Harmony Day 2013

Harmony Day is managed by the Australian Government and coincides with The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a day of cultural respect and is celebrated across schools and community groups across Australia.

As Australians, we come from many different countries around the world. From the Dreamtime to the Eureka Stockade to the Snowy River, from the outback to the city, from wartime to peace, we are a nation of diversity, strength and culture.

On Thursday, the students came together to celebrate Harmony Day by witnessing a game of touch football between the teachers and staff. While this was a different approach to years past, the intention was to demonstrate the many skills and attitudes required for a harmonious sporting activity to occur. Tolerance, cooperation, empathy and team work were demonstrated in an atmosphere of fun and competition.

To begin the game, we lit our very own Harmony Candle created earlier in the year.

Well done to everyone involved.

Photo of the Week

Who Is that?

COMING EVENTS

Monday 25 March
P&C meeting
Young Leaders Day

Wednesday 27 March
Parent Pal meeting Rm 18 - 3.15pm

Thursday 28 March
Easter Parade

Week 9
It’s Academic Screen Channel
7Two at 7:30 am

Wednesday April 3
Canteen Meeting

Friday April 12
Last Day Term 1

Wednesday May 1
Students return
Athletics Carnival Success
What a great day we had on Tuesday at the school Athletics Carnival. With all students participating in a range of activities from long jump to novelties, it was a fun filled day.
A huge thank you is extended to Mark Kilburn and his band of helpers, to our wonderful P&C members who helped with the canteen and to Ms Clulow and Mr Wilson who organised the running of the carnival.

Easter Hat Parade
This year we will be starting our Easter Hat parade at 12.30pm and finishing at 1.30pm. Parents and family are welcome to stay and join their children for afternoon tea from 1.30 – 2.15pm. Make sure you order your Hot X Bun from the school canteen.
For students in Kindergarten to Year 2, Easter hats are to be made at home. For students in Years 3-6, Easter masks, hats or posters will be made in class.

Community Use of Our Hall
There is currently a vacancy on two evenings per week for our hall to be used by a community or sporting group. Please contact the school if this is an opportunity that may be of interest.

NAPLAN Dates
Parents of students in years 3 and 5 are advised that the 2013 NAPLAN will be held between 14 and 16 May.

School Banking
School banking will still be happening next Thursday.

Cross Country Carnival
What a great morning! Students had a wonderful time with everyone giving their best. A huge thank you to Miss Hawkins for putting together a great event. Also thank you to the wonderful parent helpers who not only guided our great runners but also held off the swarms of mozzies!!
Well Done!!

Computers For Sale
The school’s out of warranty computers are for sale. They are in good working order but will have no software on them at all. $100.00 each.
Please contact the school for more information.

Parent Pals Program 2013
The Parent Pals Program will begin in Term 2. A meeting for those who have volunteered to help will be held on Wednesday 27 March in Room 8 at 3.15pm.
Any parent, grandparent or community member that would be interested in becoming a tutor is welcome to attend.

Rear Access
Parents are not to use the rear access for student pick up or drop off. It is only for students attending OOSH and other after school activities.

Star Struck
Following the viewing of the Star Struck Dance and Choir Audition DVD our Dance group and Choir have been successful in gaining a place in Star Struck 2013 – The 21st. Congratulations!!
Performance dates are Friday 14 June and Saturday 15 June 2013.
**Echidna Box**
Our Echidna Box is now hibernating for the winter. Having raised over $290, the idea has been most successful. This represents over 5800 five cent pieces.
A great effort.
The money will be used to support school programs such as the emerging band ensemble.

**It’s Academic Screening**
A reminder to all Thornton families that our Year 6 team of 2012 will be on TV next week at 7:30 am on Channel Seven 2.

**Munch n Eat News**

*Hot X Bun Afternoon Tea*
Don’t forget to get your orders in for your Hot X Bun afternoon tea on Thursday 28 March. All orders need to be in to the canteen complete with payment by Monday 25 March.

The roster for this week is as follows:-
Monday 25.3 – Mel A, Carol B (am)
Tuesday 26.3 – Emma H, Belinda J
Wednesday 27.3 – Janene L, Alissa Z
Thursday 28.3 – Heidi W, Tracey E (am)
Friday 29.3 – GOOD FRIDAY – HAPPY EASTER

Thanks to all our helpers over the past week
Cheryl and Paula

**P & C News**

*P & C AGM*
Our annual general meeting for election/re-election of your P & C Executive is this coming Monday 25 March at 7pm in the SPR. If you are not already a financial member for year 2012 you will be required to pay $2 to vote on the evening.
To vote for any changes in 2013 it will also cost $2.
As always – everyone is welcome to the meetings and we hope to see you there.

*Easter Raffle and Parade*
Please keep your donations of Easter Eggs coming – the more we get the better the prizes we can give out! Don’t forget to get your tickets (both sold and unsold) ASAP so we can start getting organised at this busy time of the term.

*Calling All Shoppers!!!*
That’s right Shop-A-Holics – its time to plan for our annual ‘Shopper’s Anonymous Conference’!
October 12 – 13 2013
Cost between $230 – $250 (depending on numbers)
Deposit due by Friday 31 May. Final payment – 2 August
More info to follow but you will require 2 pair of shoes – comfy shoes for shopping and wobbly boots for partying!!!!!

*Mothers Day Stall Plants*
With Mothers Day fast approaching if anyone has any plants that can be grown from cuttings could you please bring them into school and leave them by the greenhouse near the school office so that Cat and Karen can propagate them that would be great.
Fabulous Frog Pond
Just a call for volunteers to help with construction of our next phase of our Dry Creek Bed project. We have a wonderful family supplying the digger for the day but would really appreciate any other helpers to assist. This exciting new phase will begin on Saturday 6 April. We all know that a healthy frog population = a healthy environment.

Well Done & Thank You to All
Its been a full-on, flat-out week! Well done to all our winners and participants and helpers and teachers and volunteers at this week’s events – what a Harmonious Sporty type week we’ve had!!

Have an awesome weekend and week
Sharonne 😊

Community News

Maitland Tennis Centre
April 2013 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC
Pro Shop: 49345016 Mobile: 0421882055
Post: PO Box 2411 Greystanes, 2145
Web Site: www.maitlandtenniscentre.com.au
When: 15th, 16th, 17th April 2013

The simplest way to set a healthy example for our kids
Eat It To Beat It

Did you know that in NSW 8 out of 10 parents are not eating the recommended daily amount of veg and half are not eating the recommend daily amount of fruit?
What you eat influences what your children eat; this is especially important with fruit and veg because eating adequate amounts all your life can help protect you and your children against all of these:
- Coronary heart disease
- Some forms of cancer
- Obesity and being overweight
- Constipation
- High blood pressure and cholesterol levels
- Diabetes

By eating more fruit and veg now you'll be a healthy role model for your kids and help protect their health in the future.
For more information please visit www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit