Office Bearers for 2015-16

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Elected on Wed 6/5/15.

Term 2 2015: Meeting on May 6 2015 at Gleneagles SC

Guest Speaker: Bec Kavanagh

Stella Prize Schools Program coordinator

The Stella Prize is a major literary award celebrating Australian women’s writing.

The prize is named after one of Australia’s iconic female authors, Stella Maria ‘Miles’ Franklin, and was awarded for the first time in 2013. Both nonfiction and fiction books by Australian women are eligible for entry.

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The Stella Prize seeks to:

- recognise and celebrate Australian women writers’ contribution to literature
- bring more readers to books by women and thus increase their sales
- provide role models for schoolgirls and emerging female writers
- reward one writer with a $50,000 prize – money that buys a writer some measure of financial independence and thus time, that most undervalued yet necessary commodity for women, to focus on their writing
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Term 1 2015: Meeting on Feb 19 2015 at Emerald SC

Guest Speaker: Anthony McAleer – historian, researcher

Anthony wrote a story about a soldier from Lillydale and who was lucky enough to return home. And will release a new book on Sunday March 29th – the biography of Seville’s Victoria Cross recipient – George Mawby Ingram VC, MM. Anthony spoke to the Pakenham SLAV group on Thursday 19th February 2015. His research strategies were devoured by a large group of teacher, librarians and technicians who are all scrambling for his phone number and eager for a visit. Anthony works at the Immigration Museum and can be found on Facebook too.
His books are available online and access to his PowerPoint presentation can be found here.

- A Stretcher bearer’s war $32
- Last Light Horseman $33
- Using local history resources

www.awm.gov.au – great to search for a person, if you have the middle name it makes it easier – embarkation rolls will be found there - rank, title, conflict, date embark, place and ship can then be viewed Digitised records can be found on the Nominal Roll – this brings you information about when soldiers returned – then you can find honours and awards given during their service – references to gazettes from London and Australian – you can sometimes be lucky to find digitised documents. This site has the roll of honour – details of those who died while on active service – nominal rolls for pre WW1 conflicts – red cross wounded and missing POW files

www.naa.gov.au – WW1 service files are viewable digitally when you go to “record search” where Australian Imperial Force papers are kept, deeper searching can have diaries and be up to 60 pages in length – perfect for Year 9 and 10 history

Trove newspapers – all local papers from 1914-1918 are all here – just key person’s name in (the more info you can put in the better the search) – name and home town – this will give you access to news reports, honour rolls, often add names as they happen so not alphabetised rather they were used an encouragement for others to go and enlist – Letters can be located too

Other resources to utilise include local history groups or societies, local historians, local societies, local history museums, local history publications and other newspapers that are not on Trove such as Lilydale Express. Other interesting information can be found in the electoral roll when you know the address.

There is something special about standing in their footsteps.

AIF projects Discovering ANZACs can be useful

Oral history is so important – STORY from the people who experienced it – enters our hearts and not just our minds.

Other ideas shared;
AWM memorial boxes
Books spoken about;
A Rose for the Anzac Boys – Jackie French Teacher Notes
Anzac Treasures – available for purchase online
Stories of Love and War – a great book available from the ABC shop
Love and Sorrow – a must see exhibition where you will also find teachers notes
Gallipoli revisited Evan’s Gallipoli and other children’s books about war
There is so much more we could add – if you’d like more check out my ANZAC Blog!

Term 4 2014: Meeting on Nov 27 2014 at Rowville SC
Camilla Elliot spoke to a large meeting about social media and its use in education

Term 3 2014: Meeting on Monday 1st September at `Link Educational’ in Mount Waverley.

Topic: Using graphic novels in the classroom/library
Reps from Walker Books (Michael Earp) and Random House (Jeremy Vine) will show their resources.
Individual Schools share how they are using graphic novels in their library or classroom.

Eileen Cooney

May 7th 2015