**P R I N C I P A L ’ S M E S S A G E**

Dear parents and caregivers

**A reminder that:**

**EASTER HAT PARADE:** Wednesday 1 April 11:45-1:00pm

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1:** Thursday 2 April 2015

**STAFF FIRST DAY OF TERM 2:** Monday 20 April 2015

**STUDENT FIRST DAY OF TERM 2:** Tuesday 21 April 2015

**EASTER HAT PARADE and EASTER DISCO**

You are invited to attend this year’s Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 1 April 2015, from 9:45am to 11:00am. Please help your child make a hat at home for this event. The Easter Bunny will make a surprise visit during the event.

The Easter Disco will commence at 3:30pm – 4:30pm for the K-2 students. From 4:45pm - 6:00pm will be the disco for 3-6 students. The disco is a fundraiser for year 6 and a separate note went home last week.

**P&C EASTER EGG RAFFLE – 9:00am Monday 30 March**

On Monday 30 March we will be drawing the P&C Easter Egg Raffle in the Kindergarten Quad at 9:00am, parents are welcome to attend. Raffle tickets were sent home on Monday 16 March, please support the P&C fundraiser.

**EASTER COLOURING/COLLAGE/PAINTING CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION**

The school is holding a creative arts competition this year. The categories for judging the competition are: K; year 1 and 2; year 3 and 4; year 5 and 6. Each entrant is expected to colour in/collage/paint an Easter Egg Stencil.

**Stencils sold:** Recess from 23 March to 26 March in the Kindergarten Quad

**Entry fee:** 20 cents

**Competition closes:** 3:00pm Friday 27 March, all completed stencils must be given in to the front office.

**Prizes given:** Monday 30 March morning Assembly

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Sent home today with this newsletter is the update on School Attendance. Please read this carefully, major changes include: no holidays for students during the school terms, all holidays must be taken in the school holidays. Many of our students go overseas during the school term these need to cease unless the circumstances are exceptional.

**FACTS ABOUT FRACTIONS**

If you’ve forgotten 3/5 of primary school maths and 7/8 of high school maths, what’s left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.


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Genelle Goldfinch

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**Pyjama Day**

Kindergarten students are having a party in honour of the phoneme ‘p’.

Dress code is: pyjamas. Please send your child to school in their pyjamas on Tuesday 24 March. Students will partake in rotational ‘p’ activities and be treated to poppers and popcorn.

A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

Ms Turnbull
Early Stage 1 Supervisor

**Harmony Day**

This Thursday 19 of March our school celebrated Harmony Day. Students and teachers wore orange clothes, decorated their classrooms and participated in some fun activities to celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity.

**Dates for your calendar**

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**Best Start Assessment Feedback**

Best Start Assessment feedback reports will be issued to Kindergarten parents on Friday 20 March. There will be a meeting at 9.10am for those who are able to attend. If you are unable to participate your child will bring the report home from school in the afternoon.

Ms Turnbull
Early Stage 1 Supervisor

**Hippy Australia – Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters**

Dear parents, please complete this form if you have a child who will be attending kindergarten in 2016 or 2017. Your family will be entitled to receive extra support from Hippy Australia which is a home interaction program for parents and youngsters to help prepare children for kindergarten.

Parent’s Name: ________________________ Phone: ________________________