and **Thursday 5th May** we will be having a Mothers’ Day Stall at school. There will be a selection of items for students to browse and purchase ranging from $1 to $5.

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**LIFESKILLS GROUP PROGRAM - WEEK TWO**

At Life Skills Group, we believe that mindful listening and communication are important areas of growth development in children.

In week two, Life Skills teachers reviewed the important value of honesty through the focus of mindful listening. Students learnt how to listen mindfully by concentrating on specific sounds. They practiced staying really still and quiet while they listened to a soothing sound. This listening activity helped students understand that there is always noise around us but we can focus on one sound at a time.

Additionally, students began to explore listening to their own bodies. By using breath to stay focused and feel movements, students learnt to become aware of how they actually feel physically and emotionally. With awareness we begin to understand what may be creating our feelings.

Students discovered how their concentration could help develop a focused mind and a feeling of calm and where these skills could be applied in their lives. The games this week taught students how to be an honest team player, along with spatial awareness and body awareness too!

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**PARENT/CARERS TIP:**

Ask your child to show you the breathing activity they participated in this week and how or when it could help us.

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**FAMILY SELF-CARE TIP:**

Make time for a game at least once a week.
**MAGICAL MINDS - EDUCATION WEEK**

Education Week is also coming up in May. This year the theme is Maths and is called *Magical Minds!* We will be having a special afternoon on **Wednesday 18th May** at 4.00pm to 5.30pm for parents to come along and join in with their children by participating in some problem solving maths activities. Come along and test your skills!

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**KINDER NEWS**

The children have started off the term looking at families and the different family units. They have created a beautiful family tree display containing their own family photos. The children were asked to draw their family inside their house.

![Family Tree Display](image)

The children were also introduced to the concept of graphs and were asked to place the amount of siblings and parents on each graph. Some children even included their pets.

![Graph Examples](image)

Next fortnight we will be looking at community helpers and will have a visit from the Fawkner police.