Principal's Message

SCHOOL COMPUTERS

Children today have far better computer skills than adults and enjoy performing operations on their home computers that astound us all. Some of the children have been bringing USB sticks to school and downloading programs and other data on the school computers. This can cause major technical and organisational problems for the school. It would be very much appreciated if parents would talk to the children about the need to enjoy and save their personal computer and internet favourites at home without bringing them to school to download onto the school's computers.

Harmony Day 21 March 2013

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home - from the traditional owners of this land to those from countries around the world. Harmony Day is a federal government initiative promoting Australia's culturally diverse and cohesive society. The day also coincides with the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The continuing message of Harmony Day is that everyone belongs. It's about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Helping Children Deal With Worry

Children worry about many things. Parents have often asked me what they should do to help their children work through the things that are worrying them. I found some good advice at http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/talk/worrying.html# that makes a lot of sense and will help children enormously. I have included a small bit of advice from the site for you here because so many children these days suffer from anxiety and need our support so much.

"Sometimes when children are worried, what they need most is a parent's reassurance and comfort. It might come in the form of a hug, some heartfelt words, or time spent together. It helps children to know that, whatever happens, parents will be there with love and support.

Sometimes children need parents to show them how to let go of worry rather than dwell on it. Know when it's time to move on, and help kids shift gears. Lead the way by introducing a topic that's more upbeat or an activity that will create a lighter mood."
Merit Award Winners

Class
HB1
Jai, David
HB2
Shontaya, Kyann
HB3
Andre, Lexi, Danielle

Class
HB4
Bryce, Kelan, Davey
HB5
Dakota, Nicholas

Class
HB6
Jorden, Kain
HB7
Ashaya, Kane

Special Award Winners

Green: Bella, Jai, Stephanie, Hayley, Deakon, Maddison, Julie, Ezakhai, Grace, Dylan, Julie, Christian, Jasmine, Aliyah, Kain, Joshua, Ashaya, Christopher, Alison, Kai, Kane

Reading Award Winners

Nicholas, Tequiah, Tori, Maraea, Grace, Julie, Shayla
Rewards Day

The students enjoyed our first rewards day for the year last Friday. We played a variety of music games including pass the parcel and hit the deck and witnessed many smiling faces. Congratulations to all the students who have made a huge effort so far this year to being fantastic learners in the classroom and demonstrating great social skills in the playground.

P&C

The PNC did an awesome job at surprising some of our staff that have put in many hours assisting different projects undertaken by the PNC in the past,(Cheryl, Sarah, Val-on behalf of Debbie). Thank you to our past PNC members for all your hard work and we welcome the members of this years PNC.

SRC

Harmony Day was on 21st of March and there was lots of orange around the school.
Thursday 28th of March is our Easter Hat Parade. So we hope you have been busy designing an Easter hat, don't worry if you haven't because we are sure your teachers will get crafty things so you can make your hat at school.

By S.R.C members

Harmony Day

Harmony Day at school is very very cool!
People respecting each other, even your sister and brother.

Harmony Day, we're all for each other
Whether you're black or white, it really doesn't matter.

Kaytlyn Guerrera

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Thursday 28th March. Please make sure your child/ren is in school uniform and are at school on time, so they don’t miss out.

Photo envelopes went home on Monday of this week. Payment for photos is a prepaid system. The envelopes go straight to the photographer on the day, so please put the correct amount in the envelope as no change will be given.

Please ensure you have a separate envelope for each child.
Family photo envelopes are available from the front office and are only for children who attend the primary school.