



FLOWERS OF WAR

St Malachy's Edenhope Primary School student Holly had been listed as a finalist for the Shrine of Remembrance Poster Competition. Annually, Victorian Primary School students and classes are invited to enter the Remembrance Day Poster Competition. The theme was Flowers of war. Students were asked to consider the many ways that people reflect and the use of floral emblems as symbols of remembrance. The Shrine's exhibition Flowers of war is a great source of inspiration. Cornflowers, mountain daisies and violets are all represented in the large-scale commemorative wreath, on display in the East Gallery. An interactive screen in the gallery offers information about each flower or plant. The competition was looking for original entries that are eye-catching, colourful, imaginative and demonstrate a good understanding of the theme.

Holly was invited to attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne as a VIP. After the service the competition winners were announced by the Victorian Premier, The Hon. Daniel Andrews. There were a record number of entries for the competition this year, some two hundred and thirty posters, with a very high standard of artistic ability. Holly was among eight finalists. Holly entered a picture of a cross adorned with flowers on a black background. Her artistic statement was: *A flower can bloom again, but it will never be the same. Poppies grow after the war, but it was never the same after the war.*

Although Holly didn't win the competition she said the experience was worth it. She and her family had front row seats to the Remembrance Day service at the Shrine.

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