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Principal’s Message

What a busy and enjoyable couple of weeks we have just had! As you will see in this edition of The Belltower, our children have joined in with all the fun of our Harmony Day and Easter activities. Thank you to our teachers for providing our students with these positive experiences and to our parents for supporting these events so well.

Many parents took the opportunity to discuss their children’s progress at our Parent Teacher Interviews. I hope you found the information helpful in guiding your child to set some goals for the rest of the year. This is an important skill, as it helps children to be active learners. As we look at what skills our children will need to be successful in the future, setting goals and identifying what needs to be done to achieve those goals are essential. Most improvements or achievements don’t just magically happen!

The holidays would be a good time for children to set up to three goals for Term 2. The goals could be to do with:

- **specific areas of learning** (e.g. read a book every week; get all of my spelling words correct each week; learn my 7x tables; write neatly in my books etc);
• **personal or social development** (e.g. solve problems with my friends; ask more questions in class; try an activity I haven’t done before; improve my fitness etc)

• **work or organisational habits** (e.g. be ready on time each morning; pack my schoolbag each night; keep on top of my homework assignments etc)

Each goal then needs to be broken down into steps. For example if the goal was to **get all of my spelling words correct each week**, the steps to achieve this might be:

1. Do a little practice every night
2. Write each word six times
3. Spell the words out loud
4. Write them in a sentence
5. Ask mum or dad to test me
6. Go back over any words I got wrong

Or if the goal was to **be ready on time each morning**, the steps might be:

1. Pack my school bag each night with the things I need for the next day
2. Before I go to bed, make sure my school uniform is ready for the morning
3. Have 9-10 hours’ sleep each night
4. Set my alarm to wake up in good time to have breakfast and get to school before 9:00 am

As children get older, they need to take more responsibility for their learning. We need to be helping them develop the skills to be independent learners. Praising effort; checking with them how well they feel that they are achieving their goals; helping them to reset their goals or the steps if they are not working are all ways we can help our children to be ready for high school, university and the workplace.

Apart from setting a few goals in the holidays, I encourage our children to have lots of fun, outdoor activities and family time! Children need to unwind and relax. Stressed, tired or overworked children lose enthusiasm for learning. They are hard to motivate. They lose interest more quickly and they can be irritable and miserable.

Children also need to have a break from screens (computers, tvs, smartphones, iPads etc) so that they are engaging other areas of the brain and are not impacting their eyesight.

**Our children return to school on Tuesday 21 April.** We look forward to a great Term 2.

*Mrs Anne Hewson - Principal*
Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

We would like to congratulate all of our students for a fantastic Term 1 at big school. The students have settled in quickly to routines, followed school rules, developed friendships and are very motivated to learn. We hope students and families have a safe and restful holiday.

Students will finish school from 2.55pm for the rest of the year. This will start on Day 1 of next term. This is to allow parents an opportunity to pick up Kindergarten students first.

Students thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the Kindergarten Easter Hat parade. We would like to thank parents for making colourful, detailed and creative hats for students to wear at this parade. It is very encouraging to see the support students are receiving at home and the positive partnerships that have developed between school and home. Below are some photos from the parade.

Mrs Jessica Maakaroun - Assistant Principal

Stage 1
Year 1

Year 1 students have had an exciting and busy end of term. Each class created a piece of collaborative artwork and learnt about the different cultures within the school community for Harmony Day. In the last week, all of the children worked hard to create fabulous hats for the Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to parents and carers who helped their children make their creations at home.

In Term 2, the children will be involved in a sports program called Got Game. This fun program aims to develop skills such as balance, flexibility, co-ordination, agility, problem-solving and confidence. A note went home this week. Could you please complete the permission note and return it, along with the money, as soon as possible.

We would also like to wish Mrs Glinatsis good luck with the arrival of her baby. An experienced, Year 1 teacher will be starting on 1G in Term 2.

Have a wonderful, safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

Mrs Danielle Adams – Year 1 Relieving Assistant Principal
Year 2
It has been a very busy first term for Year 2. We learnt about different celebrations from various cultures around the world. Year 2 students have also been participating in fun experiments to discover more about how light, dark and sound work in Science. We enjoyed learning how to keep ourselves healthy and strong with Healthy Harold.

Last Wednesday, Year 2 celebrated Harmony Day with many interesting activities such as making collaborative artworks and some of us worked together to write a recipe on how to make a Harmony Pie. The artwork shown is what 2L made by collaborating as a class.

After that, Year 2 were busy making and getting their Easter Hats ready for the Easter Hat Parade. The students had lots of fun walking in the parade to show off their beautiful and creative Easter Hats.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Ms Erina Law – Year 2 teacher

Stage 2
Years 3 and 4
Stage 2 students have been very busy preparing and creating a beautiful piece of artwork for “Harmony Day”.

Each class has completed one piece of art which represents the concept of ‘Together’. All children in each class have participated in the art activity and have greatly enjoyed the experience. There are some wonderful results.

Year 4 students are very excited about starting swimming lessons next term. They will be walking down to Col Jones swimming pool at Hurstville each week and practising their swimming skills. They will then walk back to school.

Miss Kave Florence - Year 4 Teacher
Stage 3
Years 5 and 6

We have had a very busy and productive first term. Thank you to all the parents who came to parent teacher interviews.

The children looked wonderful, dressed in national dress or orange, celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday 25th March. The playground was a sea of colour.

Have an enjoyable, safe holiday and we look forward to your return on Tuesday 21st April 2015 for the start of Term 2.

Mrs Pina Fennell - Classroom Teacher

Support Unit

It has been a very busy term in the Support Unit and we would like to share photos of some of the activities the students have enjoyed.

The students in Red class had fun making fruit kebabs.

The students in Red and Blue class had a great time at the Easter Hat Parade this week.

The students in Green and Gold class performed at Stage 2 assembly. Well done to Mrs Proctor who has been teaching the recorder to the students.
Support Unit – cont.

Each week, the students in Green and Gold class participate in a community access program. They walk to Westfield Hurstville and purchase items at the supermarket.

Green class has been working hard in the garden which looks amazing. Well done to Mrs McEvoy, Mrs Wilcox and all the students in Support Unit Green. They also enjoy eating the produce from the garden. Here they are enjoying their award winning jam made by Mrs Boardman.

Wishing everyone a happy and restful break and we look forward to seeing the students next term.

Mrs Nicole Moore – Assistant Principal

Band

What a wonderful term it has been for our band members. Now that we have the times finalised, all students have been very responsible in getting to their tutorials on time. Please remind your children that it is part of our Code of Conduct to help pack away at the end of rehearsals. I know most children are very helpful and responsible in doing this each week.

Next term we will be ordering some new music stands which will stand on a trolley. This will make packing away at the end of rehearsals a lot easier.

Congratulations to the Training Band who performed for parents on Tuesday. They sounded wonderful and have made so much progress in a short amount of time.

Next term all bands will be performing at Bandfest. More details to come early next term.

Ms Danielle Scott – Deputy Principal
HARMONY DAY
21 MARCH

Everyone is equal.
We are special. We are unique.
We all belong.

Empathy.

The world must be a place where the amount of empathy is increased.

EVERYONE Belongs!!
Last week, the SRC and the School Image Committee joined together to celebrate Harmony Day. As part of the hall rejuvenation, each student/class contributed to the creation of a whole school artwork. This artwork will be displayed in our school hall. It is a testament to the wealth of ideas and commitment of the staff and students of Hurstville Public School.

The funds raised through our Harmony Day celebration this year have totalled over $1000. This money will be used to pay for completed artwork representing our school and its wonderful diversity. The remaining funds will be sent to disaster relief for the victims of Vanuatu’s recent cyclone.

From everyone on the SRC team, we all hope that you have a relaxing holiday. We look forward to working closely with you next term.

**Mrs Kate Carey, Ms Erin Piper, Ms Vanessa Hoskin, Mrs Anna Kakaios and all of the SRC students**

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**HARMONY DAY**

On Wednesday 25th March, we celebrated Harmony Day. Harmony Day shows that Australia is a multi-cultural country. Many students and teachers wore their traditional clothing to reflect where they come from. It was a day where people came together. Harmony Day made everyone happy and cheerful.

We learnt many new things about our teachers and friends. On that day we made artworks about Harmony Day. It felt like we were travelling around the world!! The P&C hung orange decorations around the stage.

Many people loved Harmony Day because it was a multi-cultural day and we all had an amazing time together with our friends and our teachers. We thought that Harmony Day was the best day ever!!

We hope that students of Hurstville Public School enjoyed it too. And we gave gold coin donations to go towards people in Vanuatu. People are having a hard time because Cyclone Pam hit there. We showed a lot of compassion putting money toward food, shelter and clothing.

We had loads of fun on Harmony Day!!

By Silky L. and Amal K. 5D

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**Easter Raffle**

On Wednesday, we held a draw for the Easter Raffle. Thank you to all the parents and family members who purchased tickets. Congratulations to the winners as follows:

1\textsuperscript{st} prize – a tablet – CJ
2\textsuperscript{nd} prize – a digital camera – Daniel
3\textsuperscript{rd} prize – headphones – Isaac and Shina.

Plus 43 consolation prizes.

Congratulations, also, to the three children who had the closest guess as to how many Easter eggs were in the jar. There were 375 eggs. These children received a Smiggles prize and shared the eggs between them.
A huge thank you to the lovely parents on the Fundraising Committee for their organisation, sourcing of prizes and for giving their time to record guesses. Without their hard work, we would not be able to raise money to go towards the playground.

A thank you also, to the Ideal Store, Hurstville, for their generous donation of many of the consolation prizes.

**Community News**

**Anzac Service**

The Hurstville Public School captains, ambassadors and SRC president represented our school at Kingsgrove RSL Club at their annual ANZAC School Service.

Several children participated in the ceremony, either by speaking or laying a wreath. We were given a tour of some of the club’s war memorabilia by one of the ex-servicemen and he explained things and recounted some stories of World War 2 for the children. They were also treated to a magnificent morning tea- it was a real highlight!

They were wonderful representatives of our school.

*Mrs Denise Storr - Co-ordinator*
Anzac Day – cont.

Our School Flag
This week, our new school flag arrived. It looks wonderful. Thank you to Malak and Jasmina for being our flag monitors and for always remembering to raise and lower the flag.
From the Library

Congratulations to Timothy (Year 4) for winning our ‘Name the Library Dog’ competition. Our dog now has the name ‘Oscar’, and Timothy has a voucher to spend on books from Scholastic Book Club.

Thank you to Emma (Year 2) and her family for the donation of stuffed toys to our Library. They are much appreciated. If anyone else has a stuffed animal for students to cuddle, we will give it a very good home!

Premier’s Reading Challenge

During the coming school holidays, your child might like to catch up on reading for the Challenge. Once more, may I explain enrolment procedures to register and record books read through the PRC website. This can be accessed through our school homepage:


From the top menu, select: Curriculum & activities
then: Scholarship & awards
then: Premier’s reading challenge

You will then need to select ‘Logon’ from the side menu, and proceed to enter User Name & Password.

It is important that students know the User name and Password that they use to access the computers at school before trying to enrol in the challenge. These can be obtained from your child’s class teacher.

Ms Leslie Hyde – Teacher Librarian

From the P&C

Reminder: There will be no P&C meeting for the month of April due to it being the first day back at school. The next P&C meeting will be held on 19th May.

Parent Information Session for Mandarin Speakers

In partnership with St George Family Support Services, we are pleased to be able to offer an information session, presented by a Chinese-speaking support worker, on WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL between 9:30 and 10:30am in the School Hall. A booking number is included on the flyers below, but you may also turn up on the day if you are able. There is no cost for attendance.
• Parent’s Role and Responsibility in Australia

• Child Protection Issues in Every Day Life

• Case Study

• Family Relationship and Parenting

Wednesday 29th April 2015
9.30am-10.30am
Hurstville Public School

Places are strictly limited. To make a reservation please call 9553 9100.
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资深家庭工作者和家长们分享在澳洲快乐教养孩子的信息和家庭服务咨询

* 家长们的角色和责任
* 日常生活中的儿童保护
* 个案讨论
* 家庭关系对孩子的影响

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