FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Hello Everyone

It is fabulous to enjoy this lovely Autumn weather, and as such I notice our students are wearing their school jumpers in the morning, but as the day warms taking them off. Just a friendly reminder to ensure that all items of clothing are labelled as we are already finding lost property without names. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

It was great to celebrate Harmony Day on Monday the 21st of March as a whole school, and I thank the students for always displaying cultural tolerance and understanding not just on this day but every day. It is always a pleasure to know that our students are respectful of each other, and excited about learning with our cultural events. Thank you to the Harmony Day committee for organising the wonderful celebrations.

We welcome Ms Rose Nisbet as our new Non Instruction Time teacher - Rose is working in the Performing Arts area to release Michelle Hutchens so that Michelle can give some more support to our students with language studies.

Over the next two weeks we have Parent/Teacher interviews, and if you have not already done so please make an appointment to see your child's teacher, as this is a valuable time to find out about their learning and progress from the start of the year. More detailed information is on the back page of this newsletter.

I wish everyone a very Happy Easter four day weekend and hope if you are travelling away that you return safely to us next Tuesday.

Have a great fortnight everyone

Lynne Hastings
Principal

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH

Friday 25th
Good Friday

Monday 28th
Easter Monday

Wednesday 30th
RAN training
11:30am—12:45pm
& 5:30—7:00pm

Wednesday 30th—April Friday 8th
Parent / Teacher Interviews

APRIL

Wednesday 6th
AGM 7:00pm

Friday 8th
School tour
11:30am—12:30pm

Friday 15th
End of Term
2:15pm dismissal

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RAN TRAINING

Wednesday 30th March
Attend one of two sessions available:
11:30am to 12:45pm OR 5:30 to 7:00pm
On Monday the 21st March Prospect Primary School celebrated Harmony Day. This year’s theme was ‘Our diversity is our strength’ and I think that this was strongly evident by the array of interesting activities students engaged in across year levels throughout the day. Different classes, buddies and cultural groups worked together on tasks that explored Harmony Day themes and messages. Many wore the colour orange or dressed in clothes relating to their country of origin.

The day began with a whole school assembly run by a Year 6/7 group. Students from all cultures and class rooms were recognised and able to show their cultural dress. Different activities were conducted by classes as part of their daily program and then everyone re-assembled on the oval for an Indian dance demonstration and cultural flag ceremony. Flags made by each class to represent the origins of students in the different rooms were presented and displayed.

A range of activities that encouraged cross age and cultural interest and participation were run by senior students during lunch time and many children joined in with these and had an enjoyable time.

Thank you to all for supporting this event!

Michelle Hutchens
DARREN DAVEY THE PHYSIO

On the 29th of February, Darren Davey the physiotherapist came into Room 6’s class to talk to us about our backpacks and how to take care of our backs. He told us what and what not to do with our backpacks.

Darren told us that it was good to have wide shoulder straps and better to have a front strap too, for long walks. We are only supposed to carry no more than ten per cent of our body weight in our backpack. Our backpack is supposed to sit on the small of our back [the middle].

It’s good to keep the heaviest objects in your backpack closer to your body. If your bag is making you lean backwards it is bad for your back’s nerves and spinal cord. Room 6 appreciated that Darren Davey gave us very important tips on our backpacks.

Christian K
Student Room 6

WANTED

Families to host Korean student visitors

We are expecting a group of Korean children from Cheongju (Aged 10-12 years) at the beginning of Term 3. They will be arriving on Tuesday, 26th July (After the school holidays) and will be leaving on Saturday 13th August (3 weeks). We are looking for families willing to host these children. A monetary allowance and support is provided to assist with the accommodation of the students.

The general experience for families who have been hosts previously has been very positive and rewarding.

We would really appreciate anyone interested to contact Michelle or Front Office Staff at the school as soon as possible for more information or to register their interest.

Thank you!

Michelle Hutchens
SCHOOL CROSSING MONITORS

Recently your child’s school took part in School Crossing Monitor Training conducted by the South Australian Police. This involves students in years 5, 6 and 7 being trained by Road Safety Educators from the SA Police Road Safety Section. After the training is complete the student will receive a Certificate of Authority issued on behalf of the Commissioner of Police which, under the Road Traffic Act 1961 authorises the student to work as school crossing monitor. The certificate authorises the student to stop traffic using a Stop Sign or using Pedestrian Actuated Traffic Lights, as well as give reasonable directions to pedestrians for the safe and efficient movement of traffic at or on the crossing as in their opinion is necessary.

The training involves learning how to safely stop vehicles at a school crossing and performing safety assessments on when it is safe for children to cross the road (this includes asking the monitors to check that all vehicles have stopped prior to pedestrians walking onto the crossing). The session also includes safe sign handling techniques and positioning within the crossing.

It is extremely important that all people (including parents) use the crossings and become good road safety role models, by following the School Crossing Monitor’s directions, not only for their safety but the safety of all students and road users.

If parents have any questions about the training the Road Safety Section is happy to receive these inquiries on the telephone number 82076586.

Road safety is everyone’s responsibility.

Thank you

Acting Sergeant Nigel ALLEN
Program Co-ordinator Road Safety
South Australian Police

LIBRARY BORROWING TIMES

Monday – Friday 8.45am – 8.55am
Every Lunchtime 12.55pm – 1.15pm
Monday – Thursday 3.15pm – 3.30pm
During your weekly class library session

The library is only open for borrowing before and after school if staff are in attendance.

