

## **P&C Principal's Report 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

It's been a busy month with a lot of school activities. We had students participating in Harmony Day with everyone dressing up in orange and some in traditional dress. Everyone completed a small artwork that will go together to make a large school artwork similar to the one that currently hangs in the office area.

We had a very successful Aboriginal Education cultural day recently. The performers were from Koomurri Indigenous group (members are from a variety of clans on the East coast of Australia) who tour schools to provide students with experiences and understandings of Indigenous cultures. The children participated in dancing, art activities, story-telling, Aboriginal history and cultures. Everyone had a fantastic day and enthusiastically took part in all that was on offer. The people who came to work with our children were very engaging and enthusiastically involved the children in all aspects of the day.

Our school cross country carnival went well last week and all children in Years 2-6 took part. The carnival was held at school because of the oval closures at Lionel Watts. We found, however, that the children enjoyed this course and by holding it at school they had the opportunity to run around different parts of the school that weren't necessarily their play areas. While everyone put in an enormous effort with the challenging course, one of the greatest things was seeing how supportive the children were of each other particularly those that didn't necessarily finish in the top 6 places. There were encouraging cheers for those who were putting in lots of effort and trying their hardest despite the place they were coming in the race. It was great to see our school values being displayed during the carnival.

Next term is shaping up to be just as busy. We are starting to get expressions of interest for enrolments for next year. We are holding our Kindy 2020 Information Night on 1<sup>st</sup> May and will have a good idea then how many students we can expect for next year. So far we have expressions of interest and/or enrolment forms from 31 siblings. We are hoping to have 3-4 Kindy classes for next year.

On School Development Day, staff members will be involved in training with Circle Solutions (Wellbeing program where students work in a circle to discuss and work through our Strong Minds initiative), Reading Eggs (learning all about the new functions of the program to best tailor for individual reading needs), and Professional Learning (latest research and starting to formulate an Action Research project that all teachers will be involved in).

Our photos will be taken in Week 2 with all children wearing winter uniform. I have had some enquiries from parents about winter uniform options for the girls and when new pants option will be introduced. I have had some correspondence with the Uniform Shop about this and just waiting for confirmation.

We are holding NAPLAN Online again this year. The children have participated in a 'readiness' test and are becoming familiar with the process. Participating in the tests online means the set of tests are able to be more tailored to the students' abilities and give a more accurate picture of their capabilities.

In addition, we will also have athletics training for Years 3-6, Yoga for Years K-2, Parent/Teacher interviews, our school disco, the Life Education van will visit, and the school Athletics Carnival.

P&C contribution – The P&C contribution is currently set at \$75 per family. Is this changing for 2019? It will be added to the Term 2 fees.

In 2018, \$14,517 was donated = 193 families out of approximately 350 families (55%).