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Principal’s Report

What a fantastic response in returning the surveys!! Almost 100%. Congratulations.

Congratulations also to the Howie family who was lucky enough to collect the major prize of an iPad. The spirit of Emerton PS shone through with a generous round of applause for the winning family. It's easy to be a good winner, but it's even more impressive when you can be gracious when you don't win. Well done everyone.

I have asked Mr Linas whether or not he would be prepared to run a parenting course on using iPads. He was most excited and will be scheduling a session soon. If you are interested please let the office staff know so we can begin planning. The school will provide the iPads; you just have to spare a little time.

The Footsteps dance program has been running for two weeks now and the children are really enjoying it. It will run for another 3 weeks so make sure you are sending along the $2.50 each week.

The school recently received a generous donation of an air conditioning unit from Harvey Norman at Mt Druitt. It is a start of what will be a long journey in raising sufficient funds to have the entire school airconditioned. If ever you visit the store you may like to thank the staff or manager in person.

Between now and the end of the term there are a few events to which I would like to draw your attention and ask for your support. It is the International Year of Reading and there are a number of initiatives that the school will be holding to celebrate. We have already had Read Aloud Day and the first Books in Homes presentation will be held in a couple of weeks. You are all welcome to come along, but more importantly I would like you to share your children's books with them. Either listen to them read or read to them. Make yourself a promise. The Easter Hat Parade is being held on the last day of the term and this day is always a hoot. The Cross Country Carnival is two weeks away and Mrs Clapham will share some more details with you very soon.

Have you asked the children what they have been doing in class recently? There is some absolutely amazing teaching and learning going on. One class has top secret business happening, another is looking at 'Disgusting Things' and another is learning how to be scientists by exploring what happens in the gardens around the school. Sounds like a lot of fun…and a lot of learning.

I'm sure the blue and golds will win shortly.

Have a great weekend!

Kel Atkins
Harmony Day 2012

On Wednesday 21st March Emerton will be having our annual Harmony Day where children will celebrate Australia’s many different cultures. Our students will have the chance to learn about other cultures while celebrating the theme of Harmony Day: Everyone Belongs.

On this day we ask all children to wear a national costume OR the colour orange, the Harmony Day colour.

Harmony Day is celebrated at this time every year in schools and workplaces all over the country. Our school’s celebration will involve the students participating in special classroom activities, a Dance Workshop, an International Food Tasting Experience and a Costume Parade.

There will be a special dance workshop with an international flavour by the FOOTSTEPS company as part of a program that is currently running at the school. If you have not yet returned your payment for this, we encourage you do so as soon as possible. Previous workshops have been highly enjoyable.

There will be a costume parade in the hall after recess at 11:30. Parents are invited to attend this.

We are also asking children to bring an international food dish to be included in the International Food Tasting. This is to be brought to the old Shed before school begins at 8:50am. Don’t forget: this is just a tasting and children will still need to have their usual lunch.

Classes will be allocated a time starting at approximately 12:30am for the International Food Tasting. Parents are welcome to attend our Food Tasting however we ask that you wait until ALL children have been served first.

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<td>11:30 – 11:45 Costume Parade in the Hall. Parents welcome</td>
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<td>12:30 – 1:15 International Food Tasting Experience for students</td>
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If you would like to help with the Food Tasting please see Lyn or Sina, our Community Liaison Officers, in the Community Room. We encourage everyone to join us for this wonderful experience.

Mrs. L. Livio - Harmony Day Co-ordinator

Easter Hat Parade

Easter’s almost here! It’s time to start thinking about making your Easter hat for our annual Easter Hat Parade. Our parade will take place in our hall on Thursday, 5 April (Week11).

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are encouraged to make a masterpiece hat. All family and friends are invited to attend this event. There may even be a visit from the Easter Bunny! Stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, let your imagination run wild for a crazy hat design.

Mrs Miles and Miss Hancock 😊
School Cross Country 2012

On Friday, 30 March, 2012 (week 10), students at Emerton Public School will be participating in the school Cross Country. All students from years 3-6 will be taking part in the Cross Country. Any students in year 2 who turn 8 this year will also attend. It will be held on the school grounds during Friday middle session (after recess) 11:30am-1:00pm approximately.

All students will be familiar with the running course as they will be walking the track during sport and practicing during class fitness sessions. School representatives for the District Cross Country Carnival will be selected, only if their times are competitive.

