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Term 9 Week 6 – 20th March, 2017

Dear Parents,

Harmony Day-

Last Monday, the school had an eventful and very successful Harmony Day. As you are aware, we had a different approach this year, engaging performers from different cultures through the company Cultural Infusion. In this Informer, please read children's writing about the wonderful day by students in 3/4 Jade.

P&C Elections-

P&C is a vital body not only in the fundraising side of school, but also to support school initiatives. P&C members organise student banking and work as volunteers in our uniform shop each week. A week ago, P&C held the Annual General Meeting. I would like to thank everyone who nominated someone for a position, those who accepted nominations and of course the outgoing committee for their exceptionally hard work in 2016.

Congratulations to our new Committee:

President: Kylie McKenzie

Vice Presidents: Tania Williams and Michael Wyatt

Secretary: Cassandra Senescall

Treasurer: Elizabeth Sayers

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank them for their commitment to our school.

Student Behaviour In The Rain-

As we are all very aware, the past couple of weeks have been wet and rainy nearly every day.

The children have either been confined to the asphalt area or the classrooms during recess and lunch.

I would like to congratulate the vast majority of students for the safe, sensible and responsible behaviour over the past few weeks.

Congratulations also to the teachers for their patience and resilience during this time.

CALENDAR

WEEK 9

Tuesday 21st March

·NO Canteen

Wednesday 22nd March

·Cake Day

Thursday 23rd March

·Playgroup

·School Banking

Friday 24th March

·Assembly

WEEK 10

·Auditions for C.P.A.H.S this week

Tuesday 28th March

·NO Canteen

Thursday 30th March

·Live Life Well Breakfast

·Playgroup

·School Banking

WEEK 11

Tuesday 4th April

·NO Canteen

Wednesday 5th April

·Athletics Y3-6 Shot-put & Discus at school

Thursday 6th April

·Easter Hat Parade and Bandaged Bear Day

·NO School Banking

Friday 7th April

·Athletics Carnival K-6

·Last Day Term 1

Maths Homework Books-

Thank you to those parents who have paid for Maths Homework Books. Books will be given to those students who have paid this week. If you are in need of Student Assistance, please call the school office. Payment in general has been slow, please complete the slip in this Informer this week if you have not done so at this stage.

Coming Events

Easter Hat Parade/Bandaged Bear Day-

All parents and relatives are most welcome to attend our Easter Hat/Bandaged Bear Parade on Thursday, April 6th. Please see the note in this Informer.

Athletics Carnival K-6-

This term, the school has employed Sport In Schools each Tuesday to instruct over 8 year old Year 2 students and those in Years 3-6 in athletic skills. Our carnival will be held on Friday April 7th. Please see separate note.

Best wishes
Lynne Wilson
Principal

CAKE STALL

Dear Parents/ Carers,

On Wednesday 22nd March, 2017 our Year 6 parliament will be holding a cake stall to raise money for the Year 6 Camp. Cakes will cost from 20c to \$1.

We will be asking all students in donate cakes for the event.



Principal's Awards

Reegan Lydon Nitol Paul
Ava Amaral Innes
Adeena Rahman Adrian Moa-Singh
Paris Tabibzada
Kayden Wieden



Grange Achievement Award

Jan Keifer Donglal Nitol Paul

PGC Award

Cain Anderson Shteya Arun
Dominic Haines Sandra Saunders

Bronze Award

Shreya Arun Shante Cashman-Priday
Arlise Lydon Chanel Roberts

Silver Award

Hayley Anderson Cillara Anderson

Gold Award

Hayley Anderson Cillara Anderson
Katia Lydon Jake Wyatt
Ryan Wyatt



Habits of Mind

The focus for the next two weeks is:

WEEK 9: **Remaining Open to Continuous Learning**
Learn to love and use your experiences



WEEK 10: **Persisting**
Stick to it! Keep trying!



Sporting Schools Program

Sporting Schools program will finish for **Term 1** on :

K-2 Monday 20th March

3-6 Wednesday 22nd March

Term 2 program has not been approved yet.

I will inform you as soon as I have the funding approval.

We will run this program for 5 weeks.

Thank you for your support in this program.

Mrs Whittles

Mrs Butler



***Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey (Term 1, 2017) Years 4-6**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13 March and 7 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and information for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 24th March**.

With thanks, Maree Raynham

Parent Social Group

The Parent Social Group will be holding a meeting next Monday (27th March). The group currently meets in the hall at 9:15am. Come along and:

- Meet other parents
- Talk about events happening at school
- Help build a strong parent community
- Develop friendships with others
- Share stories and laughter

Looking forward to seeing you

Mrs Colley and the Parent Social Group

Included with this
Informer:

*Athletics Carnival note (all families)

*Tell the from Me survey (yr4-6)

*Colouring competition (to be returned to school by next Monday)

Harmony Day

Yesterday it was Harmony Day. People from different cultures and countries came. We did Bollywood dancing, Japanese drumming, American hip hop, African drumming and Aboriginal activities.

