Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather over the weekend.

Thanks to Michele and Jorjah for their fantastic pancakes last week. PJ Day raised over $30 in support of Toormi Thunder, our local team participating in the Kokoda Challenge on the Gold Coast.

**Harmony Day/Anti-Bullying Day**

Saturday 21st March is Harmony Day which celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. In 2015 we celebrate 15 amazing years of Harmony Day! Students are being asked to wear orange on Friday 20th March to show support for this fantastic event.

The fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be held on Friday, 20 March 2015. This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

We will also be celebrating Harmony Day on the 20th March with a special multi-cultural lunch that the children will prepare and eat together.

**School Sign**

Our blue timber sign needs to be replaced as it is almost completely decayed. I raised the issue at last week’s P & C meeting and mentioned my desire to have a carved hardwood slab school sign made and installed. If anyone knows of a way to get our hands on a suitable piece of timber for free (or cheap) please let me know. If I don't hear from anyone I'll contact Adam’s Sawmill. I like the rough, natural edge look but I am of course open to suggestions. Tell me what you think. I’ll ask one of the local men’s shed groups if they can do the carving…..unless of course we have a talented and enthusiastic carver in the school community.

**How Lucky We Are**

How lucky we are to have such a supportive community. Thanks again to everyone for the ongoing support you show to our beautiful school. The children enjoy and benefit from our weekly Salsa sessions with Kelly and Pauline did some excellent work with the kids at our first movement and learning lesson last Tuesday.

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**TERM 1 CALENDAR**

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Reading groups could not happen without the help of Lara and Jamie- Lee, and as a group the P & C are amazing!

**Cascade Environmental Education Centre Camp 4th, 5th and 6th May**

A permission slip, medical form and information regarding our Term 2 camp to Cascade EEC was sent home last week. This promises to be an awesome learning experience for our students. Please return the permission note as soon as possible. Anyone wanting to discuss payment options please call Glenda or myself and we will endeavor to make payment arrangements that suit you and your family.

**Easter Egg Raffle Donations**

The call is out for donations for this year’s Easter Egg Raffle. Chocolaty donations for this fundraiser event will be kindly accepted at school. I should warn everyone that it will take every ounce of my self control to refrain from eating the prize as I am a confirmed chocoholic.

**Bellinger Valley Small Schools Network**

Last Friday I attended a planning meeting with Principals from the Bellinger Valley Small Schools Network at Orama Public School. It is a pleasure to be part of this group and the sharing of ideas, initiatives and resources will certainly benefit our students and school community.

**Easter Celebrations**

On Thursday 2nd April (last day of term) there will be a Easter hat parade and Easter egg hunt, followed by morning tea. This event will commence at 10.30am. Our Easter raffle will also be drawn on the day. All parents and community members are welcome to join us.
Head Lice

Please be aware that head lice have been found to be present at the school. Please be diligent in checking your child’s/children’s hair regularly and take the necessary steps to eradicate. If treatment is required, it is important to do a follow up treatment 7 days later to help break the breeding cycle.

Knitting News

Thank you to last Friday’s knitting volunteers Janice and Marcia. Rom and Cindy are now enrolled in the Crossy Knitting Program. Malakai and Rahni have gone to extraordinary lengths in their achievement with finger knitting metres and metres. Malakai has extended his learning and taught himself how to 5 finger knit. Well Done! Pauline has had to put a “shout out” on Facebook for donations of wool, so if you have any unwanted wool at home that you don’t think you will use, please send it into the school which is now in a knitting frenzy!

Crossmaglen Special Mexican Potatoes

Last Friday the children made Mexican potatoes. A delicious jacket potato (wrapped in foil and cooked in the oven until tender) topped with our special Crossmaglen Special Mexican Chicken Meat Sauce (chicken mince, Spanish onion, refried beans, crushed tomatoes and taco seasoning). But wait there’s more! On top of the Special Mexican Sauce is grated cheese, lettuce, grated carrot, corn niblets and sour cream. What a wonderful combination of delicious flavours. Mrs Peart

Photo Gallery

Help! We are in a knitting frenzy!!