SOCCER BOOT SALE

Thursday 31 March 2016

Second hand soccer boots for sale outside the Front Office from 8:15am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

Range of sizes available at $10 per pair
Soccer boot donations welcome.
Donate a pair of boots and update to a different pair for $5

Fundraising Committee
THE PROSPECT FAIR

Thank you to the entire school community for their generous donations of toys, books and lucky dip items towards our stall at the Prospect Fair on Saturday. It was a roaring success and we raised a total of about $2,500.

A very big thankyou to our JP classrooms and Art Room for their wonderful decorations, Room 8 for their lolly jar guessing competition, our PPS staff for their support and promotion plus our dedicated fundraising committee for co-ordinating the event.

Special mentions to:
Schinella’s Your Local Market (Adelaide Fresh) for cooling and storing our drinks overnight
Gaenor White from Tag Body Art (www.tagbodyart.com) for donating the glitter tattoo kit.

Our stall looked fantastic and even received a special mention from Mayor David O’Loughlin.

Enjoy the photos and a special mention to the following volunteers:

| Amanda Walsh | Kathy Nixon | Nicola Veitch |
| Amy Thomson  | Kimberley Davey | Nola Bellenger |
| Ana Keut     | Kimberley Hayward | Odette Winter |
| Anna Kriek   | Kirsty Andersen | Olivia Jones |
| Apexa Patel  | Levineke Renner | Pat Bezzina |
| Brett Rankine| Lili Eldic     | Priya Singh |
| Christel Crowther | Marcel Bellenger | Rachel Harling |
| Clint Rule   | Marilyn Eastwood | Rachel Harris |
| Diana Vassilopoulos | Marketa Berryman | Ray Neville-Lind |
| Emma Comley  | Michael Granich | Samreen Nisar |
| Fiona Taylor | Michael Thomson | Simon Linke |
| Genevieve Miller | Monika Kelly | Simone Catchlove |
| Joanne Davis-Khan | Myra Brunning | Sonia Green |
| Jodi Kruse   | Myra Crowell   | Sue Hemingway |
| John Andersen| Narelle Tanner | Zac Eldic |
| Julie Weller | Natasha Davis | |
| Karen Viedt | Nerissa Pearce |

Students

| Aleeza   | Liam  |
| Amber    | Lilith|
| Amelie   | Louis |
| Angus    | Macey |
| Ashanti  | Maddie|
| Ava      | Molly |
| Edie     | Naina |
| Elijah   | Olivia T |
| Erin     | Olivia D-K |
| Ethan    | Ruby  |
| Grace    | Thomas|
| Hanna    | Vishva|
| Ivy      | Zoya  |
| Jessica  |
| Jordan   |
| Joshua   |
TERM 2 – SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL
We would like to organise a second hand uniform sale for next term so if you have any old ‘new style’ uniforms can they please be washed and passed on to the front office. Thank you!
**LUNCH ORDERS**

The Prospect Bakery have advised the school that a number of students are not including sufficient funds to pay for their orders. Could parents please look out for the following when sending lunch orders on Wednesdays and Fridays:

- Please ensure that the following information is clearly visible and legible on the lunch orders:
  - Student Name
  - Room Number
  - Order details with cost per item
  - Total order cost
  - Money enclosed
- Please ensure the money is secure in the envelope or bag in which it is placed.

Thank you to everyone for making this work.

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**PLAY, LEARN AND GROW PLAYGROUP**

The aim of Play, Learn and Grow Playgroup is to provide a welcoming, safe and fun play space for your children.

**Session Times:** Wednesday from 9.00am – 10.30am in the Performing Arts Building.

Sessions are held during school terms only.

**Fees:** Gold coin donation. This will go towards purchasing new toys and supplies for the Playgroup.

Don’t forget to bring along a piece of fruit!

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Scholastic Book Club Orders are due by MONDAY 28TH MARCH.

- NO CASH ORDERS
Dear Families,

This year we are again using an electronic booking system for parent teacher interviews which will be held in Term 1 Week 9, beginning Wednesday March 30th and ending on Friday April 8th. This system is easy to use and provides a more efficient way for parents to book into their child’s class teacher and NIT providers. Interviews are for 15 minutes and are three-way between the parent, teacher and student.

**Interview Bookings open on Wednesday 23rd March and close Tuesday 29th March 5pm.**

**Interview Bookings must be made during this time.**

The website address [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter the Event Code - **8d2cd**

Click Go

**Step 1:** Enter your name, your email address and your student's name(s). *This is all very important information.*

Your email address is used to send you confirmation of your bookings.

Select the number of students you want to make bookings for, and fill in their names.

Press the green "Go" button to go on to the next page.

**Step 2:** On the next page, select the teachers you want to meet.

Press the green "Go" button to go on to the next page.

**Step 3:** You will see a timetable showing you when your chosen teachers are available.

Simply click on the times that suit you.

- Leave time to get from one booking to the next - *back-to-back bookings are not a good idea.*
- Missing checkboxes mean that time has already been booked by someone else.
- Press the green "Go" button to confirm your bookings.

Your booking will be confirmed and emailed to you. If you do not receive your email immediately – **Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.** You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on **Tuesday the 29th of March 5pm.**

**Step 4:** Click Finished

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET ACCESS:** Please phone the school on 8344 5696 to make a booking via the Front Office or drop into the office to book at the “Internet Kiosk”.

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