HARMONY DAY

A wonderful week was had by all students, staff and families. We celebrated our cultural diversity with many fun activities including Holi colour, egg dying and decoration, international sports and games, house competitions, dance performances and conducting a multi-lingual assembly under the shade of our Morten Bay Fig Tree. It was a highlight for students to share their performing arts dances and songs with the school for the first time. There performance skills were to be commended. Our First Language Maintenance students who learn Hindi spoke in their language and shared the connection between the Holi festival and Harmony theme to promote living together peacefully with respect which is very important to our community and the wider world.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/4/16 to 7/4/16 Mon - Thurs Parent Teacher Interviews
- 15/4/16 Last day of Term 1 - Early Dismissal 2.15pm
- 5/5/16 Mother’s Day Stall
- 10/5/16-13/5/16 NAPLAN for Yr 3/5/7
- 17/5/16 ICAS Digital Technologies
- 20/5/2016 Yr 6/7 Excursion - Migration Museum & SA Museum
- 23/5/16 - 27/5/16 Reconciliation Week
- 31/5/16 ICAS Science
- 3/6/16 Sports Day
- 13/6/16 –17/6/16 ICAS Writing
- 1/7/16 ICAS Writing

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Plympton Primary School Council AGM and First Meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd March at 7.00pm at the Library. Outgoing Chairperson, Chris Fear presided over the meeting where Council received the PPS Annual Report from Salliyann Geddes on behalf of Tom O’Callaghan. Brooke Roy also presented the Plympton School OSHC Annual Report. Nominations were accepted from continuing members Julie Hutchins, Sam Thompson and Simon Morony and new members Myf Maywald and Nathan Sim. Continuing members are Liz Axel, Reshma Brigal, Kara Gilles, Kristine DELL, Sharon Fielder, Michelle Wye and Sandrine Gates. Salliyann Geddes is ex-officio member as Principal and Tracey Niekol will be the Staff Representative. Thank you to Lynn Johnson, Karan Tomsans and Jonathan Gardner for also attending. In addition to Council Members being on Committees we have accepted additional nominations to provide valuable assistance. Fundraising has Nat Jönkers, Di Thompson, Julie Valencic. Grounds and Facilities has Wendy Bagot. Education has Kerry Pienaar. Additional committees include Sport, Finance and OSHC.

We welcome our Council Executive Officers for 2016
Chairperson—Simon Morony
Vice-Chairperson—Liz Axel
Secretary—Julie Hutchins
Assistant Sec—Sharon Fielder
Treasurer—Reshma Brigal

Speak to one of our Council Members if you would like to be a member of a committee. It’s not too late.

OSHC

We are sad to be saying farewell to Brooke Roy our OSHC Director. She is now a fully qualified teacher and will be pursuing her new career pathway. She will be finishing with us shortly after the April Vacation Care Program. The School Council OSHC Committee Representative, Liz Axel, Principal Salliyann Geddes with an OSHC Director in another service will be running. The merit selection process for the Director and Assistant Director Position. The Assistant Director position was made vacant when Ellen left at the end of the January Vac Care. Nick has been acting in the position until we fill the vacancy.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Room 1 (Reception) Kerry Baldwin
Poppy Mc for being a caring member of our class
Lexi W for being a caring member of our class
Room 6 (Reception) Stephanie Kachaskie
Erin DJ and Indy B taking responsibility for being focussed on task
Room 2 (Year 1) Georgia Ninos
Janya M for showing care and concern towards her classmates
Jim B for showing care by offering to help others with their learning
Room 5 (Year 1) Kerry Briggs
Leah G for encouraging classmates to do their best
James B for treating classmates with respect
Room 13.7 (Year 12) Kelly Reet and Jane Finlayson
Lilian C by encouraging others to kind to others
Angus S for showing care for classmates when they are hurt
Room 13.8 (Year 2) Tiana Bridgland & Emma Falconer
Blake C for always showing CARE in his work and towards others
Leticia S for being a caring, friendly and helpful class member
Room 13.2 (Year 12) Tjaja Innes & Jonathan Gardner
Mannan G for always displaying a helpful attitude towards others.
Sarah W for always helping others.
Room 13.1 (Year 12) Polly Bowditch
Esha G for taking responsibility for learning and always being focussed
Jessica W for bouncing back quickly after she is upset
Room 2.4 (Year 3) Coh Newbold
Patrick A and Max S for lending 2.4 their bikes during Bike Ed
Dylan L and Tahli C always showing care and consideration to peers
Room 2.5 (Years 4/5) Tracey Niekol
Elinea B always demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and for always striving to achieve the best she can
Shrey P always working to the best of his ability in all learning areas
Room 2.3 (Years 4/5) Brenton Wooford
Josh H for speaking kindly and respectfully
Drishy C for demonstrating respect in her interactions with others
Room 2.7 (Years 6/7) David Edwards
Daniel D for helping out with after school sports
Bharunya G for always being prepared to help others
Room 2.1 (Years 6/7) Rose Stone
Bradley L for lending a helping hand whenever it’s needed
Connor L for taking the time to offer assistance to his classmates
Room 2.2 (Years 6/7) Aaron Ireland
Nill D for making younger students feel happy and safe in the yard
Zoe G for always looking out for her peers and collecting students from the ‘buddy bus stop’
Last Thursday 36 of our students had the privilege of attending the World Cup Qualifier between Australia and Tajikistan. The students were involved in a march around Adelaide Oval before the match, seeing themselves on the big screen and taking in the atmosphere.

