Term 1, Week 7
Tuesday 10th March, 2015

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Free Psychology Clinic
A totally free clinic is operating nearby at the Lifeline Macarthur Building at Smeaton Grange. This clinic is staffed by provisional psychologists from the University of Western Sydney. They are registered with the Psychology Board of Australia and fully supervised by registered clinical psychologists. The service provides free psychological assessments and reports and also treatment sessions using the latest cognitive behavioural therapy treatments. The service is open for children and adults. If, as a parent, you require such assistance I encourage you to phone the service on 46457241 for an appointment. No prior referral is required and the service is free of charge.

Absences
I met with the Department of Education and Communities' Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) last week. We discussed the number of Unjustified Absences we have in the school. In the majority of cases this has occurred because your child has been absent from school and a note has not been provided. The HSLO will be in contact with parents if this continues. If your child is absent from school a note needs to be provided explaining the absence so an approved reason can be recorded. Further information regarding attendance was noted in the Week 4 newsletter.

Leaders to Parliament House
Our school leaders did us proud last week when they represented the school at Parliament House in Sydney. It was a pleasure to accompany the students and I was proud to have a member of the public comment to me and the students on their manners and the way they represented our school. They were a credit to their parents, teachers and our school. Well done Grace, Tykan, Adam, Rachael, Sophie, Zahra, Riley and Zach.

Mt Annan Challenge Walk
Congratulations to our school team for finishing first in the 11km Primary Schools category and second in the Primary Schools category of the 6km Challenge Walk on Sunday. Thank you to those who joined in the fun and supported our team. A great effort for an early Sunday morning!

Mr Wray - Principal

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who have reached the level of Principal’s Award: Alannah Huygens – 5/6T, Brooke Wark – 2BK, Ethan Brodbeck – 6G, Hanan Markaboui – 4W, Adam Nicholls – 5W, Brandon Repinec – 6B. Your award will be presented at your next scheduled assembly.

**Multicultural Public Speaking Competition**

We would like to recognise all the hard work and effort that students from Stage 2 and 3 have put into organising, writing and delivering their Multicultural speeches. Well done everyone! We would like to congratulate the winners from each class and wish them all the best in their stage finals to be held this week.

**Stage 2 - 3K** Emma McCarthy & Elyce Alexander, 3D Alexiah Abdow & Nicholas
Barrington-Marsh, 3/4JB Ryley Brown & Mickayla Wilson, 4W Jarrod Llewellyn & Zainab Atif, 4R Ashley Carroll & Danielle Wark


HARMONY DAY
Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. In 2015 we celebrate 15 amazing years of Harmony Day. To celebrate this special event, students will learn about cultural diversity which reinforces the message of acceptance, inclusiveness, no bullying, tolerance, respect, a sense of belonging. It’s not only about being racially or culturally different, but also about respecting people who have different needs. Harmony Day will be tied in with the CHPS STAR rule of Respect. It is about valuing the contributions of others, using kind words and actions, and being fair and understanding. When: Week 9, Wednesday 25th March. What to wear: Students are to wear full school uniform, but they can wear an orange accessory (socks, hair ties, scarf, hat, glasses, badge, ribbon). There will be no gold coin donation.

BOOKCLUB NEWS
Issue 1 of Bookclub saw changes in the ordering process. Many orders were placed online by parents who were unable to find their child’s class on the new loop system. Mrs O’Loughlan has a number of books that have not been collected due to the fact a class was not allocated. If your child is awaiting their order, could you please send a quick note to Mrs O with the items you are waiting on. All classes are now registered for Issue 2.

Mrs O’Loughlan

EASTER MUFTI DAY
Our hard working P&C have organised a Mufti day on Tuesday 17th March. Students are asked to donate an Easter egg to add to the Easter baskets which will be raffled in coming weeks. Please wear appropriate sun safe clothing and appropriate footwear.

HIGH SCHOOL FORMS
An information guide and expression of interest form for parents and carers has been sent home on Monday 9th March. Every student MUST return a form. If your child does not require a placement at a Government Secondary school please complete and sign Section E of the form. All forms need to be returned to the front office not later than Friday 20th March.

SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER
Please remember to include the student number when completing the bank deposit slip each week. The student number (1-3 digits) can be found on the inside cover of the bank deposit book. Thank you.

STORY TIME
Story time is a fun and relaxed way for children to get familiar with “big school”. We listen to stories, sing songs, play games and do some craft activities. It is aimed at 4 and 5 year olds who will be attending school next year. The activities take place in one of the kindergarten classrooms (while they are attending K-2 assembly). Children are also able to borrow a book to take home and read, so please provide a cloth library bag, if you would like them to do so. When: Friday Time: 2:00pm – 2:45pm. Where: Meet at the fenced area, beside the hall (look for a sign). Mrs Stanley and I look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions about “Story Time” please come and see me.

Mrs Kathy Gawthorne

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Inclusions with today’s newsletter:
- Janelle’s Piano Tuition
- Premiers Reading Challenge