News from the Defence School Transition Aide

Term one is almost over and time certainly does fly when you’re having fun! We welcomed 10 new Defence Kindergarten students and 4 Defence students from interstate that have been relocated to the Shoalhaven. Our overall Defence student population is now 58. This term a lot of time has been spent supporting our new Defence students and helping them settle into our school.

Memorial Box from the Australian War Memorial

We recently loaned a beautiful resource from the Australian War Memorial. The Memorial Box is an interesting and beautiful collection of objects, literature and art that explored attacks on Australia during the Second World War.

There are 8 boxes in circulation throughout Australia and they focus on Australian wartime activities. We had box No 04 "Australia under Attack". The box was full of goodies and included printed material, objects, photos, art work, film and audio recordings. The specific aim of the Memorial box is to promote the study of the generation of Australians who experienced a period of total war in or around Australia 1939-45. All students were given the opportunity to explore the Memorial Box in class time and it certainly created a lot of interest, excitement and discussion.

With ANZAC Day approaching, the Memorial Box certainly provided an opportunity for the students and staff to think about the importance of remembering those who have served in our Defence Force and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.
Defence Kids Club

We have held a few lunch time get togethers this term and the students have loved the newly purchased toys. The Lego has been a major hit with both the boys and the girls along with the beading box. In term 2 Kids Club will be held every Thursday at first break.

ANZAC Day Library Display

A huge thank you to Eilish Norwood, Eshanti Burns, Logan Hills, Lily Carter & Lauren Singleton from 5/6L for helping me to create the ANZAC display in our school library. The girls worked beautifully together to create this display in honour of all past and present servicemen and servicewomen.