Any students who have asthma are advised to bring puffers. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend the carnival from 11:30am onwards.

All students will need:
- At least 1 water bottle
- Hat
- Wear joggers to school
- Students can wear their sports house colours to school

Sports House Colours
Namatjira = Yellow, Dobell = Red, Nolan= Blue & Drysdale= Green

Mrs Clapham

Footy Fever Day

On Friday, 2 March 2012, Emerton students and staff participated in Footy Fever Day. We enjoyed wearing our jerseys and team colours to school. Due to the wet season that we’ve just experienced this summer, we were unable to play footy themed games on the day. However, the day was still a success as we raised over $100 for the Year 6 Farewell.

Could this be the year of the Panther?

Mrs Clapham

District Sport Representation

Congratulations to Reshaun for making it into the District Girls Touch Football team and to Malaki and Harry for making it into the District Boys Rugby League team. We sent 11 students to trial for these sports.

Well done to these students for achieving selection.

Mr Donges

2012 Sports House Captains And Vice Captains

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This term 3-4D have been learning about minibeasts. We have been observing, describing, measuring and investigating minibeasts in our playground. As a class, we have come up with a set of rules for investigating minibeasts. These rules include only keeping the creatures for three days and never touching a minibeast you do not recognise. As well as observing real minibeasts, we have been creating some awesome insect art.

TJ and Caleb investigating minibeasts inside their metre square.

Matthew with a beetle he discovered

Matthew, Jackson and Mason inside their metre square, where they found many different types of minibeasts

Rheice, Caleb and Fili-Maria with their awesome bug art.

Parent Cooking Program
Harmony Day
We will be celebrating Harmony Day next Wednesday and would like to have a taste testing of food for the students. Food can be dropped off to the Shed from 8:30am. Volunteers are always welcome to come and help with the serving.

Preloved Clothing
We have a lot of jackets and jumpers available in a variety of sizes so why not stock up now before the cold weather starts. All items are 50 cents each and can be purchased from the Community room in the mornings before school.

Student Banking
Student banking is available every Friday before school in the Community room. Please take your deposit book and money to the Community room. Late banking will not be processed.

P & C
We have had our Annual General meeting and our representatives for this year are:
President  Angela Su’a
Vice President  Amanda Viles
Treasurer  Michelle Grech
Secretary  Trish McDougall.
It was decided to change our meetings to the first Tuesday of the month at 9:15am. Our next meeting will be Tuesday April 3 and we look forward to new members joining us.

Let’s Kiss Breast Cancer Goodbye Lipstick Drive
Thank you to all the parents and staff who brought lipsticks, we were able to raise $280.00 towards our air conditioning and $70.00 towards Breast cancer research.

Mrs Lyn Steptoe Mrs Sylvia Hu’akau
Community Liaison Officers

Canteen News

Meal Deal  $4
Available from
Monday 12 March to Friday 26 March
Cup of Noodles (Chicken, Beef or Oriental)
Juice Popper
Torpedo Ice Block

Absentees
If your child has been away sick or for any other reason and you have not sent a note, please fill in this form and return with your child to classroom teacher.

Absentee Note
My child____________________________Class________
Because:

Parent/Guardian Signed____________________Date________
Community Announcements

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25th Annual
Penrith Working TRUCKSHOW
Sunday 25th March 2012 - 8am-5pm
Australia’s Best Value Family Day

The Best In Country Music

Troy Cassar-Daley McAllister Kemp Plus much more much more

- Direct access from Penrith Station
- Unlimited FREE amusement rides all day (6 rides)
- Concert sound & full stage
- Specialist trade stalls & displays
- Entertaining games & competitions
- Free Balloons & Fairy Floss
- Free face painting
- BBQ, drinks & beer tents
- Major prizes & trophies
- Price includes entry to Museum
- Adults $25, up to 3 Children FREE

Held at Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Penrith. Phone: 02 4731 3000
The Museum is a registered charity and all funds raised are directed towards saving our families from the dangers of fires while preserving the heritage of our communities.
Martial Arts Training
get in shape, have fun and
learn to defend yourself
All ages welcome

Tuesday 7pm till 8:30pm
Tregear community centre
108 Ellsworth Drive,
Tregear
First lesson free

Classes commence from 13/3/12

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