**Principal’s Message**

**Easter Hat Parade**
Next Thursday 2nd April our school will be holding its annual Easter Hat Parade. It will be held in the school hall and will start at 2.15pm. We invite you to start creating your Easter Hat so that it is ready for this fantastic day.

**‘Bandage Bear’ Day**
Yesterday we had ‘casual clothes and bring your teddy to school day’. We raised $169 from the gold coin donations, which will be donated to the Goulburn Base Hospital Children’s Ward. Thank you to Miss Bosevski and the SRC for organising this great event.

**Harmony Day**
This Friday 27th March, to acknowledge this day children can wear something orange.

The children will be involved in activities that encourage harmony and friendship throughout our school and will be acknowledging the different cultures that our children come from.

**P & C Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
Our P & C Annual General Meeting will be held **tonight Wednesday 25th March** at 6pm in the staff room. New faces are most welcome to come along.

If you have the time, we really do need additional people to help spread the work load and support the school. It would be sad to see this institution disbanded, as they have been a huge help with fundraising.

This year the P & C will be asked to support both School Camps, our Recorder Ensemble going to the Opera House and resources for our school. Without your support costs for these extra curricular activities goes up.

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**Easter Raffle**
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**Athletics Carnival**
Congratulations to all the winners of our Athletics Carnival last Thursday. You will be receiving your ribbons at assembly on Monday. Thank you for your fantastic behavior during the day and we love the way you supported your houses as children competed. A big thank you to the Chhea family from the Dalat Bakery who donated the bread for our BBQ.

**Cross Country**
Our Cross Country Carnival will be held next Thursday at Wollondilly P.S. We will be sharing this event with Goulburn West. If your child turns 8 this year, they will be eligible to compete. Students will need to wear their sports uniform and bring a hat, their recess, a drink, a jumper and wear their running shoes. This event will be run during school time (the bus leaves at 9.30am and the children will return by 1pm approximately.)

**House Competition**
The winning House for this week was Oxley,

**Citizenship Awards**
Congratulations to:
- Matilda Level 2
- Alucard Level 1
- Ella Level 12
- Madison Level 3
- Mackensi Level 5
- Abbie Level 9

**P & C BBQ /Cake Stall Cancelled**
Due to lack of support from the school community, our Election Day BBQ/Cake Stall has been cancelled.

**Dates to Remember**
- March 25th P & C AGM 6pm
- March 30th Rugby Union District & Zone
- April 1st District Basketball, Autism Awareness Day
- April 2nd Cross-Country, Easter Hat Parade, Last day of school for Term 1
- Term 2 Monday April 20th Staff Development Day
- Tuesday April 21st Children return to school
- Saturday April 25th ANZAC Day March
- Monday 27th April School ANZAC Ceremony

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We are on the web
http://www.goulburnsp.schools.nsw.edu.au
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What’s happening in Group 1M

Year 1M have been working on ‘ap’ and ‘at’ words. They have been participating in word building and making sentences with these words.

In Maths we are beginning work on length. We will continue to practise our counting, especially counting backwards.

We have Harmony Day this Friday, students are looking forward to the activities.

Library has finished for the term, so students will not be borrowing for the remainder of the term. This is the last week for homework. Mrs Manning

What’s happening in Group 2/3M

This week we begin addition and subtraction in Maths, using a variety of strategies to work out sums and problems. We have heard several great oral exposition speeches so far and we look forward to hearing more this week and next.

Please remind your child to prepare and rehearse their speech on their selected statement, ready to present to the class.

We are revising our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables until the end of the term. Please encourage your child to practice these as part of their homework.

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Mrs Barnes

What’s happening in Group 3/4B

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What’s happening in Group K-6M

Cross Country notes went home on Wednesday. It is $3 for the bus. Please return the note as soon as possible. Please let me know if you need another note.

During Literacy we are writing our own narratives, everyone is trying really hard.

This Friday we will be celebrating Harmony Day—it is a casual clothes day—try and wear orange.

A reminder that the Easter Hat Parade is on next Thursday. If you haven’t started making your hats, try and make a start.

‘Student of the week’ is Xander. Well done.

Miss Bosevski

What’s happening in Group K-6M

I would like to congratulate everyone on their fantastic job at assembly. Our display for it has taken 7 weeks and it shows in their finished products. Cross Country notes have gone home on Monday. Could you return them as soon as possible please. If you need another note place a message in the communication book and I will send one home. The Cross Country is for Year 2 and up.

Reminder, the Easter Hat Parade is next Thursday. If you haven’t already started making your hats, this weekend may be the perfect time to start. ‘Student of the week’ is Ty.

Ms Martin
What’s happening in the Library

We are well under way with the clearing of the library in preparation for our new carpet. Thank you to all who have given their time to help. It is a huge job and I really appreciate the support. The library will remain closed until early next term.

Please encourage your children in Years 3-6 to continue reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge and to continue to record completed books.

Children may keep their library books for the holidays but will need to return them early next term.

Mrs Gilchrist

The Enviro Club

Our veggie patch is nearly finished. Last week we pulled the carrots which weren’t very big and collected tomatoes and banana peppers. The students, who were brave enough, discovered that the lime green banana peppers weren’t hot at all, not chilies!

We shared our harvest at the Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Mr Hazelgrove for building up the beds in the chook pen in readiness for the changeover of our veggie patch.

April is Autism Awareness Month

How Common ASD?

Research shows that about 1 in 100 children, almost 230,000 Australians, have an ASD and that it is more prevalent in boys than girls (Taylor & Seltzer, 2011; Brugha, et al., 2011).

What are the causes?

Currently, there is no single known cause for ASD, however, recent research has identified strong genetic links. ASD is not caused by an individual’s upbringing or their social circumstances.

Symptoms

Some of the following may be early indicators of ASD. No single indicator necessarily signals ASD-usually, a child would present with several indicators from some of the following categories:

Behaviour, Sensory, Communication, Social Skills, Play.

Next week on Wednesday 1st April our school will be recognising Autism Awareness by allowing the children to wear something blue to school, and/or crazy hair day. There is no need to bring gold coins for this day.

Athletics Carnival Award Presentation

The Athletics Carnival ribbon presentation will take place at next week’s assembly for interested family and friends.

As there were no finals in the 70m, 100m and 200m races at the School Athletics Carnival, placegetters are the fastest three times from all the heats in each age division. Before their races, children were encouraged to do their best because they are competing against children in the other heats. Sometimes this can cause confusion for some children.

P & C News

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P and C News

Canteen Roster

Friday 27th March
Michelle, Sherrie

Tuesday 31st March
Michelle, Pat

Wednesday 1st April
Michelle, Kiri

Canteen News - Friday 27th March
‘Red Occasion’ at Lunchtime
Hot Dogs .... $3.00
What's Happening In 2/3M?

23.3.15 Newsletter

In maths, we are learning about adding numbers up. In fast maths, everyone in 2/3M is improving in fast maths.

In science, we are working on melting chocolate first. We melted white chocolate in our math. In science, we are also working on melting butter.

In fitness, we are learning to hoppo sometimes after normal munchies. We practice hoppo.

By Talisha

23.3.15 Newsletter

In 2/3m we have been doing some hoppo in fitness and we are getting better and better.

We have also been doing an art work from Vinson Vango. It is a vase with some pretty flowas. It is turnin out fantastic.

In science, we are timing how long it takes for a big piece of chocolate and a broken up piece of chocolate to melt.

In P.H, we are tryin to keep hands and feet to your self and use friendly talk. If we complete this task, we will have a class party at the end of the term.

By Charlie