



Harmony Day

"Everyone belongs" is the meaning behind Harmony Day every year. It's a time to come together and celebrate our cultural diversity and respect the cultures of those who call Australia home. Paterson Public School is proud to join the many schools across Australia in celebrating our diversity next Tuesday the 21st of March. As orange has been the traditional colour since the first day it was held in 1999, we are encouraging students to wear something orange on this day to embrace the meaning of Harmony Day. A reminder that enclosed footwear **must** still be worn and no singlet tops are to be worn.



P & C

Our next P & C meeting will be the AGM on Monday 20th March with normal P & C meeting to follow. Due to a technology problem the P & C minutes will be sent home on Monday.

Year 6 Fundraiser

Year 6 are running an Easter raffle to raise funds for their end of year gift to the school. We are seeking donations from the community to use as raffle prizes. These donations could include but are not limited to Easter eggs and plush toys. The donations can be handed into the office. Raffle tickets will be on sale at lunch time at a cost of \$1 per ticket or 3 for \$2. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 7/4/17 during our Easter Hat Parade.

Thanks for your support , Mr Lowrey

School Council Parent Representative Nomination

Last week a nomination form for any willing parent from our school who wants to be nominated as the representative of the parent community on the School Council was sent home. Your nomination needs to be returned by Monday 20th March in time for the P&C meeting.

Collecting Children Early

All parents who wish to collect their children early from school are asked to come to the office rather than going directly to the classroom. This helps minimise disruption in the classroom. Thankyou for your understanding in this matter.

Tocal Volunteers

Recently sent home was a Tocal Field volunteer note. This is our only big fundraiser and we are asking that you give it your consideration to volunteer.

Easter Hat Parade

Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Friday 7th April. The parade will be starting at 12.15pm. Parents are encouraged to come along and cheer their child.

Term 1, Week 8 March 17th Coming Events

March

- Mon. 20th - P & C meeting 7.00pm
- Tue. 21st - Sharing Culture performance for Yrs K-2 at Pre-school
- Tue 21st - Harmony Day
- Wed. 22nd - Year 3 Assembly
- Thu 23rd - Book Club due back

April

- Wed. 5th - School Photos
- Year 5/6 Assembly
- Thu. 6th - PBL reward day
- Fri. 7th - Last day for Term 1.
- Easter Hat Parade 12.15pm
- Year 6 Easter Raffle draw
- Mon. 24th - Staff Development Day
- Tue. 25th - ANZAC Day
- Wed. 26th - All students return for Term 2
- ANZAC School Service

Notes Sent home

P & C Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tell Them From Me Student Survey for Years 4 to 6

We are delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me Student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. We want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 13th March & 7th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school no later than Tuesday 21st March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:
<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.



Hat Parade!

It's that time of year again! Time to get out the cardboard, scissors and glue to make a hat for our annual school Hat Parade!

This year's Hat Parade will be on Friday 7th of April, the last day of Term One. It will be a fantastic day of fun! The parade will begin at 12.15pm. It will be followed by the announcement of the Egg Design Competition winners for each grade, the drawing of the Easter Raffles and then an Easter egg hunt!

Your child's hat can be based on any theme, it does not have to be an Easter hat.

Happy hat making!

We look forward to seeing you there!

