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Personal Anzac connection

WWII veteran who is teacher's grandfather joins school service

Jake McCallum

THE students of Hornsby South Public School commemorated those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in a moving school-wide ceremony for Anzac Day earlier this month.

Students paid special tribute to Hornsby World War II veteran Keith Spencer, 94, during their service, which was held on April 7, before students broke up for the Easter school holidays.

Mr Spencer, who has played a role in Anzac Day proceedings at the school for several years, is the grandfather of Hornsby South Public School teacher Adam Spencer.

Year 4 teacher Alex Ryan said the staff and students came together to celebrate our Anzacs alongside Hornsby state Liberal MP Matt Kean.

"Students from kindergarten to Year 6 participated in Hornsby South Public School's Anzac Day ceremony," Ms Ryan said.

"Principal Sharon Hewitt was delighted by the involvement of community members, WWII veteran Keith Spencer, Matt Kean and former navy serviceman and police officer Stuart Debnam."

Ms Ryan said the service began with the laying of wreaths by student leaders and a requiem read by Mr Kean.

"The Last Post and Rouse were performed by Year 5 student Cooper Woodhead," she said.

"The Anzac service holds special significance for all Australians and pays respect to the memory of those who served and died in war and on operational service."

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