The year 6/7 Boys SAPSASA knockout cricket team won against Grange PS. All the boys played well and were great representatives of the school. Many thanks to Julie Hutchins and Kent Lewis who assisted with scoring and umpiring and the many parents who dropped in to watch their kids play.

AND SPORTING STARS
Students representing the school at the Airport SAPSASA swimming carnival on Friday 4th March were Do Hyun Kim, Georgie Vanloo, Ruby Vanloo, Sarah McKinnon, Jack Morony and Hutchins and Kent Lewis who visited our school. Many thanks to Julie Hutchins and Kent Lewis who assisted with scoring and umpiring and the many parents who dropped in to watch their kids play.

HAVE GREAT COACHES
We recently asked the Plympton PS community for assistance regarding soccer. We are very pleased to announce that a number of parents have kindly agreed to take another lunchtime training session for our year 6/7 boys. The year 6/7 Boys soccer club. This will cater for another 24 students from the reserve list. Interest in soccer continues to grow, we now have over 60 students who have stated an interest in ‘the beautiful game!’

Plympton Primary School on 22/3/2016 at 7.00pm in the Library
Chairperson, Chris Fear and I invite you to join our School Council to provide advice about future directions and community perspectives to enable a high quality education for your child. Come talk to me in the yard, make an appointment to discuss or give me a phone call. Wendy has nomination forms at the front counter.

15/3/16 Tuesday was a teacher training day. The focus of our training was to build our own skills in the teaching of skill of writing and how to extend our students to the students of PPS.
**YEAR 6/7**

Family Night for Kids Biz

Thank you to the families who attended last Monday's 'Growth and Development' session/s with Katrina from Kids Biz. The two sessions, 'Where did we come from?' (R-4) and 'What's happening to me?' (5-7) catered to the parents' needs and positive feedback was received. We had 18 families attend the 6:40pm session and 15 attend the 7:40pm session. "[We] had a good laugh, got good tips and learned about what to expect in puberty. A fun night with my daughters." Great for kids to learn in tandem with their parents as this prompts easier conversations at home. Perhaps it could include more information on relationships." (Kerry & Leonard Pienaar) All Year 6/7 students will be participating in four Growth and Development workshops with KidsBiz educators in their classes on Tuesday mornings this term.

**YEAR 3/4/5**

**Specialists**

The students are de-stressing with our specialist teachers. Limaj, Jas, Do. As part of our philosophy of inquiry learning about more than one discipline, the students during an EALD session handled, labelled, and dissected a brain. The boys thought the experience was very interesting and can now use those verbs succinctly!

Jas Matharu from Room 2.2, competed in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz, Junior Division. He performed very well and received a 'Distinction' for the quiz. He was awarded with the above certificate at Assembly in Week 6. Congratulations Jas.

In Room 2 we have been investigating number patterns and patterns with objects. We searched the Nature Play Space to find natural materials to create a pattern. Once we made our pattern we had a go at continuing someone else's pattern. We had lots of fun!

2.2 working towards 'Performance Mode' with their Dramatic Dance 'Absolutely Everybody' and 2.3 'Happy Boys & Girls' to be performed on Harmony Day assembly Thursday 24th March. Hope to see you there. Their focus is working as a team engaging with energy, emotion, movement, facial expressions, creating characters and building confidence. They have all worked extremely effectively towards this performance.

**YEAR R/1/2**

Harmony Day

**Wednesday March 23**

**What’s Happening at Plympton PS**

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs

It is a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity and it is also the United Nation’s International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The theme for 2016 is Our Diversity is our Strength

It has been fantastic to see all the old and new faces smiling around the schoolyard at recess and lunchtimes as children enjoy the fresh air and sunshine as they play in the breaks. It has been a great start to the year.

Inevitably there are the usual accidents that happen in the school-yard as children fall, trip over each other or have disagreements, misunderstandings and conflicts or simply just become sick. It is in these situations that the wonderful staff of Plympton Primary School show their care and compassion to the children. I have seen many a tear wiped, scrapes and bruises tended and illness and accidents given prompt and careful attention.

Our school community is constantly changing and there are new needs to address as well as the old ones. It is good to see that in such an environment the same loving concern is being shown to each other. In the light of what is happening in other parts of the world, we can be very thankful that our children are able to go to school in relative peace and quiet and that problems are addressed as they occur.

Til next time Karen Tromans

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**Wellbeing & Care**

Clear and open communication with school is so very important for us to get the correct picture of how our children are going at school, and to be part of the process to resolve any issues. This triangle of the school, parent/carers and child is the essence of how we make our children’s journey through school a happy and successful one. Our children’s well-being is a central focus for us and influences how well they are doing with their learning.

Parent/Carers

School

At Plympton Primary School we value the input of our parents and carers, and working alongside you is very important to the work we do. Sometimes at the end of a busy day the class teacher may have people in the room and this may not be the best time to have a useful conversation. If you have any concerns about your child that you wish to discuss with the class teacher or with one of the senior leaders at the school, we are always available to make arrangements to speak with you at a mutually convenient time and in an emergency will endeavour to see you there and then.

Lynn Johnson

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**News**

**Easter Bunny is on his way**

On Wednesday 23rd March – just in time for Easter!

**CONGRATULATIONS** Lachlan and Cooper raised over $1,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation

**KYTONS FUNDRAISING** Orders can be collected from the Front Office from 3pm on Wednesday 23rd March – just in time for Easter!

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