A late reminder that there will be a P&C meeting in the staff room at 6.30pm this evening. All interested parents, carers and community members are invited to attend.

BULLYING WORKSHOP

The school plans to hold a workshop on Bullying in the staff room, 4.30-6.30pm Tuesday 8th April. What Bullying is and how the school responds to bullying will be discussed. A session on what parents can do to support their child will also be provided as well as an opportunity to answer questions. Please complete the attached return slip on this page to the office by next Thursday 3rd April if you are interested in attending. Tea and coffee will be provided.

PBS LAUNCH & HARMONY DAY

Last Wednesday’s PBS launch and Harmony Day were a great success. Many thanks to those of you who could attend and share the day with the children. A feature was our Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition. Seven students from Stages 2 and 3 participated. They were Eva Pendlebury, Jemma Pollock, Broc Barbaric, Tullulah Symonds, Brock Doyle, Jessie Mudaliar & Sean Terry. Eva, Jemma, Jessie & Brock Doyle have been selected to compete in the second round to be held in June. Congratulations to all participants. The quality of their speeches was of a very high standard.

STAFFING

Mrs Overton is on leave for the next two weeks replaced by Mrs Cohen. Mr Mussett will be standing down from his position as Assistant Principal supervising Stage 3 for personal reasons until further notice. He will be replaced by Mrs Lee.

PSSA SOCCER

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Zone Soccer Trials in Bega last Friday. Elyshia Westley has been selected in the girl’s zone team and Broc Barbaric and Riley Donaldson have been selected in the boy’s team. Both teams will compete in the regional carnival to be held in Kiama. Please contact Mr Kerr if you have questions regarding this activity.
**Mathletics Update Week 9**

I would like to congratulate the 7 students that have received their Silver Certificates this week. Congratulations, also to the 40 students who obtained a Bronze Certificate last week. Remember: to get a Silver certificate you must get four Bronze certificates. Bronze certificates are earned by getting 1000 points in a week (Monday morning to Sunday night), about 5-10 activities in total. Just check the rocket ship to see your weekly progress.

Congratulations also goes to 1/2O who were last week’s leading class with 14 certificates. Second place is awarded to 3/4K (13) and 3/4W (6). Just remember students have full 24hr access to Mathletics on the Internet.

Simon Taylor

**Year 1 to Year 4 Technology Update**

Over the past few weeks, students have been discussing digital citizenship and cyber safety. To support discussion, students have been accessing the website “Hector’s World” ([http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/young%20kids/visit-hectors-world.aspx](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/young%20kids/visit-hectors-world.aspx)). Students and parents are encouraged to access this site at home to further discuss being safe online.

**New Headphones In The Computer Room**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Woolworths (Tura Beach) for their very kind contribution to the purchase of 40 new headphones to be used in the computer room by all students. Thank you.

Sincerely

Simon Taylor

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**PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY!**

On **Wednesday the 26th of March**, EPS will be supporting the Purple Day for Epilepsy. This is a day dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy. Purple Day was founded by a 9 year old girl in Canada who wanted to get people talking about epilepsy, and let other children with seizures know that they are not alone.

All students are invited to dress up in purple (if you don’t have purple clothing students must wear their school uniform) on Wednesday the 26th of March! There will also be purple merchandise sold from the front office. These include:

- Ribbons - $2
- Pens & Bracelets - $5
- ‘e’ Badges - $5
- Diamond ‘e’ Badges - $10

Thank you for your support of Purple Day!

**Performance Fee**

Every year we endeavour to give our students a variety of performances. These performances are based on our curriculum and the children benefit and enjoy them.

With this in mind we will be invoicing each child $15-00 as a “one off” payment to cover the cost of all performances throughout the year.

A note will be sent out this week regarding this fee.
We were excited to introduce KidsMatter to the parents, carers and students at the PBS Launch last Friday. Families are the biggest influence on children's mental health and play a very important role in KidsMatter. Schools need the support and involvement of parents and carers to make sure everyone is working towards the good mental health of children. As mentioned at the assembly, there is a great website: www.kidsmatter.edu.au that has excellent resources for families to access concerning all areas of mental health and wellbeing, such as problem solving, coping skills for children and understanding behaviour. There was a short video shown at the assembly giving an overview of what KidsMatter is about. If you missed it or would like to watch it again go to: http://bit.ly/1dmlzFc

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Term 1, Week 8 PBS Winners:

Damien Payne
Rahul Mudaliar
Joey Wilson
The EPS P&C Fete is only 2 weeks away! It is on Friday the 4th of April from 10:30am – 1:30pm.

It will be a day of fun with lots of games, activities, stalls and yummy food and drinks to buy on the day.

We are still in need of adult volunteers to help run stalls so that all planned stalls can go ahead. If you can volunteer even an hour of your time it would be very much appreciated!

We are still looking for donations for the stalls as well as Easter eggs for the major raffle. If you are able to donate items please bring them into the office at school. Big thanks to those who have already donated items!

We would also really appreciate if you are able to sell your book of raffle tickets and return the tickets and money back to school.

Next week we will send home a price guide for the stalls and food & drinks so you can help your child to budget their money on the day!

Thank you so much for your assistance, and for helping to support the school P&C that supports your children.

Any questions or to volunteer your time, please contact Emma Bolton on 64961169.

Did you know that Sapphire Aquatic Centre has taken over the gym?

What this means is -

- Cheaper gym memberships starting at $11.55 per week
  - NOW open 7 days per week
  - NEW group fitness classes and more of them
- Group fitness memberships for ALL classes in the pool and in the gym
  - FREE use of the child minding facility with any membership
- Direct debit options available

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