Harmony Day
Everyone Belongs
Message from the Principal

What a special day we had together on Thursday as we celebrated Harmony Day. It was just great to be able to learn more about the customs and traditions of various cultures. The costume parade was amazing. Thank you ever so much, mums and dads, for providing such an incredible lunch. We really appreciate your efforts and we certainly enjoyed all those yummy dishes. Thank you to those of you who attended the event and for the special presentations some of you shared with us all. I also really want to thank Tiani Page for helping out with the special art activity in the afternoon. Soon you will see lovely drums painted by the students in our garden. These will be used to grow things such as native plants.

You may have noticed a gentleman here during part of the day. He came on behalf of Lakes Mail to collect some information about the event. An article and some photos about our Harmony Day will appear in the paper at some point. Watch this space!

As you know, sadly Mrs Woods has resigned from her position as K-2 teacher due to health reasons. We are so grateful for her contribution to our school and we will miss her. If you have any questions about the ‘what next’ for the K-2 class then please do not hesitate to contact me. Please let me assure you again that Mr Bennetts, our CEO, and I are working hard to find a suitable replacement teacher. In the meantime, we are doing our best to ensure that this time of transition goes as smoothly as possible. Mrs Greensill and Mrs Tasker will be teaching the class next week. Initial reports will be sent home next week so please look out for these. If there are any pressing matters that need to be raised then please contact me so that I can note these and work through them with you. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

I would like to, once again, extend a special invitation to parents to attend our weekly Chapel programs. These take place on a Wednesday from 9 am until approximately 9:40 am. We would love you to come along and join us at this time, if you can make it. The K-2 and 3-6 class will be performing short skits for Chapel during the final week of the term. The students have been working on these skits in Drama class through-out the term, and it would be great to have as many parents there as possible.

The last of our swimming lessons for the term will take place next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Students are reminded to, once again, bring along their swimmers, towel, goggles and sun screen for these lessons.

Our value this week has been ‘patience’. It certainly is not always easy to be patient! As they say, patience is a virtue. The Bible indicates in the book of 1 Samuel that the ‘lack of patience can cause you to miss blessings.’ Being patient is a vital part of trusting in God as our life circumstances are not always what we’d prefer. Philippians 4:6 says, ‘Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God’. Next time you face a challenging situation, praise God that we no longer need to be in bondage to a ‘natural response’ because of what He has done for us. Instead, with God’s help we can respond with patience and in complete trust in His power and purpose.

Blessings,

Miss Charmony Dias
Principal

Primary Cross Country

The date for our K-6 Cross Country has now been changed to Monday, April 1. We apologise for any inconvenience but due to circumstances outside our control, we have had to bring the event forward one week.

All students are required to wear their sports uniform on Monday, April 1 for the Cross Country event to be run on our track around the Primary School oval at Avondale School. Students will run in their age group, which is the age they will turn by December 31 2019. The times for each age group are as follows:

- 9.15 - 9.55am 11 year olds 3kms
- 9.55 - 10.30am 9 year olds 2kms
- 10.30 - 11.00am 10 year olds 2kms
- 11.00 - 11.25am RECESS
- 11.25am - 12.10pm 12 year olds 3kms
- 12.10 - 12.55pm No running
- 12.55 - 1.40pm LUNCH
- 1.40 - 2.10pm 5 & 6 year olds 1km
- 2.10 - 2.30pm 7 year olds 1km
- 2.30 - 3.05pm 8 year olds 2kms

The first 5 places in the 8 to 12 years age groups will be invited to compete at the HRIS Cross Country event at Avondale College on Friday, May 3.

Please note the HRIS Cross Country will fall on the last Friday of the school holidays.