Dear All

National Harmony Day
Thank you to Mrs Hobbis for again helping us to do an activity for Harmony Day in recognition of the importance of caring for, and valuing each other. It is also learning about the many cultures we have in our country and how tolerance and friendliness is a wonderful way of life in Australia.

Walkathon and Easter Egg Raffle
Thank you for your support for our Easter Egg Raffle and the Walkathon. These are important fundraising events for our school. The Easter Egg Raffle is an SRC activity and raises funds for Stewart House. The Walkathon is one of the major fundraisers for the year for the P and C. So keep finding those sponsors!

Sport News
Our two gala days are coming up in the next two weeks. Good luck to all the children attending these terrific days to develop their skills and fitness as well as learning important teamwork.

Swimming for Sport
Swimming will be on today and next Friday. The children will be able to have spending money today but not next week. This complies with our healthy school policy of allowing ‘sometimes food’ on special occasions. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Professional Learning
Ms McGrath and I attended an important Professional learning opportunity yesterday on coaching as a way of talking to colleagues and students about setting realistic goals for improving performance. We will be practicing on each other as well as the kids. It’s a very powerful way of adding another strategy for teachers and students to improve their learning.

University Tests
Please note University test information has been sent home to children on the basis of interest or past experience. Year 2 children are able to sit the test. We will not be subsidizing tests this year and did not send home information about writing or spelling as they are expensive. If you want your child to sit these tests please let us know.

Please note these tests are not the syllabus and we do not teach to the test. The children have to do their own extra work if they wish to do well in these tests especially as the tests get harder in the senior years. These tests are used for entrance to selective high schools so more children tend to sit them in senior primary years. Please let the office know if you would like more information.

It seems to be working with our newsletters going out once a fortnight. Please let the office know if you have any feedback about this new idea.

Roz Bannon
Principal
5/6 Class News

Last week we started narrative writing in a new way, we have begun with the complication, and then planned the beginning of the story from there. It is a new way and we are trying to move quite quickly through the process in the hope to have some writing pieces ready for the write4fun competition. We only have another week to put our short stories together.

The Hockey Gala Day was a lot of fun and we were lucky to have Mr Bobbin come to coach on the day in his own time. The high school students who were referees on the day were also very helpful; we all learnt a lot. The improvement over the course of the day was amazing. It was great to witness some great sportsmanship.

Yesterday the class spent the morning with the Bournda EEC staff for biodiversity mapping of our school. Everyone found it very interesting and had a lot of fun. Doug Reckord always provides fun learning activities.

The last two week’s awards went to; Isis and Taran – Successful Learners, for their commitment to their work in class. Caitlin and Lachlan – Confident and Creative Students, getting the most out of school with confidence. Maddie and Freya – Active and Informed Citizens, always committed to class rules and demonstrating an awareness of looking out for others.

The weeks are flying so we must be having fun.

Classroom teachers,
Danielle McGrath & Roz Bannon

2/3/4 Class News

It has been another busy week of fun and learning in our class again this week with great work being done in writing, subtraction, technology, music and sport. Students have had great fun working cooperatively planning their movie that they started to make with Natalie this week. We explored lots of websites to find out the difference between being mean and bullying, why people are bullied, how to deal with bullies and how help someone if they are being bullied. After lots of great discussions the students have planned a movie to communicate their knowledge to the rest of the school community. As well as thinking up the ideas they have written a script, prepared props, rehearsed, filmed and edited – fantastic creative learning enjoyed by everyone! We look forward to seeing the finished products closer to the end of term.

Many students have been having great success on the Mathletics program already this year. Congratulations to Jeremiah on his achievement of a gold certificate, and Mariska, Bianca V, Josh, Nick, Roseanne, Xantia, Dylan M, Bianca S and Lain who have all received silver certificates this term. Keep up the great work!

Many thanks to everyone who are collecting sponsors for the Walkathon – keep an eye out for the Easter raffle and AFL Gala Day (Years 3 and 4) notes – we look forward to a very active end of term! Congratulations to Stella, Matthew and Nick who were our class award winners last week – we appreciate your positive attitude and creative approach to all learning.

Keep up the great work everyone!

Leonie Buteux & Julie Moore

Fish Award Winners:

Congratulations to this fortnight’s fabulous fish award winners! Well done to Chloe from Kinder, Max, Faith and Sophie from Year 1, Mariska and Dylan M from year 2, Reed from year 4, Kataya from year 5, and TJ, Hannah and Caitlin from year 6, who have collected seven fish awards for their practice of the Fish Philosophy. Each will receive a prize for their fabulous efforts at our next whole school assembly. Keep up the good work everyone!
Kinder/Year 1 Class News
Hello from the kindergarten and year 1 classroom, where we are all leaning something new each day. We were all very excited at Tuesday’s Better Buddies session, when we each received our own Buddy Bears. They are already much loved, and participate in a range of activities and special times.

Letitia is continuing her gardening and cooking program with us on Wednesday afternoons. One week a group of us help in the garden, and the next week, cook something with something we have grown in the garden. Our second kinder group cooked us potatoes, with beans and sour cream – they were delicious! Thank you Letitia, for this great program.

Thank you to the children who are remembering to return and change home readers each day. If you haven’t got time to share daily reading with your child, please send home readers back anyway, so someone at school can share the stories with them. Children to receive home reading awards this fortnight are Faith and Jordan for 80, Lacey and Natalie for 60, Simeon, Aiden and Heather for 50, Bella for 40, James, Montannah and Max for 30, Kya for 20 and Remmy for 10 terrific home readers.

Our three children to receive special awards for week 6 were:
- Natalie – Successful Learner (for working well in a team);
- James – Confident and Creative Student (for showing initiative), and
- Chloe – Active and Informed Citizen (for helping to keep our school and classroom clean and tidy).

Our three children to receive special awards for week 7 were:
- Barney – Successful Learner (for always asking for help when needed);
- Simeon – Confident and Creative Student (for being a good friend), and
- Lacey – Active and Informed Citizen (for participating happily in all school activities).

We have another great week to look forward to next week, including technology with Natalie, music with Deb, library with Mrs Summers and all of our regular fun, learning activities.

Have a great week everyone. If you have any queries or problems, please see me.
From Mrs Hobbs, kinder and year 1.

Better Buddies:
Today is Harmony Day, but because of all the busy things we do Fridays, we celebrated this important event on Tuesday. The theme of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’ and buddies worked together to create colourful balloons which are hanging from the net in the whale room. Well done to all of our buddies – senior buddies are doing a great job helping their junior buddies to develop positive attitudes of co-operation and harmony.
### Award Winners

**Week 6**

![Award Winners](image1.png)

**Week 7**

![Award Winners](image2.png)

### Events for remainder of Term 1 2014

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