



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 8

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Term 1 2013

Calendar

*Please note dates from week to week as there are occasionally some changes.

Week 8

Thursday, March 21 st	Harmony Day
Friday, March 22 nd	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall

Week 9

Monday March 25 th	Young Leaders Conference (School Captains)
Tuesday March 26 th	K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Thursday March 28 th	School Photos
Friday, March 29 th	Good Friday-Public Holiday

Week 10

Monday April 1 st	Easter Monday-Public Holiday
Thursday April 4 th	K-2 Cross Country
Friday, April 5 th	Years 3-6 School Cross Country

Week 11

Friday, April 12 th	K-6 Assembly, 1pm School Hall Last day Term 1
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Term 2

Week 1

Wednesday, May 1 st	K-6 return to school
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Bullying-No Way! Take a Stand Together

Last Friday was a National Day against Violence and Bullying. Students spent time in class discussing what bullying is and what to do if someone is being bullied. Tips included;

If someone tries to bully you

- Ignore them, turn and leave
- If you can, look them in the eye, tell them to 'stop' and then walk away
- Pretend you don't care
- Go to places where you feel safe

If you have been bullied

- Talk to an adult (parent, teacher) you trust who can help stop the bullying
- Seek support from your friends
- Keep on asking for support until the bullying stops

If you see someone being bullied

- If safe, do something to stop it
- Report it to a teacher
- Support the person being bullied

More information can be found on the web site

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au



Paul, Justin and Ilijah wearing their 'anti bullying' wrist bands

News from KL

Each week, a student in KL, is selected to take home Charlie the bear. Shiloh was the first student in KL to take Charlie home! Shiloh took Charlie for a ride on her bike and wrote about it in the special book that is sent home with Charlie. Callum thought Shiloh's efforts were brilliant and they showed Charlie and the book to Miss Hayman last week.



During "Aa" week, KL read the book "The Avocado Baby". After reading the book, they tasted some avocado on a biscuit and then they were all very strong just like the avocado baby! It was amazing!



K-2 Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade for all Kindergarten to Year 2 children will be held on Tuesday 26th March at 12.15pm in the school hall.

Parents and friends are invited to attend this exciting afternoon.

Come along and listen to the children perform their songs and poems and look at the wonderful Easter Hats the children have made in their classrooms.

Thank you, K-2 Teachers

News from 5/6T

Students in 5/6T enjoyed their Science lessons immensely last week as they were conducting experiments! As you can see from the photos, they were creating volcanoes.



School Canteen

Wednesday 20 th	Elena
Thursday 21 st	Cathy
Friday 22 nd	Elena
Monday 25 th	Elena
Tuesday 26 nd	Brenda

Thank you to last week's helpers Rachel and Kerry
 Hot Dogs \$3.00
 Chicken Burgers \$3.50

Brenda, Canteen Manager

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is celebrated on the 21st March and allows us to celebrate our contribution, as a school in contributing to a harmonious and cohesive society. The most significant message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs'.

Students are asked to wear cultural outfits or orange, the colour symbolising harmony, to acknowledge Harmony Day. A certificate will be awarded to the best dressed child in each class. Please take the time to visit the school foyer to view each classes world map, displaying where students at GPS are from.

SRC Harmony Day Friendship Bracelets

The SRC will be selling ribbon friendships bands on Harmony Day for 50c! They will be made using colours found on different countries flags. Come to Area A at lunch time on Thursday to show your pride of your country and support the SRC.



P&C News

Thank you to the very small group of parents who attended last week's P&C meeting. Unfortunately due to limited numbers attending the meeting, we were unable to hold the AGM. The AGM will now be held at the next meeting on Wednesday 3rd of April. We hope to see more parents and carers in attendance at the next meeting. The P&C would like to continue to be able to assist the school and our families in many ways but need ongoing support to do this. Please volunteer a short amount of your time to attend the next P&C Meeting.

The P&C *adidas school Fun Run* will be held again this year as part of the schools Cross Country Carnival. The Fun Run is the P&C's major fundraising event for this term.

The Fun run will be held on the following dates- Years K-2 on Thursday 4th April.

Years 3-6 on Friday 5th April.

The *adidas School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our children about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. **All money raised must be back to school by FRIDAY 12TH APRIL.** Sponsorship forms have been sent home with the children.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Helen Lander (P&C President)

Young Leaders Conference

Our four school captains have been invited to attend the National Young Leaders Conference for primary students, to be held on Monday ^{25th} March, 2013 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Bianca, Jannie, Andre and Genesis will be part of the group excursion organised by the Griffith & District Community of Schools. Approximately 80 students and staff members from schools in and around the Griffith area will be participating in this two day excursion departing on Sunday ^{24th} and returning late Monday ^{25th} March, 2013.

The speakers at this year's conference include:

- Nathan Hindmarsh former Rugby League player who captained Parramatta Eels,
- Creel Price, entrepreneur, and
- Brett Lee, Australian Cricketer, fast bowler

Mrs McWhirter will be supervising these wonderful ambassadors of our school and they all look forward to sharing their adventures in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 8

Give your newsletter to your parent or carer to read. Ask them to sign this slip and put it in the box in the front office. If your slip is drawn out at Friday's assembly, you will win **one \$5 canteen voucher!** Two slips will be drawn out at each assembly.

Student / Family name: _____

Parent / Carer Signature: _____

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the last assembly:

KB Bhavya Chaudhari Kathleen Asomua Izak Barbaro	KL Darrell Connellan Jo Harris Denzel Naea Ami
KM Shiane Mallise Lena Adnum Hakaraia Barrett	KC Pauline Naea Ami William Teao Fine Mafi
1S Brendan Connors Charlotte-Jayne McDonald Liliana Ah-Kee	1B Sukhwinder Singh Feleti Faigafa Anita Afungia
1R Jaylan Tia Ana Langi Elka Miller	2D Zac Aloni Stevie-Lee Jones Emanuel Orake
2L Senay Kunduz Arriane Anau Luke Tonga	3/4L Amandeep Singh Ma Agnes Anonuevo Pamela Qoro Sophie Carberry-Beale
3/4S Peter Williams-Mariner Alani Langi Louisa Tuiaki	3/4B Peter Viran Mary Magdalene Puleholoto Nosa Shakira Carberry
3/4D Potai Ataeta Gladys Asomua Tanielu Nauer	3/4C Joshua Low Omega Liu Luis Adnum

School Photos Thursday 28th March

A Flyer/envelope will be sent home with students explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes

Students are to return envelopes to school before Photo Day.

We have an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which **MUST** be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a "family order envelope" from the office & return it to the office. Thank you.