Welcome to Term 1 - Week 8.

**RESPECT  RESPONSIBILITY  LEARNING**

**Wednesday 18 March 2015**

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Friday 20 March               | Crazy Hair Day—Supporting Kids with Cancer  
Gold coin donation           |
| Friday 20 March               | Whole School Assembly  
2.15 pm  
Class item from 3/4P         |
| Thursday 26 March             | Harmony Day—please see information in bulletin |
| Monday 30 March               | P&C AGM 7.00 pm       |
| Tuesday 31 March              | Dream Production—$5  
Dinosaur Adventures  
Preschool, Kinder and Year 1 |
| Thursday 2 April              | Easter Hat Parade P—6  
12.00—1.00 pm  
All welcome                  |
| Friday 24 April               | Athletics Carnival—TO BE CONFIRMED |

**National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy 2015**

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

**Norta Norta Tutor**

Our School has been given the opportunity to employ a Norta Norta Tutor for approximately 60 hours throughout the year. If you have had experience as a tutor and are interested in applying please contact the office by Friday 27 March. An information package will then be given to you.

**Priority Employment**

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people have priority for employment as tutors for the Norta Norta Program.

**Aim of the Program**

The Norta Norta Program provides targeted support for Aboriginal students to accelerate progress in student achievement. The focus of the program is to provide learning assistance in the key areas of literacy and numeracy to improve educational outcomes for Aboriginal students. The funding is based on the previous year’s NAPLAN results.

**Crazy Hair Day—Supporting Kids with Cancer**

**When:** Friday March 20

**Cost:** Gold coin donation

Children are encouraged to wear ‘crazy hair’. Be creative with coloured hair spray, ribbons, pegs, pipe cleaners and other creative things to decorate your hair in a crazy way.

Shane Bransdon

**Harmony Day 26 March**

Harmony Day will be held this term on Thursday 26 March. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend our celebrations which will run from 11.20 am—1.05 pm. Children are encouraged to wear orange as an expression of harmony. Please see order form for our Harmony Day Lunch.

Tash Mackie
Easter Hat Parade
Date: - Thursday 2 April
Time: - 12.00 pm—1.00 pm
Venue: - Infants COLA
Attendants: - P—6 classes, families and friends

At the conclusion of the Easter Hat Parade parents and friends are invited to join their children for a picnic lunch.

Transition to School
As part of our transition to school program, our preschool teachers will be visiting the Kindergarten classrooms to see how our Preschool children are settling into their new classes. Mrs Ward and Miss Dodds enjoyed their visit to K/1G, KM and KD in Week 7 and were impressed at how well the children were working and how grown up they looked in their uniforms.

My Pet Dinosaur
Some Preschool, Kinder and Year 1 children enjoyed an interactive dinosaur experience on Friday 13 March. The children learnt many facts about dinosaurs and were engaged in experiences including a fossil dig, plaster painting and interacting with 3 life-like miniature moving dinosaurs.

Choir
Choir is happening this year! Years 3 –6 students are welcome to come and sing while making new friends on Wednesdays at 2.30 pm in the library. The choir is working towards songs for the Cluster Choir performance in Term 3.

Fundraising
Easter Egg Raffle Donations –Please kindly donate an Easter chocolate, big or small, for our Easter raffle. All donations can be left at the school canteen. Raffle tickets will accompany this week’s bulletin so please sell to your family, friends or neighbours. All raffle tickets and money are to be returned to the P&C letterbox at the front office by Wednesday 2 March. Spare tickets can be collected from either the canteen or front office. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat parade.

State Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall – Election day is Saturday week!!! We really need more volunteers!! If you are can help in anyway with setup, cooking the bbq, selling cakes, pack up or chatting, for even as little as an hour please contact/txt Richelle (0419210273) or John Henry (0448001886) or leave your details in the P&C post box at the front office.

AGM
The 2014 P&C year will close at the end of March with our Annual General Meeting or (AGM) - Monday 30 March 2015 at 7.00 pm in the library. Along with the financial wrap-up for 2014, voting for the 2015 P&C Executive will also take place. Only financial members are able to vote and membership costs $1.

Uniform Shop
The cooler weather is starting to creep in. For all your winter uniform needs come & see us at the Uniform Shop - Monday 8.30 am—9.15 am and Friday 2.30 pm—3.15 pm. The Uniform Shop price list is also available on “Skoolbag”. Layby, cash or cheque only.

Cheers Richelle (0419210273)
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<td>Dream Production Dinosaur Adventures Preschool, Kinder and Year 1</td>
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**Excursions Stage 2 and Stage 3**
- Our excursions are filling fast. Please see office staff for deposit and permission slip.
- **Stage 2**—Deposit due by 27 March—$50
- **Stage 3**—Deposit due by 2 April—$50

**Sewing Club Donations**
We are looking to begin a sewing club with Stage 3 students. To keep costs low we are looking for donations within our school community. It’s time to clear your cupboards of excess sewing supplies. We would greatly appreciate any of the items listed below. These would be put to good use with the students who are interested in learning sewing skills in a fun, creative environment.

- Fabric (non stretch) including cottons, blends or calico, lace, ribbons, doilies, felt, zippers, velcro
- Wool, wadding, hobby-fill, buttons
- Embroidery, embroidery hoops and sewing cotton
- Sewing needles, pins, safety pins

When: Term 2
Where: Multi—purpose room

**Hunter Sports High School - Year 7 2016**
Hunter Sports High School will offer 14 sports in 2016. Dates, times and venues for the upcoming Talented Sports Program trials are now set.
If your Year 6 child is interested in applying for a position at Hunter Sports High School in 2016, the information is now available on their website: www.huntersports.com.au
Applications close on 1 May 2015.

**School Banking**
Rewards are still available with your child’s school banking. Along with the Planet handball and ET DVD there is also the blue wallet, headphones, knuckles game, projector cup, moneybox, scented pencils, sea streamers, shark key ring and the swim bag.

**Don’t forget School Banking Tuesdays.**
### HARMONY DAY LUNCH THURSDAY 26 March

A special Harmony Day lunch will be held on Thursday 26 March for children and parents/caregivers.

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<td>Italian meatballs</td>
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<td>Sweet and sour pork with rice</td>
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<td>Pasta Napolitano with Vegies</td>
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If you and your child/children would like to participate in this special lunch please send money and form back to the canteen no later than Monday 23 March. **(NOT OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY)**

Name:__________________________ Class:________

### EASTER LUNCH TUESDAY 31 March

A special Easter Feast lunch will be held on Tuesday 31 March.

If you would like to order please fill in the form and send back no later than Friday 27 March.

**NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY** as cocktail fish has to be ordered from the fish shop.

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COST: $6.00

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