News from the Art Room

Poppies were blooming when the ANZAC’s arrived in Gallipoli in 1915 and fighting also disturbed the soil causing seeds to germinate and poppy flowers to flourish. After the war the poppy became a symbol of remembrance for America, France, Canada, Britain, Australia and New Zealand. Poppies have been handmade and used to support war veterans and their families ever since. Hand making the poppies is significant and this has been reflected in many of the poppy displays for the ANZAC centenary this year. Many displays include knitted or sewn flowers. As the students were making these poppies using wire and fabric we reflected on the hand made gifts that were often sent to the soldiers. The families left at home sent hand knitted socks, hats, scarves and gloves. We thought about how good it must have felt to pull on a warm, dry pair of hand knitted socks from home and realised that the soldiers did not just receive the warmth of the socks but also the warmth of their family.

*Students from level 2 to 6 made fabric poppies for ANZAC day. This stunning display is outside the art room.*