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NEWSLETTER
Term 1 Week 7

Dates to remember:
Thursday 21 March – Harmony Day
Thursday 28 March – Easter Hat Parade 2pm
Fri 29/3 – Mon 1/4 – Easter Holidays
Friday 9 April – Sculpture workshop
Friday 12 April – Last day of term

Don’t forget:
Ice block Day each Wednesday $1 each
Canteen helpers 15 March – Alissa and Katie
Bookclub Orders - due to school by Friday please.

Merit Awards Wk 5 & 6
K/1 – William & Hailee
2/3/4 – Imogen & Reilly
4/5/6 – Rachael & Annabella

Principal’s Award
Stefanie

Principal’s Report

Flood Contact List
Thank you to all families who submitted their up-to-date contact details, including a current email address to enable the school to use an email system for efficient contact of all families. A test email was sent this Monday, please contact the school if you did not receive the test email.

Parent Survey
The message below was sent via email to all parents that have provided us with a current email address. If you do not have access to an email account please ask Kaylene for a paper copy of the survey.

Email message:
As a staff we have been involved in an ongoing self-evaluation of our school. We would appreciate input from parents by either completing the survey which can be accessed by clicking on the link below and/or providing us with general written or verbal feedback. The survey includes ten questions and should only take about one minute to complete. Many thanks.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NT89QZ3

Year 5 Student Leaders
Congratulations to all Year 5 students who gained leadership positions earlier this term. They are already performing their new roles brilliantly. We will be presenting badges to these students at our next K-6 assembly to be held on Wednesday 20 March. Parents of our Year 5 student leaders are invited to attend between 2.30 and 3pm.

Choir 4/5/6
Mr Jellyman commenced choir lessons with our Year 4/5/6 students this week. The purpose of these lessons is to train and select choir members to participate in the Central Coast Choral Festival that will be held in September this year. The students did a great job today and we are looking forward to seeing them perform at the festival. Details will be sent home as the date approaches.

Head Lice
We have had another report of Head Lice. It is important that all families check and treat children’s hair as needed. A parent has informed us that a new product is available that break the cycle effectively. Please see us if you are interested in further details about this treatment.

Fixing the Problem
The key to treatment and eradication of a head lice infestation is to break their life cycle. A lot of the frustration parents experience stems from their belief that current treatments don’t seem to work. There are several possible reasons for this. Head lice resistance may be one cause. It is important to check hair seven days after the initial treatment and retreat as necessary in order to break the lifecycle. It is also important to treat all family members. It is difficult to kill all the eggs present when the infestation is first treated. Information from:

Reminders:
- **Band lessons** will be held this Friday – don’t forget your instruments. Guitar lessons will be held next Monday – please remember to bring your guitar.
- **Year 6 High School Expression of Interest forms** – these forms were sent home last week and need to be returned by 22 March.
- Donations of Easter eggs or similar are being accepted for the Easter Raffle.

Special Mentions
- **Congratulations to the following Year 5 Student Leaders**: Art Monitors- Angelina, Ella, Garrett and Spencer; Environment Leader- Rose; Librarians- Lachlan and Mya; Technology Leaders- Ryan and Daniel
- **Well done to Spencer** who achieved second place in Junior Boys Breaststroke at the Zone Swimming Carnival. He will progress to the next level- Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival at Homebush next week. We wish him continued success.
- **We extend our thanks to Lisa** Lutwyche who helped our Environment group establish a worm farm and improve the vegetable garden this Monday – we are very grateful to Lisa for this positive and practical support.

Calendar
- Wednesday 13 March – LMG Meeting- Tracey (afternoon)
- Thursday 14 March – Technology for Learning Computer Migration
- Monday 18 March – visit from Lisa Muir, School Education Director
- Thursday 21 March – Harmony Day – wear something orange to school and bring in some morning tea to share from a different culture (try to bring some food from a culture that your family has connections with)
- Saturday 23 March – Earth Hour
- Wednesday 27 March – Rugby League Clinic and Anti-Bullying Presentation
- Thursday 28 March – Easter Hat Parade 2-3pm – all welcome
- Friday 29 March – Monday 1 April – Easter Holidays
- Tuesday 9 April – 4/5/6 Sculpture Workshop with Col Henry
- Friday 12 April – last day of Term 1
- Monday 29 April and Tuesday 30 April- Term 2 Staff Development Days
- Wednesday 1 May - students commence Term 2

Regards,
Tracey McKeown
Principal

**Easter Raffle**
Tickets are attached to this week’s newsletter. Tickets are $1 each or 3 for $2. We would appreciate families selling the tickets to family and friends and returning the tickets sold or unsold by Monday 25 March. Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 28 March.

**CANTEEN SPECIAL THIS WEEK ONLY**
Tropical “Jucies” Ice blocks
$ 1 each
Harmony Day - Thursday 21 March

We will celebrate Harmony Day along with the rest of Australia on 21 March. It’s a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Students may wear mufti clothes on this day. They are encouraged to wear orange, the Harmony Day colour, as a reminder that ‘everyone belongs’.

Students are also asked to bring in foods from different cultures to share for morning tea.

Each class will have a sharing time where students are encouraged to share items, photos or stories from other cultures. Please encourage your child to share something representing their cultural heritage or a culture they are interested in.

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Get into the good books

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE – TERM 1**

**GET INTO THE GOOD BOOKS WITH BOOK BONUS!**

This year, our school has registered to participate in Book Bonus, an exciting online fundraising option directly linked to the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge.

We believe Book Bonus is an ideal opportunity to encourage students to read books for the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Book Bonus is a fundraising partnership and all funds raised are shared between our school and Dymocks Children’s Charities. Our school will receive 50% of funds raised by our students (as Dymocks book vouchers), to buy new books for our students to enjoy. The other 50% of funds raised will be used to support Dymocks Children’s Charities literacy support programs for children in need across NSW.

This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds for much needed quality books for our school as well as give back to the wider community.

For more information on Book Bonus and Dymocks Children’s Charities, we encourage you to review the information available on their website – www.bookbonus.org.au.