What a fantastic time to be a part of the Wonga Beach State School community! This week we saw not one but three occasions where our students paid their respects to both past and present service men and women. Our school ANZAC service on Monday was an amazing display of the wonderful things our students achieve every day at WBSS, with students reading with confidence in front of a large group, our choir singing a moving tribute, some of our instrumental music students performing and our extended school community welcoming a very special guest as part of our service. We were very fortunate to have had Khobi’s grandfather, Mr Arthurson, share his story and this special service with us and we thank him for the huge effort he made to be here with us. Thank you also to Mrs Weimar and the 5/6 students for organising such a beautiful service.

On ANZAC Day, many members of our school community were present at the dawn service in Mossman, with some students placing floral tributes. We were also then very well represented at the Port Douglas ANZAC Day march, with a beautiful sea of blue present for the march. We had a number of students place wreaths at the service and some students were also part of the Douglas Combined School Choir who sang during the ceremony. Let’s not forget.

Last Thursday, our students participated in the Julatten Cross Country, and all reports were that our children were both talented sportsmen and women AND displayed exceptional sportsmanship. Congratulations to those students who qualified for the District Cross Country in Port Douglas tomorrow – best of luck! All students who were eligible to attend this event received notes home last Friday so if your child didn’t get a note, they are not involved in this event. Thank you to those families who have kindly donated gifts for our Mother’s Day Stall. We are still needing more gifts to ensure that no one misses out on buying something special for their Mum, and are grateful for anything you can donate. Chocolates, candles, trinkets etc are always very popular. We had a fantastic response to our reading club this week and are so happy to see the students in the library sharing books with both adults and their peers. We would still love some more volunteers so please drop in and have a look at the great things happening from 8am Monday to Thursday.

We are well on our way with our NAPLAN preparation for our year 3s and 5s who will sit the 4 tests in week 4 (9, 10 & 11th May). We encourage all parents to continue reading daily with their students and practising number facts in the lead up to the tests. We have promoted to the students that this is just like any other test they take and all we expect them to do is to try their very best. You can support your child in NAPLAN week by making sure they have lots of nutritious food and get plenty of rest.

What a fantastic school community we have – we are all so proud of our students, staff and their families! Remember, no school on Monday so enjoy your long weekend!
MOTHER’S DAY STALL
In two weeks’ time we will again be holding our annual Mother’s day stall where the students can purchase a gift for their mother and we can raise money for resources for the lower school. Last year’s stall proved a success and the kids got such a kick out of independently selecting and purchasing a gift for their mother. But we need your help!!! If you would like to see this fabulous stall make a difference to our wonderful school community please drop donations off to Mel in the office. Suggestions for donations include soaps, diaries, tea towels, candles, diffusers, key chains, fridge magnets, coffee mugs, photo frames. Please help make this stall a success.

ANZAC Day ceremonies here at Wonga Beach State School on Monday the 24th and at Port Douglas on Tuesday the 25th.

Student of the Week
PREP - Luana for fantastic efforts in writing
Lincoln for independently completing his word sorts

1/2/3/4 – Ella for a fantastic piece of ANZAC writing
Willy for working hard to be focused and finish tasks on time

3/4/5 – Joel and Ryder for setting wonderful examples for their peers

5/6 – Liam for setting a great example in RE
Jesse F for helping his classmates do their best
Wonga Beach State School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians, the Kuku Yalanji, of the country in which this school is located and pays respect to their Elders past and present.
This week saw us kick off our new reading club and what a wonderful success it was. There were lots of bodies keen to share a story and we thank the older students for helping to make this such a success. Please remember that everyone is welcome and the more volunteers we have, the more opportunities our children will have to share a story.
Alliterations use the same beginning sound in a line or verse.

Angry Alvie ate an apple.
Charlie chases chocolate chips.
Jumping Jake juggles jellybeans.
Kayla kangaroo kicked the king.
Luckily Loki likes lollipops.
Lovely Luana likes little ladybirds.
Happy Huey has a handsome hat.
Lovely Luana likes to laugh at Loki.
Maya munches on many melons.
Sunny Solanda sips soft drink from a straw.
Cash the cowboy climbs coconut trees.
Zane the zebra zooms around the zoo.
Madison and mum make milky way muffins.
Rihanna runs around the red rose garden.
Kaylee is the king of the kitchen club.
Abbie ate an apple and an Anzac biscuit.
Tough Tyler ties a tyre to a tall tree.
Maya makes macaroni muffins.
Annabelle ate Axel's apple.
Lincoln likes little lolly pops.
Jacksen jumps on a jack.

👉 Some more wonderful work from the Prep 1/2 class

Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle
The cow flies over the moon
The little dog cartwheels to see such fun
And the dish danced away with the spoon!

Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle
The cow surfed over the moon
The little dog twirled to see such fun
And the dish washes away with the spoon!