



Kotara South Public School

“Strive to Achieve”

19 March 2021

NEWCASTLE COMBINED SCHOOLS ANZAC EVENT

Dear Year 6 parents and caregivers,

On Wednesday 21st April, 2021 all Year 6 students will be attending the **NEWCASTLE COMBINED SCHOOLS ANZAC EVENT** at Newcastle's Civic Theatre.

The **NEWCASTLE COMBINED SCHOOLS ANZAC EVENT** has been a central feature of Newcastle's commemorations. It was first hosted by the Newcastle District Council of RSL Sub-branches and is now produced by the Newcastle and Hunter Combined Schools ANZAC Service Incorporated.

The 65th Newcastle and Hunter Combined Schools ANZAC Commemorative Event is themed 'Alfred Clive Carpenter OAM-A man of many parts. During World War II Alf Carpenter fought in many of the major conflict zones, facing Italians, Germans and Japanese in battle areas in North Africa and the Middle East, Northern Greece and Crete and finally Darwin and Bougainville. Alf's amazing stories will form the narrative section of this unique event.

The **Newcastle and Hunter Combined Schools ANZAC Commemorative Event** is unique in Australia with a long and proud history. The Event is organised by a sub-committee of Year 11 students representing Government, Catholic and Independent school communities. The object of the organising committee is to hold an annual Service staged by senior students for their peers. Since 1954 more than 58,700 children have attended. The Service is unique in Australia. Newcastle is the only centre where the three school communities – public / private / Catholic, combine each year to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Students will attend the **NEWCASTLE COMBINED SCHOOLS ANZAC EVENT** on Wednesday 21st April. The cost of the excursion is \$7 (to cover the cost of the bus). Year 6 students will travel to the Newcastle Civic Theatre from 9:00am and will return to school by 12:00pm for normal end of school routines.

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