Harmony Day

Everyone Belongs! It was pleasing to see so many students dressed in orange in recognition of Harmony Day. Students participated in some fun activities with a focus on how rich in diversity our country is. For those of you who didn’t get a chance to see the Chatterboxes that the students made, here are some interesting facts that we learnt. Did you know:

- Around 45% of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas,
- More than 200 countries make up the Australian community
- United Kingdom, New Zealand, China, Italy, Vietnam, India, Philippines, Greece, Germany and South Africa are the top ten countries Australian migrants come from,
- Australians identify with more than 250 ancestries
- English, Italian, Greek, Cantonese, Arabic, Mandarin, Vietnamese and Spanish are common languages spoken in Australia
- More than 300 different languages are spoken in Australia
- More than six and a half million migrants have made Australia their home since the end of World War II.
- More than 100 religions are practiced in Australia.

Acceptance, Respect, Understanding, Empathy, Tolerance, Diversity.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Jeremy Anderson who receives Student of the Week for showing an improved amount of dedication to his school academic and sporting commitments.

Well Done Jeremy!

Gotcha Awards!

It was very pleasing to see so many cards in the “Gotcha Box”. Congratulations to the following students who were drawn out this week.

- Richard Dean: Working hard during maths.
- Brodie Jenner: Starting his Sound Waves quickly & quietly.
- Lathyn Kuskey: Quiet independent work.
- Jordan Moloney: Quietly working on Mathletics
- Anna Moore: Starting her Sound Waves quickly & quietly.

Tuckshop Update

Special Friday 04th April
Burger Day: Beef or Chicken Burger & choice of drink - $4.00
Sports Report
On Friday last week, we played cricket against Gin Gin State School. With everyone’s extremely hard work, we won again with the scores of 65-10. Everyone played well especially Elim Moore with his good bowling and Bree Wallace with her batting and scoring lots of runs. This week (for the last time of this term) we will be travelling to Maroondan State School to play tee ball against Mt Perry. We will be leaving school at exactly 11:45am and will hopefully come back with another great win for Mollwraith School.
By Genevieve Dean.

Great Results Guarantee
Our Great Results Guarantee focuses on ensuring 100% of students achieve the National Minimum in Literacy and Numeracy. The funding that we will receive to help all students improve learning, will be used to employ extra teacher aides. We welcome Mrs Kitt in this role who will be working on Mondays and Thursdays.

News-Mail iPad Competition
We have 1486 Tokens!
This is the final week to collect as many tokens as we can. Please rally your family, friends, neighbours, local businesses and anyone else you know to collect the special tokens that will be published in the News-Mail every day until Monday 31st March. Please send in all tokens as soon as possible after Monday 31st March. Did you purchase the News-Mail again on Saturday? If you did keep an eye out for the extra nine tokens. There can be ten tokens in total found throughout the paper. Make sure you have a good look!

Prep News-Mail Photograph
The News-Mail will be publishing our prep photograph tomorrow, Wednesday 26th March. Keep an eye out!

Voluntary Parent Levy
There are still a number of Voluntary Parent Levies outstanding. Please be reminded to pay these at the front office as soon as possible. Levies for 2014 were $70.00 per child. Thank you to the families who paid their levies promptly at the beginning of the year.
**Curriculum**

**Phonics**
Preps are learning to recognise the letter ‘gG’ and the sound ‘gG’ as in gorilla. Through their spelling words all other grades are consolidating the following letter combinations.
- ‘g’ as in gorilla
- ‘gg’ as in egg

**Reading Comprehension**
This week the strategy we are consolidating is ‘Identifying authors purpose’ to recognise that reading passages are written for different purposes, e.g., to explain, entertain, persuade or describe.

**Maths**
This week we are learning about:
- **Prep:** counting one to one correspondence, 3D shapes, positional language.
- **Year 1 & 2:** Mental addition – 10 + a given number, 3D shapes and nets, telling time in 5 minute intervals.
- **Year 3 & 4:** Adding nine to a number (using the add 10, minus 1 strategy), working with tenths and hundredths, minutes past and minutes to on an analogue clock.
- **Year 5,6,7:** 24hr time, Angles - alternate, corresponding and interior, finding missing values.

**Geography**
- **Prep & Year 1:** students have been learning about the compass points North, South East, West and recognising Australia on a map of the world. On a smaller scale, the students have been trying hard to recall the names of Australia’s states. They are all very good at recalling where QLD is, describing it using positional words (north from Tasmania) and that our capital city is Brisbane.
- **Year 2,3,4:** have been learning how to use a scale on a map to work out estimated distances between two points. They have also been finding locations using grid point references and are working hard to recall the names of the names and positions of the continents.
- **Year 5,6,7:** have been studying different types of vegetation – tundra, rainforest, deciduous forest, grasslands, coniferous forests and deserts as well as the factors affecting the growth patterns around the world.

**Science**
Students have been busy finalising science units.
- **Prep & Year 1:** have been learning about safe habitats, external features of plants and animals and recognising a scientific diagram.
- **Year 2,3,4:** the cohort has been studying environmental factors that affect plant growth
- **Year 5,6,7:** have been exploring different separation techniques. On Thursday they had great fun predicting what colours would separate from individual felt pen colours separating colours in felt pens and food colouring.
Student Council Update

Jakes Candy Easter Drive: Thank you to all the families who supported our Student Council with raising funds through the Jakes Candy Easter Drive. A special mention must be made to our highest fundraisers:

- Mrs Barns $286.30
- Jenner Family $285.20
- Tallon Booth $227.90

Chocolate orders will be sent home tomorrow with students.

Crazy Hair Day: Students are invited to wear their hair the craziest way possible next Friday 04th April. Students are permitted to wear spray hair colour in their hair on this day. Please donate a gold coin to the Student Council. Prizes will be awarded. Free Dress is also permitted as it is the last day of term.

P&C Update

P&C Representatives: Congratulations to the 2014 P&C Executives. I look forward to working with them throughout the year to support our students. Thank you to the following parents who have taken on these roles:

- President: Tanya Anderson
- Vice-President: Rowen Moloney,
- Secretary: Leanne Pearson
- Treasurer: Jayme Jenner
- Work Place Health & Safety Representative: Muppi Dean
- Tuckshop Convener: Eve Carseldine

I would also like to Thank Tanya Anderson and Muppie Dean, for the support that they have given the school in their role of Tuckshop Convener and Secretary over the past years.

Date Claimer: Mothers’ Day Flower & Cake Stall Saturday 10th May, down the main street. Please mark this on your calendar. More info to come.

Brisbane Roar Soccer Clinic

The Gin Gin Football club is very excited to be hosting a Brisbane Roar Soccer Clinic during the holidays on Friday 11th April. This will be on the Gin Gin Primary School oval, from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

The cost is $60.00 per child which includes a supporter pack of merchandise. There are spots for only 60 children, so please make sure you register as soon as possible to make sure that this clinic will go ahead in our town. Go to www.roaractive.com.au and click on the holiday Clinic Tab, and search for Gin Gin.