Harmony Day

News and Views

Great Work
Last week I had the opportunity to visit 2/3W and the students completed some Mathematics activities and Noah was successful in “Making 100”. I also spent some time in K/1G and the students completed addition activities and grouping on the interactive whiteboard. Good job.

I also had students visit to show me what they have been working on in class. Anna from 5C shared her great exposition and Oliver, William and Zane of K/1H showed me how well they are reading. Kara, Bailey, Jorja, Saxon, Jordi and Jye 2/3W read me their “dogs are better than cats” expositions and Nathan and William 3/4G shared their candy wrapper designs. Congratulations to Emma from 2/3G for an outstanding effort at polo cross. Well done guys, keep up the great work.

Starstruck
Fantastic news, both of our Starstruck groups were successful in being accepted this year, a fantastic achievement. Thank to Mrs Weekes for coordinating our involvement in Starstruck.

P&C AGM
The School P&C held their Annual General Meeting last Wednesday and all positions were filled. We welcome Kylie Rathbone (President), Sue Byrnes (Vice President), Sharon Sharp (Treasurer) and Sharon McNaught (Secretary). Thank you to those who accepted a position we look forward to doing great things for our kids.
Easter Hat Parade
Our K-2 Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 28 March at 11:00am and parents are welcome to attend and have lunch with their children afterwards. Our Easter raffles will be drawn at the conclusion of the Easter hat parade. Easter hats for the parade are to be made at home and brought to school on the day. We have another exciting activity this year. All students from K-6 have the opportunity to decorate a boiled egg and have it displayed at our Easter hat parade. This is an optional activity. Boiled eggs could be dyed, coloured, decorated to look like a chicken, bunny, bird, person etc. Your imagination is your only limit and we are really excited to see what Wyee PS students create.

Active After Schools finishing
This is the last week for Active After Schools this term. The program will continue in Week 3 of next term.

Disco
There is a school disco planned for Thursday 11th March, 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Students can participate at a cost of $2.00 and students who are on level 1 or 2 are not permitted to attend. Food, drinks and glow products will be available to purchase.

Harmony Day
Wyee P.S. celebrated Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March with a variety of activities to promote getting along and belonging. The continuing message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’. It’s about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Our students were divided into Harmony Day groups and they rotated around activities that promoted racial tolerance, cooperation and respect. The students participated in craft activities, made Harmony Day banners and found out information about each other and different cultures. The students looked great in the colour orange and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you to the teachers for preparing the activities and our Year 6 leaders for their guidance.

Harmony Stew
Ingredients—2 cups of tolerance and respect, 2 cups of cooperation, 1 ½ cups of understanding, 1 ½ cups of happiness, 1 cup of care, 1 cup of kindness, ½ cup of love, ½ cup of sharing and togetherness, ¼ cup of calm, 1 tablespoon of help.
Method:
Step 1. Sift your cooperation, tolerance and respect into a large mixing bowl; pour in your understanding in generous amounts.
Step 2. Mix thoroughly, sprinkling on sharing and togetherness evenly over the stew.
Step 3. Add in happiness, care and concern. Mix until thick and creamy.
Step 4. Boil over a medium heat and stir in calm and help.
To serve: Pour large amounts into bowls and garnish with love and kindness.
Makes a world full of happiness and harmony.

Building Maths Skills at Home
With a little creativity you can make mathematics a lot of fun. Here are some easy things you can do at home to help your child with Maths.

There are many games you probably already have at home that encourage development in Maths: Yahtzee (basic addition), Connect Four (problem solving strategies), Puzzles (spatial awareness), Card Games, Monopoly (money), Battleship (coordinates).

Talk about the calendar and dates with your child. Make it exciting by looking forward to special events. It is fun for them to count the weeks and days until birthdays or to see what day of the week a specific holiday will be on this year. You can help your child learn to count money by playing ‘shopping’ with them. Use real coins and let them be the cashier.

Use an empty egg carton as a counting tool to practice addition and subtraction skills up to 12. Simply place an object in slots and use the empty slots to count up to/from 12.

Introduce time—Tell them that they can play a game at a certain time. Begin with easy times (7:00) and get progressively more difficult (7:30 and 7:45).

Cook with your child. Read the instructions on the back of the box and allow them to measure the ingredients. You can develop a better understanding of fractions by discussing equal parts with your child. Any time you have a pizza it is an opportunity to discuss the concepts of whole, halves, quarters and eights.

Making flashcards of basic addition of subtraction facts can be an easy way to practice. You can make it a game by seeing how many they can answer in a minute.

Anytime there is a project at home that involves measuring centimetres and metres, let your child help. This allows them to understand that the concepts they are learning at school have real world applications. Point out shapes and discuss them.
Cross Country
The School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Tuesday 9th April at Wyee Public School. The Cross Country will begin at 9:45am and conclude at 11:30am. The students will run in their age groups – except for the 8 and 9 year olds who will run together. Parents are welcome to stay and have lunch with their children. The first 6 students will receive permission notes for the Zone Cross Country Carnival which is scheduled for Friday 3rd May 2013 at Rathmines. The first 4 students will be attending and the 5th and 6th place students will be reserves.

Have a safe and happy Easter
Adam Boulus
Principal

The Morissetian - "The Morisset High School Minute"
Hello everyone, Easter is nearly upon us, hasn’t the term flown!! Last Friday Morisset High School took part in the National Day of Action against Bullying with students presenting on assembly as well as raising money for Kids Help Line. This was a great effort by Miss Harding and her SRC team. Last week our HSIE Faculty took two year groups of student to the Lake Macquarie Art Gallery to view an exhibition of Aboriginal Artwork. We are so lucky to have such an important resource so close to our school and on a train line. In sport last week our school was successful in defeating Lake Macquarie High School in Open Boys Football 4-3 and our Open Boys Touch team defeated Swansea High School 7-0. Intense Music tuition began last week for guitar, drums and keyboards with students getting one on one tuition for the instrument of their choice. All three of Morisset High School’s STARSTRUCK audition groups have been selected to perform at STARSTRUCK this year, an amazing effort by Miss Ford, Mrs Bryde and all of their dancers. Finally, we have recently announced our Year Advisor for 2013, Mrs Kerr. She will be going out to all of our primary schools in the coming week with Mr Bennett and beginning our transition program for our incoming Year 7 students for next year.

Mark Snedden
Principal Morisset High School

Hi everyone!
In this week’s newsletter is some information about KidsMatter. Hopefully earlier in the year you got a postcard about it as well. KidsMatter is an initiative we are taking on at Wyee this year. It aims to bring together key people in kid’s lives to focus on their wellbeing and mental health. There are many ways we are hoping to achieve this, but the first area we are thinking about is our sense of community as a school. The Action Team is meeting every fortnight to think about our school and how we can support staff, students and parents to have positive and respectful relationships and what we can do to make school a safe and welcoming place. The action team consists of Mr Boulus, Mrs Kingham, Mrs Sharpe (learning support teacher), Ms Middleton (Parent) and Mrs Baker (Chaplain). If you would be interested in joining the action team or being involved in some of the Kids Matter initiatives please let me know. The fact sheet in the newsletter this week has more information about the action team and ways that we would like parents to contribute. I can’t believe how quickly Easter has come around! I hope you all have a peaceful (if short) break with your family.

Happy Easter!
Hannah Baker
School Chaplain

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