What a fantastic way to start a new school term with the Peace Legacy opening. The event was a great success and the students thoroughly enjoyed their participation. Students from Georgetown, Forsayth and Croydon attended the event with the Georgetown year 5/6 students and the Etheridge Distance Education students reciting some excellent poems on the topic of Peace.

This is the second time they have presented after firstly attending the Sydney ceremony. Congratulations to Eric Tan and the Etheridge Shire Council for a great event. This was followed up in the evening with a meet Robbie Katter session over a meal. This was also well attended and it was great to have a discussion on his continuing commitment to education in the Etheridge Shire.

The peace ceremony sets the scene for a deeper understanding of the school motto, “Achievement through Tolerance.”

The students in years 5/6 have written a school anthem as part of their poetry program and some have been attached. The central theme again is the school motto, Achievement through tolerance.

Tolerance has two definitions
1. the ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behaviour that one dislikes or disagrees with
2. the capacity to endure continued subjection to something such as harsh environmental conditions without adverse reaction.

I believe both definitions are relevant to Georgetown. The area was developed by the hard work of people who endured and tolerated extreme hardships and climate. This continues today with some students at school having to muster cattle where they are required to sit on a horse for several hours. They learn from an early age to be successful they need to tolerate the elements.

With this tolerance though a deeper tolerance comes, a greater respect for people and differences of opinions and points of view. People and their views are respected in small communities such as Georgetown for a number of reasons, non more so than the fact that there are such a small number of people in the area in which to interact. This makes it doubly important to develop positive relationships based on mutual respect resulting in a supportive community. The circle is completed when the community support each other to once again tolerate the hardships thrown at us by the harsh environment in which we live.

At the P&C meeting it was decided to have regular meetings to organise for the school fete as it is only six weeks away. The next of these is next Monday October 17th at 3,30 p.m. All Welcome.

Daniel Smith
The Georgetown State School and Etheridge Learning Facility children attended and participated in the Peace Monument Opening on Wednesday the 5th of October. Congratulations to all those students who participated. You represented your school and community well. Congratulations also to Mr Eric Tan who is responsible for this beautiful monument to recognise and encourage peace. Well done to all involved!
The Georgetown State School would like to thank Bendigo Bank for their kind donation to help get our kids to Sydney to take part in the Peace Monument Ceremony. Your kind donation was much appreciated and the children represented us well.
Year 3 & 4 have been busy researching aboriginal artefacts and their meanings as part of their History Unit. They have all chosen their preferred artefact and are now busy constructing them out of clay.