**Easter Weekend**

Well done to all the students who enjoyed our Easter Hat Parade and thank you to the P&C, Mrs Kokalevski, the SRC and all the parents for supporting the Parade and the Easter Raffle. We enjoyed a wonderful day. A reminder to all students that we return to school on the Tuesday of next week. Please take care over the Easter break and be safe.

**Play Fighting In the Playground**

Due to some unfortunate incidents in the playground over the last week we are asking students to refrain from engaging in play fighting games and activities. It is causing distress for some students and often accidents occur leading to unnecessary incidents.

**School Driveway**

The School Driveway is for staff cars only. This is an on going issue with students accessing the school through the driveway gates. We are asking parents to please refrain from using the driveway entry point and use the gates in the top corner to enter and exit the school grounds. It is dangerous for student to be around moving cars and is also a WHS issue for the school.

**New Play Areas**

For a number of reasons we are separating the stages during recess and lunch play time. The infant students will be playing in the front play area and the Primary students will be playing in the back play area. This will take place at the beginning of term 2.

**Up Coming Events**

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**Special Award Winners**

- **Green**: Shayla, Aiden (x2), Robert, Kristian, Marae (x2) Anastasia, Davey, Nick, Jorden
- **Yellow**: Patrick
- **Medal**: Dylan

**Reading Award Winners**

Bella, Brayden, Stephanie, Tama, Deakon, Shontaya, Robert, Sebastiano, Stephanie, Zac, Reba, Joshua

**Harmony Day**

The students enjoyed a fantastic Harmony Day last Thursday participating in many events. There were lots of hands on activities in the hall with all students including the preschool making posters. Students then had an opportunity in the afternoon to be involved in a number of sporting activities to help promote the importance of Harmony Day. Well done to the SRC and Mrs Kokalevski for organizing a wonderful day.
Easter Break

This year our Easter weekend falls outside the school holidays. Students do not come to school on Friday 29/3/13 or Monday 1/4/13. Students will return to school on Tuesday 2/4/13. Please make sure you all have a safe Easter break and remember to watch out for stranger danger and be careful on the roads as it is a very busy time of the year.

Cross Country

This year our cross country will be held on Thursday the 4 April at 9.45am. All students will participate in the event. Please ensure your child comes to school with an extra drink bottle and running shoes.

Our Garden

We are fortunate enough to have a great garden patch in our back play area. However, maintaining the area has become a struggle for many classes for a number of reasons. We would like to make the offer to any of our parents who may be interested in forming a parent gardening group to help assist with the maintenance involved with keeping this area looking tidy and growing different plants. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Gymnastic Program

A note was sent home recently asking parents if they would be interested in their child being a part of a gymnastics program. This program comes with a cost of approximately $2.50. If we do not receive enough interest we will be unable to offer the program due to a lack of numbers. If you need another note it can be picked up from the office or please contact Miss Schroder if you are interested. Notes need to be returned by the end of this term 12/4/13 to determine if there is enough interest in running the program.
Mrs White’s Class

Using Technology to Scaffold Learning.

Students in HB5 enjoy the varied use of available technology in their learning environment. Students relish the challenge of writing out their spelling list each Friday morning using personal white boards and markers. The students enjoy building on their spelling and writing knowledge through PC time in the library, listing their words, collaborative sentence construction using punctuation and grammar and inserting relevant visuals. Students are enthusiastic and fully engaged learners when using iPad apps which include spelling activities and games.

Class HB5- Teacher Mrs E White.