Assembly Roster
This week’s assembly will be hosted by 1C

Year K - 2 Cross Country
Despite the very warm weather last Friday the K-2 students completed their cross country. Thank you to Miss Bull and staff for organising the event and to parents for attending.

Canberra Excursion
Our stage 3 students are off to Canberra next Tuesday. Thank you to Mr Morrison for organising the event and to the parents who have completed all the paperwork and payments. I am sure it will be a wonderful experience and we look forward to hearing all about it next term.

Class Representatives
Before the end of this term each class will vote in two students to represent their class in the School Council. Each term there will be new representatives therefore giving 6 children a leadership opportunity this year in the 3 remaining terms. Class representatives for term 2 will receive their badges at morning assembly on the first day of next term, Tuesday 21st April.

New Doors
We are having some new doors fitted in the hall and some other classrooms to assist with security. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Playground Markings
We are getting some new games and activities painted on concrete areas around the school. Some areas may be blocked off until the paint is dry.

Head Lice
We have had some cases recently. Please check student’s hair on a regular basis and treat as required.

Harmony Day
A reminder that we are celebrating Harmony Day this Thursday with a special assembly in the afternoon. Thank you to Miss Sampson, Miss Bull and staff for organising this event.

School Holidays
School holidays begin on Friday 3rd April and resumes on Tuesday 21 April.

K-2 Cross Country
K-2 students participated in our Cross Country event on Friday 20th March. Cross Country was held in the school playground and students received points for their house as they completed each lap. Congratulations to all K-2 students for your resilience on a very warm afternoon of running. Kindergarten kicked off the event with great effort by all. They were followed by Year 1 who showcased some awesome energy! Year 2 closed the carnival with a huge effort and completed many laps of our field. A big thanks to all involved who made it a successful event. Thank you again to those who came to support our students on the day.

Important Dates
23rd March Final payment due Canberra Excursion
24th March Canteen Fruit & Veg orders due
26th March Harmony Day
31st March Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
2nd April End of Term 1

Vanuatu Relief
Mrs Stephens is organising to send packages of school supplies to Vanuatu. If anyone would like to donate items there will be a box in the foyer for donations. These donations will be taken on Friday 27th March. Your help and support with these donations is greatly appreciated. Thank you.
3 -6 Cross Country Carnival

At last week’s assembly the results for the Cross Country carnival were announced. They were:

Purdue (blue) – 339, Millar (green) 314, Griffith (red) 291 and Webb (yellow) 273

Congratulations to Purdue House who are the 2015 Cross Country champions. House captains Skye Duca and Kayla Kinara proudly accepted the trophy on behalf of their house.

Newcastle Zone Cross Country

The Newcastle Zone Cross Country will be held on Friday 27th March at Stevenson Park. Our team will be participating against other schools in the Newcastle area. Students aged 8,9 and 10 will run a 2 000m course while students aged 11,12 and 13 will compete over a distance of 3 000m.

Our Zone Cross Country team is:

We wish them all the best for Friday’s Zone event.

Stage 3 Learning about Democracy

Stage 3 students have been studying democracy. Yesterday they participated in a fun and interactive program where they practised carrying a ceremonial mace and lunging like a lion salient; as well as learning about the Westminster system and how democracy developed in Australia. We visited, via video conference, NSW Parliament, Australia’s oldest parliament. The Sergeant-at-arms and Usher of the Black Rod took us on a tour of the House. We saw historic Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers and found out how laws are made and how Parliament works.

P&C News

Easter Raffle
Don't forget to have your raffle tickets, money and donation to the office this week. There are some great prizes!

Election Day BBQ – Saturday
The P&C would be grateful for more volunteers for the election day BBQ. If you are able to offer 30 minutes this Saturday please phone/text Kellie on 0428 042 134.

Canteen News

Wednesday 25th March  Jess, Kristy, Nat B
Thursday 26th March  Nat A
Friday 27th March  Mandie, Sarah
Monday 30th March  Gayle, Badie
Tuesday 31st March  Lisa

Fruit and Veg Fundraiser
Big thanks to all that purchased boxes. Orders will be ready for collection on Thursday afternoon.

Hot Cross Bun Day
Order forms have gone home for kids to have the opportunity to bag themselves a combo for recess Combos are $3.50 each and contain:
1 mini Hot Cross Bun, 1 flavoured milk, 1 sml solid chocolate egg. Extra buns are 50 cents and there will be buns on the counter for sale as well. NO extra eggs available for purchase.

Last Day of Term
On the last day of Term 1 the canteen will be selling some great treats. Over the counter sales only. More details next week.

Harmony Day
On Thursday the canteen will be selling Orange Jelly. Over the counter sales only please.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home- from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Harmony Day will be held at Mayfield West Demonstration School on Thursday 26th March.

Students are invited to come along in traditional cultural costume or wear orange, which is the colour associated with Harmony Day. A donation of $1 would be appreciated. This will be donated to an overseas education project.

A special Harmony Day assembly will commence at 2.30pm on this day. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend this special assembly event.

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