First a lady from Bollywood that lived there for three or two years. She was a fantastic dancer it was awesome. She got everyone to go in a circle. She taught us some awesome dance moves. Some people couldn't dance like her. So they just had a go. The teachers were dancing and videoing.

Then two people did tiako drumming which means drumming in Japanese. Some people got to play a drum/tiako. People from the class that were in the library. They were awesome out of all the people that performed this was the best one.

Next an American man came and did hip hop. It was so awesome how he danced. I thought he was very talented. Even at the end he did a cool dance. He said he was the first Australian hip hop dancer.

After, an Aboriginal man came and told us some Aboriginal stories. Then he picked some people to do an aboriginal song. The song was awesome of course all of them were awesome.

By Jacob 3/4J

Yesterday was fun and exciting..... It was Harmony Day! "What is Harmony Day?" Harmony Day is a cultural celebration.

On Harmony Day we went to the hall and did some fantastic Bollywood dancing with a girl Bollywood dancer. I thought it was fun! Also amazing!

After we went in the library and did some Taiko drumming and it was so loud. I felt the ground vibrate! Cool!

Next we did some American hip hop with a real American hip hop teacher. Fun! Weird too.

Then the teachers had to dance to the greatest African drumming. It was so funny when all the teachers danced!

But finally my favourite activity was and Aboriginal boy who came in and taught us about some Aboriginal tools. So many new things to learn. So much fun! Yay!

To finish off such a fun day we took lovely Harmony Day photos. Really good ones. That was fun too.

That's why I think it was fun.

By Hayley 3/4J

Harmony Day

Yesterday was Harmony Day, I was so excited!

There were lots of exciting new things to learn but first let me say that I'm going to tell you about hip hop. The first thing for hip hop was we watched how the man on the stage in the hall did the actions after we got the moves all fixed up. Well we started to do the dance for five minutes so after the hip hop the teachers did something for us.

On Harmony Day after the hip hop dance the 3-6 students went into the library for African drumming. The African guy showed us his traditional dance. Other children like most of the boys did the dance. After the boys did it, it was the girls turn. What they did was they shook their hips and flicked their hands in the air. Taylor laughed it was so funny and then the most hilarious moment ever, the teachers shook their bottoms at us. It was so, so, so funny. After that we did the aboriginal activities.

Everyone in 3-6 went to the hall. The Aboriginal guy showed us everything the aboriginals used to fight with and collect with. Mostly the women have to collect the berries and the medicine.

By Cadence 3/4J

Harmony Day

Yesterday it was harmony Day. We did 5 different things. Which were absolutely fantastic! It is sad that it was over. The whole school did it> the main places were the hall and the library.

We did Bollywood dancing from India. After we all learnt the dance the boys had to perform it to the girls. Then the boys watched the girls perform.

In the African Drumming and Dancing there was the Dundun, a drum which is made out of cow skin. The teachers danced and they had to shake their bottoms at us.

In the Taiko (Japanese Drumming) we were looking at the performance. The performers name is Yu Ni On. There was a big drum. 4 people had a chance to try it. I forgot the name.

Hip Hop was quite boring. It was hard to keep up. Anyway, a 64 year old guy taught us. He was very good at dancing.

The Aboriginal Culture good for my assignment because the person said all the information about the didgeridoo. There was an emu dance. My favourite part was the didgeridoo.

Harmony Day was really fun. I learnt lots of things.

By Rabaab 3/4J

P & C NEWS

The Grange Public School P&C invite our families to again support our Easter Raffle with donations of goodies to be added to the raffle prizes. Items such as Easter Eggs, Blocks of Chocolate, Share packs like multi packs of mini Kit Kats, Mars bars, Milky Way etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Also, there will be a separate prize drawn for one lucky family that contributes donation towards the event so, please place your donations into a bag and take it to the office with your family name and class on it so we can add a ticket into the separate draw.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn following the Easter Hat/Bandaged Bear Parade on Thursday morning, 6th April, 2017.

Thank you for your continuing support, we could not do what we do for the children of our school without your help.

P & C



Bandaged Bear & Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 6th March, 2017 The Grange Public School will be holding our annual Bandaged Bear and Easter Hat Parade. On this day children will be allowed to bring a Bandaged Bear or Easter Hat, or bring both if they wish. The Bandaged Bear parade is an alternative to Easter Hats for those parents who prefer.

The parade will begin at 9.15am under the cola. All classes will have the opportunity to show off their Bandaged Bear and/or Easter Hat. The Easter Raffle will commence directly at the end of the parade.

The School raises funds for the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation on the day in support of The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Thank you for your Support.



Child's name	Class	Child's name	Class

☐ I enclose payment of **\$14 per child** for the Maths Mentals Book. Total Payment \$_____

I understand that any excess cash enclosed will be credited to Fess in Advance in my name.

OR

☐ I have paid \$_____ online. My receipt number is _____

Parent Signature: _____ Name: _____ Date _____