Harmony Day

This morning our school held breakfast to support Harmony Day. Students and staff wore orange and shared in Indian food for breakfast. A very special thank you to the Indian community for providing such lovely food for everyone. It was wonderful to see so many parents join in this celebration.

The theme this year is: Many Stories – One Australia. Harmony Day is celebrated each year on the 21st March and is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

NSW Netball Competition

Congratulations to 9 fantastic netballers for their efforts in the Netball NSW Schools Cup yesterday, held in Coffs Harbour. Our girls displayed sportsmanship, cooperation and team work throughout the day. I was proud to accompany you to this event. The girls won all 6 games and will be proceeding to Phase 2 of the competition in Kempsey in June. A very big thanks to Roz Jurottee, who gave up her day to umpire and to parents for transporting and supporting their children on the day. Special praise for Sophy Simson who gave it her all, she stepped out of her wing attack/defence comfort zone and gave goal keeping a go and was always willing to stand back and let others have a go. Well done girls! Thanks for a great day. Kempsey here we come! – Miss Abbott

AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

To this week’s

Certificate of Merit
- Hayley Few KG
- Arshpreet Singh 1K
- Callum Hodgkinson 1R
- Carys Partridge 1R
- Gita Gupta 2B
- Arabella Chaplin 2F
- Manvir Clair 2F
- Jackson Hughes 2F
- Jorja Flaherty 3C
- Harroop Singh 3C
- Ryan Barnes 3E
- Jordan Griffey 3E
- Jesse Beresford 4R
- Tayla Griffey 4/5A
- Brynd Storrie 4/5A
- Sandon Barkley 5/6R
- Dekoda Farnsworth 5/6R
- Inderjot Singh-Bajwa 5/6R
- Sukhraj Tiwana 5/6R
- Emmett Weiss 5/6R
- Adam Hill 6A
- Geoffrey Tapping 6A
- Tomas West 6A

Certificate of Excellence
- Madison-Rose Corbett 1K
- Simran Kaur 1K
- Jacob Butterworth-Harvey 6A

Silver Award
Ella Wilson will receive her silver award on Presentation Day 2013.
Student Banking Rewards Program

We will be allocating one day each term for students to redeem their school banking tokens for rewards.

Please make sure you have a look through the rewards available this term and return your 10 tokens along with your choice of reward on school banking day: 5th April 2013. Happy Saving – School Banking Coordinators.

Surf Lifesaving Australia

Congratulations to Sheldon Koopmans who came 1st place in the Under 11 boys Surf Lifesaving Points competition.

This competition was run over 3 weeks and points totalled at the end. Sheldon also received his Surf Safe Two certificate. Well done!

Sausage Sizzle – Monday 25th

Don’t forget your sausage sizzle order which is due in by tomorrow (Friday). No late orders will be accepted. Please ensure all money and orders are given to your class teacher.

Stage 1 Gymnastics

All Stage 1 students will be involved in the gymnastics program in Term 2. Please return the permission notes and money to the class teacher by Friday 5th April.

Open Tuesday to Friday

Our canteen supervisor, Linda Jones welcomes any mums, dads, aunts, uncles or grandparents who would like to assistant our P & C fundraising efforts by volunteering in the canteen. Please ring Linda on 0409 031 960.

Easter treats will be available from the canteen on Tuesday 26th March.

Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to those families who have donated Easter goodies and sold raffle tickets. This is shaping up to be a great fundraiser for the P&C. Donations and raffle tickets are available from the school office.

Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 28th March students in K – 2 will be presenting their Easter Hat Parade at 2:15pm in the school hall.

All parents and friends are invited to come along and enjoy this event.
### Looking Ahead

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### School Assemblies

All parents and carers are welcome to attend our weekly assemblies.

This week **Stage 1 (K-2) – Fridays @ 2pm** assembly will be by KG

**Stages 2 & 3** (Yrs 3-6) – **Fridays @ 12:00**

4/5A will be sharing at this week’s assembly

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### The Importance of Breakfast

After 8-12 hours of overnight fasting, children need breakfast to refuel for the day ahead; Eating breakfast improves children’s concentration and performance while at school; Children have more energy for physical activity if they consume breakfast in the morning; Eating breakfast can also assist with weight control.
In writing sessions this term, 6A has been refining their understanding of the writing process. The students have been writing a draft copy of their work in a writing book before producing an electronic copy ready for publishing. A major focus for the students during this process has been learning to edit their work as they prepare it for publishing using the editing tools available in Microsoft Word.