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Modern manners most important

EDITORIAL

By **MOLLY HANSON**

IN the olden days you had to have perfect manners and follow all the customs and traditions. Today people think manners are only about saying 'please' and 'thank you'. Are manners needed in today's society or are they just an historical custom?

Many behaviours that were once considered good manners and common courtesy are now considered old-fashioned and uncool.

Once you had to excuse yourself from the table to get a glass of water, or to go to the toilet. And the meal wasn't finished until everyone was allowed to leave the table. You weren't allowed to put your elbows on the table or put down your knife and fork in the wrong place. You had to stand up when people entered a room and even take your hat off when you were inside or when you greeted a person.

Manners can be seen as unimportant. However picking up after yourself, being fair, waiting your turn, speaking politely or doing things that help others can all be considered good manners. Talking over the top of people or

butting in are definitely bad manners. Always thinking of yourself first and not considering others also falls in this category.

But is littering bad manners? We sometime see it as just a dirty habit that people do no matter what signs are put up and no matter how many bins are put out.

All the rubbish on the streets puts people in a bad mood. They shouldn't have to live in other people's rubbish. When families leave assembly halls or football stadiums a carpet of rubbish is just left on the floor. There seems to be litter everywhere. It's in car parks, schools, beaches, streets, in the water and the parks. Believe me this is extremely bad manners.

Everyone should pick up their own rubbish. Also, people should realise that take-away coffee cups and empty water bottles are actually litter.

I strongly believe that every person should use the whole range of manners whether they are at a formal assembly, a dinner, at the shops, on the street, at a public event or at school. We all have a responsibility to make our society a pleasant place to be. Don't think that you are well mannered just because you say 'please' and 'thank you'. Your actions need to show that you really do have good manners.

A skating sensation shares her success

By **IMIGYN McGUIRE**

AT the Friday assembly on May 1, The Junction Public had a visit from Poppy Olsen. Poppy is a phenomenal skater and the over 15 girl's world champion.

Poppy mainly skates as a bowl and a vert skater. She talked about her travels and adventures during her worldwide skating competitions.

Her main message to all the students was to work out what you really wanted to do and to follow your dream.

Poppy mainly travels by herself to competitions but sometimes, either her mum or dad will tag along for some of the adventure. She is really committed to doing what she loves.

Poppy is the sister of Kip, a student from year 3. Kip said Poppy has skated in so many different places but her favourites are San Francisco, San Diego and other places all over America. In America there are so many bowl competitions that she simply can't stay away.

At the assembly, Poppy also shared her love of art and comedy and how she has managed to stay educated while she travels.

She said that art was her way of expressing herself and she had combined her love of skating and art together and has started to design her own skateboards.

Kip said that she had already begun to sell her items and is working on more.

Because of her travels, Poppy



Imigyn McGuire interviews Kip Olsen about her sister's skating success in front of a photo of Poppy addressing the whole school.

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can't attend school for more than a week at a time, so her family has decided to put her into a program called student ED.

Student ED is a program that allows kids like Poppy to be able to get work done but when she has the time.

Poppy has recently moved to

Newcastle and is now attending Newcastle High School.

However, she is currently in America skating at the world championships. She is one of only three girls invited to demonstrate at this event.

Poppy Olsen is a true skating sensation.

Community responds to call for poppies

By **CAMERON SLARKS**

BECAUSE this year is the centenary of Anzac, The Junction Public School decided to make a special tribute to the service men from the local community.

The Wall of Remembrance at the National War Memorial was used to inspire the school to make their own wall of memories.

The call went out to any community members who could knit. Using a community project idea originally from Victoria and a

common pattern, the community began to knit red poppies. Eventually the school ended up with 1200 identical poppies. One family even arranged for grandparents in New Zealand to contribute. So many came in that two walls could be covered in poppies. There was a display in the front foyer and one in the new hall.

During the annual Anzac service, students were encouraged to place a small tag next to a poppy. These tags had the name and military information



Cameron Slarks searches for her family names on the Anzac wall of memories.

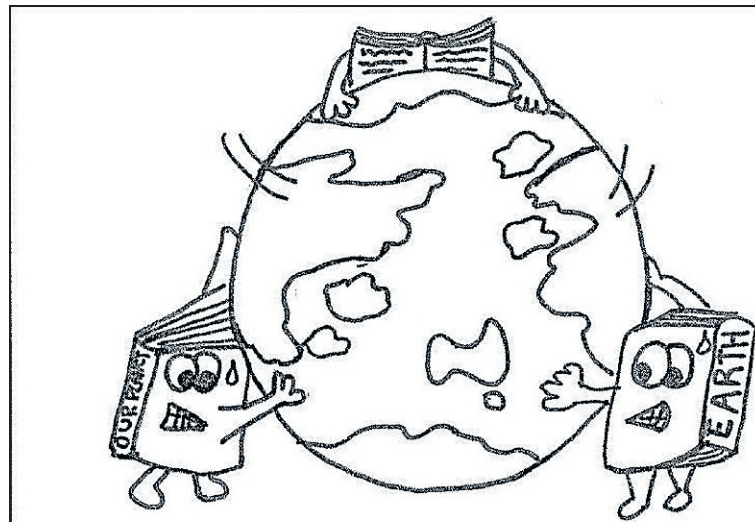
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of any current or past community members who had serviced anywhere in the world. This display remained in the hall for all of April and May.

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