Dear Parents, Students and Staff

It was another great day at Hampton Park PS today with our school-wide focus on Harmony Day and celebrating the cultural diversity at our school and within the community. Room 1 and the Chinese Choir did a fantastic job in spreading the message of Harmony Day and the theme of belonging which in today’s society is becoming more and more important. The learning in classrooms around this theme was evident as I spoke to many students on the day and was pleased to see the pride students were displaying in regards to their various backgrounds and cultures and what makes them special. I’ll let the photos below do the talking for those who weren’t able to join us throughout the day.

The long table lunch proved a hit and it was great to see so many family members in the school enjoying the wide array of food provided.

Tomorrow many of our senior school students will be participating in the summer carnival in the sports of Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball and Flag Belt Rugby. I wish all the teams’ good luck as they represent our school. I’m looking forward to coaching the girl’s cricket team after seeing their skills on display during Senior Sport last Friday.

Kiss & Drive
This Kiss and Drive area is designed to be a safe area for parents to collect their students. Most of the time it is very effective and traffic congestion is minimal. Every afternoon we have staff rostered on to help where necessary and direct traffic to keep students safe. In the morning we do not have staff on duty as we are assuming duty of care for the students who have arrived at school and are waiting outside classrooms. The same rules apply in the Kiss and Drive in the morning and afternoon and I’ve noted some of the more important issues after receiving feedback from parents below:

- The parking bays located in the middle of the Kiss and Drive are for parking, so parents can take their children to class or pick them up.
- The four bays on the outside marked Kiss And Drive are only for dropping off students and picking them up. Parking and leaving the vehicle in these bays causes traffic congestion and makes it harder for parents to safely drop off and pick up their children.
- Parking on the curbing areas limits vision for drivers and causes a potential safety hazard
- The speed limit is 10 km/h

As I said above, most people are doing the right thing all of the time and as the term has progressed there appears to be less occasions where we have people parking in the wrong areas and causing traffic to build up.

As a school community the safety of students in this area is our priority so it is important we all work together.

Regards,

Phil Springett
Principal
Room 1 Assembly
Well done to Mrs Cardy and the students from Room 1 for a marvellous assembly. It was wonderful to hear the students sing Hello in many languages. Thank you to all the parents that attended.

- Hello 🎵 Kia Ora 🎵 Ni hao 🎵 Hi there 🎵 More 🎵
- Hallo 🎵 G'day 🎵 Bula 🎵 Bonjour 🎵 Konnichiwa
- Talofa 🎵 Namaste 🎵

Harmony Day
Today our school spent the whole day celebrating Harmony Day! All the children had a wonderful time learning about various cultures from all over the world. We had a special Lion Dance performance where all the students got to take some good luck with them. We encourage you to ask your children what they learnt about respecting and appreciating others so all people can live in Harmony. Thank you to all family members who supplied lunch and for those who were able to share a picnic with their children and stayed to enjoy our fabulous Irish Dancing.

Author Visit
On Monday, the Year 6 students were lucky enough to have Diane Guntrip, a local author, come to visit. She has written a novel called ‘Dear H’ which addresses the issue of bullying. Students were given a sneak peak of the storyline and then participated in robust and rich discussions. The library has purchased five copies of the book and students were also given the opportunity to purchase their own copy. The incursion was a great success.

Mathematics Enrichment Program
Curtin University are running a Mathematics Enrichment program for Year 5 and 6 students. The program is suitable for a broad range of mathematically talented students. The cost for two terms will be $330 per student. For further information, visit the link [http://scieng.curtin.edu.au/science/mathematics-and-statistics/mathematics-enrichment-classes/](http://scieng.curtin.edu.au/science/mathematics-and-statistics/mathematics-enrichment-classes/) or come and see Mrs Speldewinde before the end of the term.

Hampton Park Helping Hands
Spaces are starting to fill up quickly so if you need care please come and see us for more information. Afternoons are also starting to get busy however we still have plenty of space most days. Please check our availability poster outside our room.

Thank you to everyone who came to support us with our Harmony Day cupcake stall. We are excited to see if we have been able to beat our last year total of $164.20. Please watch this space for an update on the funds we have raised for Telethon.

We offer a homework club every day to assist children with completing their daily reading, spelling and maths. Please book in now if you would like us to assist your children with their homework.

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Community News

Beechboro Braves Junior Football Club
Training Tue/Thurs 5-6pm Auskick games on Saturday Mornings and are held at Atone Park, Benara Road, Beechboro - Contact Jenny 0402 314 656

John Forrest Secondary College
Cricket Trials are being held at The WACA on Monday 3rd April 2017 for the Department of Education approved Specialist Cricket Programs (endorsed by the WACA) at Belridge Senior High School, John Forrest Secondary College and Kent Street Senior High School.
Tennis Trials are also being held for the John Forrest Specialist Tennis Program (approved by the Department of Education and endorsed by Tennis West) on Thursday 30 March 2017