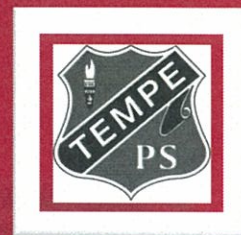


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Thursday 13th March 2014

Term 1 Week 7

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Harmony Day: Everyone Belongs!

The message of Harmony Day this year is "Everyone Belongs". It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity and also reinforce the importance of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. This may range from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

I encourage you to wear something orange on Friday 21st March and celebrate Harmony Day together!



Disco Pacifica Power in 2014

Thank you to everyone who attended the Disco Pacifica last Friday evening. It was a great community event that was both relaxing and entertaining.

Special thanks to the P&C Executive and their group of supporters who once again coordinated the event with spectacular precision.

Thanks also to the school staff who supported the event.

Ms Karen Sinclair

2014 DIARY DATES

Term 1

07/04	P&C Meeting
11/04	Last day Term 1
18/04	Good Friday
20/04	Easter Sunday
21/04	Easter Monday
25/04	Anzac Day

Term 2

28/04	School Development Day (staff return)
29/04	All students return Term 2
30/04	Got Game program K-6
05/05	P&C Meeting
13/05	Year 3/5 NAPLAN
14/05	Year 3/5 NAPLAN
15/05	Year 3/5 NAPLAN
21/05	Zone X Country
02/06	P&C Meeting
9/06	Queen's Birthday public holiday
27/06	Last day Term 2

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Whizz Kids Workshops

The University of Technology Sydney (UTS) are again hosting a series of innovative workshops for Years 3-6 students, beginning the weekend of 22nd March.

If you are interested please see the office for a flyer and further details.

Year 7 2015 Application Forms Reminder

All Year 6 students have now taken home an information guide and Expression of Interest form for entitled "Moving into Year 7 in a NSW government school in 2015".

Parents who wish to enrol their child in a NSW government high school in 2015 are asked to complete the expression of interest form as per instructions provided. It is very important that the completed

expression of interest is returned to the class teacher no later than Friday 21st March.

Students' local high school, as determined by residential address, will be entered on each EOI. Those parents who wish to apply for enrolment in a non-local high school are strongly advised to complete Section C of the form carefully, giving reasons which support the application. Supporting documentation may be attached.

Ms Carole Priday, Mr Hugh Miller and Mr Craig Dickson

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Pacifika Power Performance!

Congratulations and thank you to all the students from the Pasifika Dance Group for another outstanding performance at Friday Night's Pacifika Disco!

It was fantastic to see so many children dancing together on centre stage to represent the Polynesian culture. It was particularly great to see so many new faces join this year, especially our new Kindergarten students. Their excitement and joy in performing on the night as well as all the proud parents in the audience made it all worthwhile. Thank you to all the parents for your support and encouragement.

A special thank you also to one particular parent, *Malia Manu* (Peacock Family) who had kindly taken the time to cook a delicious traditional Tongan dish which was sold out on the night! It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all who were involved in the P&C and wider school community in making the night so spectacular!

Ms Vaitaiki
Tongan Community Language Teacher

UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

Commonwealth Day – 14 March

Commonwealth Day is an annual event, held on the second Monday in March, when all fifty-four member countries of the Commonwealth celebrate their links with one another. This day promotes international cooperation and understanding of world issues, bringing into focus the work of the Commonwealth. The Queen issues a special message through Commonwealth Prime Ministers and Presidents to the citizens of the Commonwealth, particularly school children.

Holi (Hindu) – 20 March

Holi is a Hindu spring festival dedicated to the god of pleasure. People shower in coloured water and smear red and green powder on each other.

Purim (Jewish) – 20 March

Purim is the celebration of the Jews' deliverance from genocide in Persia, where the Prime Minister Haman had vowed to exterminate them, around 470BC. On this day Jews read the Purim story from the Scroll of Esther, the Jewish queen and heroine who saved her people.

Purim is celebrated by giving charity to the poor, sending gifts of food to friends, wearing fancy dress costumes and enjoying a festive meal.

Bandaged Bear Day - 14 March

Bandaged Bear Day is conducted to raise funds to support various research projects, special services and equipment for the Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney NSW.

Ides of March – 15 March

Historically this date is marked by the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44BC. According to Shakespeare, Julius Caesar had been warned by a soothsayer 'Beware the Ides of March'. On the ancient Roman calendar, the 'Ides' fell on the 15th day of March, April, May and October and on the 13th day of all other months.

Palm Sunday (Christian) - 16 March

Palm Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates the people of Jerusalem laying coats and palm branches at Jesus Christ's feet as he approached the city gates.

Vaisakhi (Hindu) – 16 March

Vaisakhi (Baisakhi) is celebrated according to the solar calendar. Vaisakhi celebrations vary across India. According to the area, Vaisakhi signifies harvest, honouring various Hindu gods and goddesses and the beginning of the New Year.

St Patrick's Day - 17 March

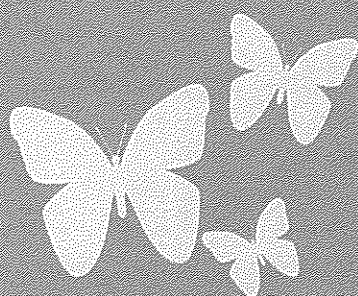
Although he was born in Wales (385 AD), St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick is said to have driven all the snakes out of Ireland and to have used the shamrock to explain the Trinity to his followers. He died on 17 March, 461.

Harmony Day - 21 March

Harmony Day is a celebration of Australian Multiculturalism. It is a day for all Australians to celebrate our cultural diversity, take a stand against racism, share the values of Australian democracy and promote community harmony. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Autumn Equinox(Southern Hemisphere) - 21 March

Equinox marks the time when the sun crosses the plane of the earth's equator giving equal hours of day and night.



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10th March 2014

Message from P&C

See you at our next meeting on Monday 7th April @ 7pm

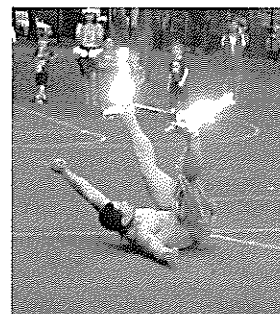


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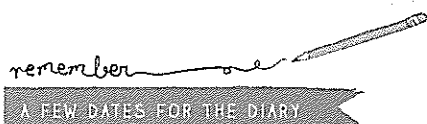
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Issue 5



Stalls

Mother's Day Stall - Wednesday 7th
May 2014

Father's Day Stall - Wednesday 3rd
September 2014

Working Bees

Saturday 29th March 2014 - 2pm to
5pm

Sunday 18th May 2014 - 9am to
12noon

Saturday 16th August 2014 - 2pm to
5pm

Sunday 23rd November 2014 - 9am to
12noon

Additional dates will be provided
shortly for our annual walk-a-thon,
major fundraising event - this year
Trivia Night 2014



What a great night. Thanks to everyone
who assisted in making the disco a huge
success.

There were over 50 parents/carers who
assisted on the night plus all the bakers
who cooked for our cake stall. Without all
our volunteers this would not have
happened, **THANK YOU!!!**

There are a couple of special thanks I would like to make, Mrs
Vaitaiki, our Pacific Islander's teacher who work with our
students to put on a fabulous dance performance. Maria Peacock,
the parent of Kyle, Taylen & Kaliyak who provided the delicious
chop suey.



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