

ANZAC Day

Catholic school communities across the Diocese of Ballarat are committed to recognising ANZAC Day through participation in both school and wider community commemorations.

On Monday, April 22, seventy students from Siena Catholic Primary School, Lucas participated in a project to mark three thousand graves in Ballarat cemeteries with Australian flags, in honour of those who served their country.

The students visited the Ballarat Old Cemetery, looked for the graves of 230 WWI and WWII returned service people and planted a flag for each grave.

The Poppy Project is an Anzac Commemoration Project aimed to bring community inclusion and education around Anzac Day and the Soldiers commemorated by the Avenue of Honour



The Poppy Project Lucas in 2023 had 1000 poppies planted following community contribution to paint them. In 2024 around 3000 poppies were distributed.

Siena Catholic Primary School is very proud of the students who spent time at the Ballarat cemetery placing Australian flags. The students reflected on this as “being a very emotional and moving experience.”



Anzac Day is a day to remember all Australians and New Zealanders who gave their lives in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping missions around the world. It is also a time to pause, remember and thank all those who have served and continue to serve in the Australian and New Zealand armies.

Siena students participated in the Arch of Victory and Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial Services on ANZAC morning, representing the school with pride and respect.

Lest we forget.

