

Bugler helps SA kids remember



RAN Band (SA Det) bugler, ABMUSN Ryan Stott performing the last post for students at Aberfoyle Park Primary School Campus. Pic by Andrew Mellor.

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RAN Band (SA Det) member ABMUSN Ryan Stott was the focal point for Remembrance Day activities for Aberfoyle Park Primary School campus recently as he played the Last Post immaculately turned out in summer rig amongst a sea of several hundred school uniforms.

With Remembrance Day falling on a weekend this year the school brought their observation forward to a Friday to allow students and staff to commemorate the day by holding their own ceremony to pay their respects to the fallen.

Acting Deputy Principal School of the Nativity Catherine Gurr said that Remembrance Day "... provided us with an opportunity to learn from our past as we commemorated the sacrifice of our veterans."

She said the campus encouraged co-opera-

tion and was keen to utilise opportunities like Remembrance Day "to learn from each other while also reflecting on our history."

"As November 11 fell on a Saturday this year, we held our ceremony on Friday, November 10 at 10.40am," Ms Gurr said. "Our local MP, the Member for Fisher, Mr Bob Such, addressed the assembly. The service included a recital of the poem, *In Flanders' Fields*, *The Ode* and a rousing rendition of *Advance Australia Fair*.

"The highlight of the ceremony however, was the soulful bugle performance, given by (ABMUSN) Ryan Stott as he played the *Last Post* and then the *Rouse*. Only the birds could be heard as all the students sat motionless for one minute's silence. The bugle playing added to the emotion of the occasion and many of the comments from the students reinforced this:

"What a wonderful Remembrance Day service it was on Friday."

"I was so moved when the bugle played."

"There was not a sound in the whole Campus"

Ms Gurr said it was a great tribute and she was keen to acknowledge ABMUSN Stott for volunteering his time to make the occasion a great success. She also acknowledged the Navy "... for allowing (ABMUSN Stott) to perform in his uniform."

"I have received many positive comments regarding (ABMUSN Stott's) playing and his immaculate uniform," she added.

Aberfoyle Park Primary School campus, is shared by four different schools – Heysen and Spence (Department schools), School of the Nativity (Catholic) and Pilgrim (Uniting Church). The Campus caters for 885 students from reception to year seven.