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Upcoming Events

March	
21	Harmony Day at Willawarrin
22	Book club orders due
23	Polling Day at Medlow

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Week 8 Term 1 2019

CREATIVITY

RESPECT

TEAMWORK

We are looking forward to our day out for Harmony Day on Thursday. The Willawarrin community has kindly offered to provide us with lunch. However, I still strongly advise that each child has their own drink bottle with water in it, fruit and a snack.

It is very important that families have a discussion about following instructions when on excursions. Students will either be travelling on the school bus or with Ms Landers in her car. Students need to wear their school uniform. All students must wear their school hat.

Please complete the attached permission note and send in \$10.00 for each child.

20 Year Anniversary of Harmony Celebrations

In 2019, the Department will lead national celebrations for the 20th anniversary of Harmony Day. This year the event will be renamed Harmony Week to recognise diversity and inclusion activities that take place during the entire week. Harmony Week will include 21 March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Since 1999, more than 77,000 Harmony Week events have been held in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia.

School Focus

To learn about and
recognise other cultures.

Monday 25 March

Canteen will be

- chicken and rice paper rolls with dipping sauce.
- Recess will be carrot and cucumber sticks with hummus.

What is Harmony Week?

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Why Orange

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during 17-23 March to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

Harmony Week Facts and Figures

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation starters:

- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with over 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

These facts are taken from ABS 2016 Census Data. Check out the [Australian Bureau of Statistics](https://www.abs.gov.au)



We started refurbishing our vegetable garden last week.



Assembly Awards

The following students received awards at Fridays Assembly:

Blake for his quick learning of his subtraction algorithms with trading from Mrs Trudgett

Quinten for using decoding strategies to work out tricky words from Ms Landers.

Saphire for perseverance with her complicated and detailed collage "Mola" work from Mrs Hullman.

The Artists of the Week were Maddie and Bailey.



Regards,
Sarah Landers
Principal

P & C News

Congratulations to the new 2019 P & C executive.

President—Tella Markham
Vice Presidents —Brandi Welsh and Emma Hogg
Secretary—Amanda Barnett
Treasurer—Terri Jones
Fund raising co-ordinators—Terri Jones and
Caroline Cleversley
Canteen Supervisor—Josie Cadman
Canteen Sous Chef—Leanne Goldspring

Medlow Café—Saturday 23 March

The P & C will be selling tea/coffee and cake, bacon & egg rolls and sausage sandwiches. The P & C will need donations cakes, slices, biscuits etc - donations that don't need to be heated or kept in fridge would be appreciated.

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Friday 10 May.

Whooping Cough

Keep coughing kids home and see your GP. Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019.

School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members
2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough

Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough

For more information on Whooping Cough and vaccination visit the NSW Health Website(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>)

Community News

Pixie Flames, a comical magician and circus workshop will be at the Taylors Arm Reserve on Thursday 18 April from 3pm. The cost is \$5 per child.

All children are welcome.

For further information please contact Amanda Barnett on 0459 724156.