From our Senior Teacher

Harmony Day Thanks

Thanks to all students, parents and staff for the high level of participation in Harmony Day activities last Friday. It was fantastic to see students and staff proudly dressed in a wide variety of cultural attire - we truly are a multicultural school! After lunch, students participated in activities ranging from playing international games, sharing cuisine from around the world to creating amazing craft. I would also like to acknowledge the preschool which held their own Harmony Day celebration with a family evening last Tuesday.

Safety Management

We take safety management very seriously at Ross Park. There are a number of situations that could arise in schools and all staff members and students are prepared to respond appropriately. Teachers teach students the process that should be followed and these are practised. On Friday morning during our Harmony Day assembly there was a situation in the school hall that required an immediate evacuation. All staff and students are congratulated for the calm and efficient manner in which they made their way to the evacuation muster area. Well done!

NAPLAN Online

A selection of our Year 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN practice testing today, as part of our transition to facilitating this assessment from paper based to online. NAPLAN Online features ‘tailored testing’ which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability – resulting in better assessment and more precise results. NAPLAN is only one of many tools used by schools and teachers to make judgements about student achievement levels, providing tailored learning plans where necessary. Year 3 students will be writing a persuasive text whilst Year 5 students will be required to type theirs. NAPLAN will take place next term, from May 14 - 29.

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Dates to Remember

- Junior school assembly tomorrow Friday 29th March @ 8.40am in the hall (Hosts: 2 Lawson)
- End of Term 1: Friday 12th April; start of Term 2: Tuesday 23rd April
- NAPLAN 14-29 May

Our Eco Rangers are keen to take up their duties this year! They are:
- Wiktoria
- Nellie
- Ralph
- Phoebe
- Molly
- Dasein
- Marley
- Natalie
- Beccy
- Penny
- Violet Satha
- Jude

Ms Merritt will co-ordinate activities with our Rangers. They will be presented with their (recycled) badges at our Week 10 assembly on Friday 5th April.

(In the interests of sustainability, hard copies of the COGSO Family Newsletter will no longer be distributed. Instead, families can access the Newsletter electronically via our website.)
AFL
With the start of the AFL season last weekend, students were very keen to take part in the clinics this week, to improve their skills.

INVITATION FOR A DENTAL CHECKUP
Children attending school in the NT are entitled to free dental services. Parents should arrange regular dental checks for their children, delivered through health centres. To make an appointment, call Oral Health Services on 89516713.

CHANGES TO BUS TIMETABLES
ATG Downunder, which operates the school bus runs, has issued new timetables—copies available from the school office.

Mr Mathew’s Year 3/4 students created a whole class storywall, then condensed their writing into individual books, like Sophie’s. Great work students!

Raffle tickets will be distributed to families next week. Our special mums could win:
1. Lisa Hatz Photography Package valued at $500.00, donated by Trusty Glass
2. Bond Springs overnight stay package valued at $230.00, donated by the Heaslip family
3. Two cheesecakes valued at $100.00, donated by Bronwyn Crowe.

Tickets are only $2.00 each and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 3rd May, one week before Mothers Day, so that the cheesecakes can be delivered on time!

NAPLAN Online (14 – 24 May 2019) is fast approaching and students are familiarising themselves with the different question types and functionality of the online tests. We recommend parents and guardians visit the Public demonstration site at nap.edu.au to experience first-hand the NAPLAN Online test format. This site also contains information about the move to online testing including a helpful video titled Understanding NAPLAN Online.

The NAPLAN Online Privacy Notice outlining data collection and storage can be found at education.nt.gov.au/education.