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Dear families,

It's Harmony Week!

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the

**Wear ORANGE to
celebrate
Harmony Day**

world, and this is reflected in the diversity of cultural backgrounds present in our school family. We celebrate this cultural richness every day and highlight diversity and inclusion in Harmony Week.

Families are invited to classrooms to share aspects of their culture with students throughout the week. On Friday we will have an Assembly at 2:15 where all classes will share. Families are welcome to attend. Students may come dressed in orange or in traditional clothing of their cultural background.

We were thrilled to begin Harmony Week with a visit from Revan and Soziar (both past leaders of our school). They shared aspects of their Kurdistan heritage with their brother Rezhwan's class.



Waste management initiative

Our school is participating in a 12-week pilot of a sustainability program to inform the development of a state-wide program for schools. The program consists of waste and litter audits, along with surveys at



the commencement and end of pilot; development of a Waste Reduction Action Plan (WRAP) and communication of progress within the school community. Miss Thompson is driving this initiative and today coordinated an audit of our waste and litter, ably assisted by our students.



Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who participated in Friday's Cross Country event. Grit and determination were present in abundance as students completed the course in very warm conditions. Selections have been made for participation in the upcoming Zone Cross Country event. Many thanks to Mrs McMaster for her organisation of Friday's event.



Easter celebrations

Our **Easter Hat Parade** and raffle are quickly approaching! Time will be allocated in class to make the hats. Your child may bring craft items to share in this activity, and family members are welcome to come along and help- have a chat with your child's teacher if you are able to assist.

We are gratefully receiving **donations for our Easter Raffle!** Please think of us when next in the supermarket and pop an Easter Egg or easter themed gift in the trolley. Donations can be left at the office. Tickets will be on sale soon! Many thanks for supporting this fundraising event.



NSW DoE Anti-bullying strategy

Bullying is defined by three key features:

- it involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- it is intentional, ongoing and repeated
- it involves behaviours that can cause harm.

Having a disagreement with a friend, or a single incident or argument is not defined as bullying. These behaviours may be upsetting, and should be resolved, but they are not bullying.

At WWPS we focus on preventative actions by explicitly teaching anti-bullying lessons and planning initiatives that promote and support diversity, such as Harmony Day.

Please follow the link for further information including what actions parents can take:

- if your child is being bullied
- if your child has seen bullying
- if your child is bullying others

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/attendance-behaviour-and-engagement/anti-bullying/parents-and-carers>



NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 students began NAPLAN assessments last week. Students are approaching the assessments calmly and giving their best effort. Results will assist teachers to plan personalised learning in Reading, Writing, Numeracy and Language Conventions. Results will be distributed to families as soon as they are available.

Year 6 students and families

Are you interested in joining Callaghan Waratah's ASPIRE High Potential Program for Year 7 2024?

Applications close on Friday 31 March 2023.

Apply online at:

https://waratah-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/gifted-and-talented.html?fbclid=IwAR3Xazlv7mbpNNfu0arU2m3geFQs97VL_VDai-7A1np4Uf4A-y5NOy-hJE

Attendance

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Our goal is >95% attendance across the school- almost achieved last week with 91%! Keep up the great work!

The attendance winner of the week is Year 2 with an attendance rate of 94.4%. Tangerine and Magenta will proudly display the Attendance Award trophy until next assembly, where it will again be awarded to the year with the highest attendance rate.

Week	School rate	Top Year	Rate
2	93.5%	Year 2	97.5%
3	87.9%	Year 3	94.5%
4	89.5%	Year 4	95.7%
5	85%	Year 6	95.5%
6	88%	Kinder	96.1%
7	89.4%	Year 1	96%
8	91.4%	Year 2	94.5%

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

= 4 weeks



= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week

= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

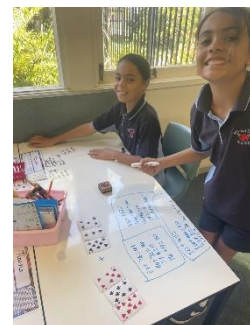
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Silver Class News

Silver have enjoyed a busy, creative and sporty Term 1! Our days have been filled with lots of learning about the world around us through texts we had read together and responded to with stories filled with similes, metaphors and new vocabulary. Metaphorically speaking, Silver are blossoming into fantastic authors! We have explored new strategies for addition and multiplication, created patterns with numbers, balanced equations and tackled the tricky task of telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks in math. During all of this we have been learning about the garden, where our food comes from and cooked popcorn and corn fritters during the Kitchen Garden program. We have been in touch with our creative minds discovering artists old and new and their various styles including Wassily Kandinsky, Pablo Picasso and indigenous artist Betty Muffler. We have some talent in Silver that's for sure!



Many of us were involved in the Soccer gala day and showed tremendous sportsmanship and pride representing our school. We all ran our best at the Cross Country carnival in Week 8 showing resilience and determination to finish what we start. On top of all this year 3 have completed NAPLAN for the first time. This week is Harmony Week and everyone is looking forward to the activities we will share with visiting family members from our class as they share the many cultures we have in our classroom. What a term - I think everyone will enjoy the break that is not too far off!



WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS



*Otto, Onland, Noor,
Maebh, Ari, Keni*



River, Tamsyn

“Get to Know.....”

Name	Crystal Jones
Role at school	SLSO
1. Family	I have two daughters Marli & Sami
2. Pets	Two Staffy's named Jindi & Tui
3. Hobbies	Listening to music and watching movies.
4. I am passionate about	Family and friends
5. I grew up in	Maryville
6. School	Tighes Hill PS, Broadmeadow High
7. Food	Steak, salad & chips
8. My favourite holiday	Anywhere
9. who is your hero?	Wonder Woman, Rosa Parkes
10. Music	Reggae, Blues



CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS – TERM 1

Week 9

Monday 20 th March	Playgroup 9-11am
Tuesday 21 st March	Water Safety & Swimming Tangerine, Magenta & Lime
Friday 24 th March	Canteen Aqua & Lime ONLY Inclusive Sport LIME ONLY Harmony Day Assembly 2:15pm

Week 10

Monday 27 th March	Playgroup 9-11am
Tuesday 28 th March	Water Safety & Swimming Tangerine, Magenta & Lime
Wednesday 29 th March	Rugby League Gala Day U12's
Friday 31 st March	No Canteen Assembly 2:15pm Tangerine Class Presenting

Week 11

Monday 3 rd April	Playgroup 9-11am World Autism Awareness Day Student Leadership Day at Callaghan Jesmond
Tuesday 4 th April	Water Safety & Swimming Tangerine, Magenta & Lime
Thursday 6 th April	ANZAC Service 9:30am Easter Hat Parade and Raffle 2:15pm LAST DAY FOR TERM 1

CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS – TERM 2

Week 1

Monday 24 th April	Staff Development Day (No Students)
Tuesday 25 th April	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY (No Students)
Wednesday 26 th April	Students return