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It's time to show the world your roar

EDITORIAL

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MANY people describe courage as bravery, but courage can be described in many different ways: fearlessness, nerve, daring, boldness and doing things that may be out of our comfort zones.

The meaning behind courage is the ability to do something that frightens someone.

Courage is when we show extreme bravery, even though we may be scared, yet having confidence anyway.

There are many ways to use courage, to overcome fears, to do something we do not usually do, or to just help someone.

We all have courage. From the first minute of school, walking through the school gates can be an uneasy feeling but with confidence and support we carry on.

When we injure ourselves, we have the courage to get back up and try again. And we all need courage to speak up and express our ideas and have our needs met.

Courage is always important, if we had no courage we would not do anything, we would not try new

foods, go to new places or meet new people.

"Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it is a quiet voice at the end of the day saying 'I will try again tomorrow,'" Mary Anne Radmacher wrote.

We use courage in our everyday lives and we hear of examples in extraordinary situations. In areas of conflict we hear of people living in situations that may last for months or even years. But even worse is waiting for enemies to come at you from all angles, firing guns and airplanes bombing right next to you; soldiers knowing they could die, but still fighting for survival. To do that really takes courage.

Malala Yousafzai, is a Nobel Peace Keeping Award recipient. Despite the fact that as a 15-year-old she was shot in the head by the Taliban who tried to take away her voice, today she continues to have her voice heard.

Despite the challenges she faced she kept going as she knew what was right, and now she inspires many around the world and is an advocate for education over ignorance.

Courage can be the person facing battles or it can be those who undertake day-to-day tasks that require overcoming our fears.

We all have the courage to do whatever we can dream. Let your courage roar in what you do.

War memories kept for all to reflect upon

By **SAMANTHA LAMPARD AND MIKAYLA HARROD, FATEMA SALAM** and **PHOEBE BALDWIN**

KIERAN Jeffriess collects war memorabilia and shared his extensive collection with students and members of the wider Maryland Public School community recently.

Mr Jeffriess has been taking one week of his annual leave for the past eight years to keep the story of service alive for members of the community.

His collection all began with a rising sun collar badge, given to him by his stepfather when was six.

When Mr Jeffriess was a teenager he met a WW1 Digger who had kept pocket diaries.

The soldier let Mr Jeffriess read the pocket diaries.

"From that day, books, diaries, postcards and anything with provenance to a serviceman would tickle my fancy," Mr Jeffriess said.

"I started work when I was 16 and spent most of my apprentice wage on my hobby".

Mr Jeffriess loved to find the stories and to make the connections behind the pieces of memorabilia.

His priorities changed when he got married and had a family, but his children began to take memorabilia for show and tell at school.

This has grown, with students from surrounding primary schools and high schools visiting the display, questioning and discovering



Kieran Jeffriess with some of his war memorabilia.

connections to the past.

He has many pieces including uniforms, medals, diaries and printed materials from the various theatres of war.

Mr Jeffriess has a collection of such historical significance that he has displayed some of his memorabilia at Victoria Barracks in Sydney.

When asked why he makes this commitment he said, "It reminds the younger generation that war isn't like a video game or a movie."

This tradition continues with his son, Kye, collecting and playing WW1 bugles.

Kye, over the last month, has been in demand in local schools performing the Last Post and Rouse.

Setting his sights on the long term goals

By **BAILEY RYAN, JAKE-DAWES LOWIEN, LIAM HAN, COOPER HAYS** and **BRAIDEN BONE**

RYAN Duchemin, 10, from Maryland Public School is a keen soccer player who is always striving for his best.

Three years ago Ryan was encouraged by his dad to play soccer starting off at Adamstown Rosebuds and almost a year later Ryan had been put into the Emerging Jets. He has been a team member for the last two years.

Ryan plays in a left-back role but likes to move up to the left-midfield role.

Ryan has said "the crowd and the encouragement and support of his family" has motivated him to keep focused on his goal of one day playing representative football.

Recently Ryan was chosen to go to Qatar and Turkey for a match against Galatasaray S.K. Juniors.

"It was great and I would love to go back there one day. The people were so friendly and we all had a great time," Ryan said.



Ryan back home after his trip to Qatar and Turkey. Picture: Bailey Ryan

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