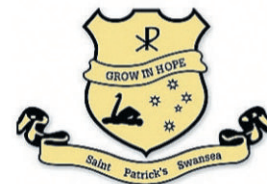


Primary entry #6: St Patrick's Primary School, Swansea



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Students at St Patrick's sell baked goods to raise funds.

Appeal raises something for Kate

By **CHRISTIAN ATHANASI, JACK ERBY and JESSE GAVENLOCK**

ON St Patrick's Day, the students and families of St Patrick's Primary School, Swansea, held a fundraiser and raised \$1216.15 to donate to the Something for Kate Appeal.

Kate, a niece of one of the staff members at St Patrick's Primary School is a young woman affected by bowel, liver and lung cancer.

According to the Cancer Council of NSW, 15,000 people will be affected by bowel cancer and 4000 of these people will die this year.

Bowel cancer grows from the inner lining of the bowel.

It may develop from growths on the bowel wall called polyps. Polyps are usually harmless (benign), but they may become cancerous (malignant) over time.

Kate's cancer was detected when she felt lumps in her abdomen near her liver.

So far the cancer treatment has made her lose part of her hair and has affected her appetite.

The diagnosis was devastating to Kate and her family. Kate has a baby who was three months old at the time of diagnosis. These days she is feeling a lot better because every session of chemotherapy is helping her on the way to recovery: Kate went from 1500 tumour cells down to 39 following treatment.



To support Kate please go to mycause.com.au/page/87299/somethingforkate

Remembering Gallipoli

By **JYE DINSDALE, JAYSEN LINDSAY, JESSE WARD and BEAU WATSON**

ANZAC Day falls on April 25 each year. This date was officially named Anzac Day in 1916.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

On April 25, 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the Allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli Peninsula.

In 1928, 150 people gathered at the Cenotaph in Sydney for a wreath-laying ceremony and two minutes of silence. This is generally regarded as the beginning of organised Anzac Day dawn services.

Barney Blundell, a returned soldier who served for Australia in the RAAF is the current organiser for the dawn service and the march held each year in Swansea.

This year, 16 students from St Patrick's Primary School Swansea attended the dawn service at the Swansea RSL.

The service commenced at 5.30am at the newly-erected Cenotaph.

Mr Blundell said that Gallipoli was a dawn attack and beach landing. It was launched from troop ships and the soldiers were transported to shore in whale boats.

The dawn service gives a feeling of the atmosphere of such an event.



Student Leah Stewart reading at the Swansea Anzac Day dawn service.

This is why the landing was simulated with surfboats and cadets at the dawn service for the 100th anniversary this year.

Mr Blundell went on to say that the Anzac ceremony usually consists of a number of prayers, several hymns and the Last Post, with flags lowering and raising in remembrance of those who died.

Anna Hennessy and her son Ike, a student at St Mary's High School Gateshead, took letters to Gallipoli from students at St Mary's High School, St Paul's Primary School Gateshead and St Patrick's Primary School Swansea, thanking the soldiers who died at Anzac Cove.

Year 4 at St Patrick's made red crepe paper poppies for Ike to

leave at Gallipoli as a mark of respect for those who died in the war.

It is important that the young people of today continue to attend this service and that they learn about the spirit and sacrifice of the Anzacs, so that this historic tradition can continue for generations to come.



The St Patrick's Day art competition winners proudly displaying their works.

Going green for a St Patrick's party

By **CHARLOTTE COOMBS, SOPHIE CRANE-HAYES, PADDY O'MALLEY and CODY POLLARD**

ON March 17, St Patrick's Primary School, Swansea, celebrated its yearly tradition of acknowledging St Patrick's Day.

The day is a cultural and religious celebration held on the anniversary of the death of St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

The students and staff

dressed up in green attire. Some of the people were decorated with shamrocks and others resembled leprechauns – a recognition of our Irish heritage and culture.

The students also ate green food and enjoyed activities such as face painting, an art competition, a scavenger hunt, Irish dan-

cing and hurling.

The day began with the celebration of a liturgy. This year, Nicki Falconer, religious education co-ordinator, said "The reason we have a liturgy is so that we can come together as a Catholic community in Jesus' name to celebrate the life of our patron saint, St Patrick."

Several students said they loved the liturgy and especially enjoyed the green food.

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