Having made our way around the oval, we then took our seats and saw the Australian team put in 7 goals and have a comprehensive 7-0 win.

Many thanks to the parents and teachers who made opportunity possible for the students either by attending the match or by picking up their children afterwards.

**SCHOOL FOOTBALL TRAINING**

Football Training for Year 4/5 and Year 2/3 teams will commence next Wednesday, 6th April (Week 10), 3.30-4.30pm. Please remember to bring a drink, mouthguard and footy boots. Further information regarding the commencement of the season will follow shortly. Looking forward to seeing you all there! Amy Morony

**SCHOOL CRICKET**

On Thursday 24th March Plympton PS cricket team played against West Lakes Shore at the Western playing fields. Despite some great batting, excellent bowling, fielding and teamwork Plympton lost in the last few overs of the match. This is the first time in many years that Plympton has entered a SAPSASA knockout team and it was a great effort to make the second round of the competition.

Many thanks to Julie Hutchins who scored both matches and to Kent Lewis who assisted with umpiring and coaching on both days. Anthony Worden, Specialist Sports Teacher
In 2.2 we have discussed and explored our diversity through art forms. We illustrated on bunting our strengths and hung them up proud for all to see. On Harmony Day we created a piece of art work which incorporated dot painting, a splash of colour for Holi and Middle-Eastern henna designs to express ‘diversity as our strength’. Over the fortnight, we also had an opportunity to work together with our buddies to dye eggs as a Christian Easter tradition.

On Harmony Day, we celebrated “Holi” a Hindu festival of Spring. We splattered each other with coloured powder and water. We had a happy time with our class buddies, teachers and parent helpers. the children how to make decorated and painted eggs on Harmony Day. With 2 classes we dyed about 50 eggs. The children made their own designs. The red eggs are traditional in the Greek culture and in the Orthodox Spring. We splattered each other with coloured powder and water. The new table tennis tables are great for us to have. Thanks Mr Rowe for helping to put them together.

In Room 5 we have Room 1 children saying someone else who they think is the victim of bullying. Here we have Room 3 children saying No to bullying. If children feel they are being bullied or want to speak up for someone else who they think is the victim of bullying. Here we have Room 3 children saying No to bullying.

The Year 3-7 students have been enjoying the opportunity to take part in table tennis workshops. A big thanks to the Brighton District Tennis Club for their help. We have learnt how to hit backhand and forehand. Some of us are even getting some top spin happening when we return the ball. The new table tennis tables are great for us to have. Thanks Mr Rowe for helping to put them together.

In Room 5 we really enjoyed making our Harmony Day Banners, especially because we got to use the gold and silver pens. We wrote our names on our own flag and then drew our faces and some special things that we like. Harmony Day was as special day for us to think about all the ways we are the same even though we come from different backgrounds.

SPECIALISTS

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**YEAR R/1/2**

**YEAR 6/7**

**YEAR 3/4/5**

**Wellbeing & Care**

As part of Bullying No Way: National Day of Action children were thinking about what bullying feels like, what to do about bullying and importantly what is the difference between bullying and an argument. Sometimes children use the word bully when they have had a disagreement with another child. These types of disagreements might need help to sort out but as part of building a child’s resilience and ability to cope with some conflict, they need to be able to distinguish between bullying and arguing. We have a very strong message here at Plympton Primary School of saying no to bullying and to ‘tell all’ if children feel they are being bullied or want to speak up for someone else who they think is the victim of bullying. Here we have Room 3 children saying No to bullying.

**School Fees**

School fees are due on Thursday the 14th of April (last week of term). If you are a low income earner or wish to pay by instalments, please see Alison by 14/4/16.

Options for paying fees are:
- You can come directly to the Finance Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and pay by cash, cheque or EFTPOS.
- You can do a bank transfer into the school account.
- You can enter into an agreement with the school where we debit your bank account for you. Please see Alison to fill out the agreement forms.
- For low income earners or wish to pay by instalments, please see Alison by 14/4/16.

**Financial News**

You should have received a flyer advertising this last week. The actual books should be at the Finance Office early next term, but you can buy early to receive extra discounts.

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**PORT ADELAIDE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB**

Seeking Junior Players for the 2016 season.

*U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s*

Season starts 29th April

Port Adelaide District Hockey Club, Corner of Sussex Terrace and Hart Street

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