**Harmony Day**

On Wednesday March 20th we will celebrate Harmony Day.

There will be a number of Cultural Activities throughout the day. The highlight is our Multicultural lunch.

We ask that parents notify Bec in the office what dish they will be sending in on the day and its cultural significance.

On the day we will also require assistance with preparing the hall, heating food if necessary and also assisting with clean up.

Terry Hure will be in the canteen from 8am and food can be dropped off from that time. Food that requires reheating needs to arrive before 8:45.

Thank you for your support.

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**High School Placement**

We are entering an important part of the year. Expressions of Interest will be sent home on Monday. If you would like to speak about your child’s high school placement, please make an appointment at the office to see Mr Bradley, Mr Lumley or Mr Beeton.

Year 5 students will also need to consider their options and decide if they will apply for Hunter School of Performing Arts or Merewether Selective High School.

Many students have Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus as their local high school. There are a number of options at the school and applications for their GATs class have been sent home already.
Easter Celebrations
This year we will have an Easter Hat Parade on Thurs. March 28th 2:15-3pm.

You are all welcome to attend the parade.

Easter Hats will be made at school. We would appreciate donations of large ice-cream containers and decorations for use in decorating the hats. Please bring them to the office. We will ensure that all classes have a wide selection of materials.

The P and C Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade.

The P and C are asking for donations for their raffle. There is a box in the office and suitable items include baskets, chocolate and … Chocolate!

This day will also be this term’s Pizza and Disco Day. A note to order pizza will be sent home in the next week. A gold coin donation for out of uniform would be appreciated.

Calling Joeys, Cubs and Scouts
1st Mayfield Scout Group will run a free introduction to Scouts at the school on Wednesdays from 3:15 – 4:15. This will run on the 13th, 20th, and 27th of March. The final day will be April 3rd.

Please come along with your child and see if this group is for you.

Introductory night will be Wednesday 13th March 5pm -7pm 1st Mayfield Scout Hall, Ida Street Mayfield

Information Packs and free sausage sizzle on the night
Ages 5 to 12

GOT IT! Tip Of The Week
Encourage your children to face difficult situations in a gradual, step-by-step manner. Don’t help them avoid difficulties, as this will only promote fear.

School Banking
The Cooper Clan have made a great start to school banking this year. Learning to save money is a great skill to acquire from a young age. In school banking the students are also provided with some prizes for regular banking from the Commonwealth bank.

Ride 2 School Day – Friday March 22nd
Ride 2 School day will be held on Friday March 22nd. We will meet in Islington Park at the barbecue area next to the new playground at 8:25am. Bike helmets are required! Please see Road Safe messages from NRMA attached.

Everyone is welcome to attend. We will complete a number of circuits around the playground before continuing our journey to school.

Ride2School Day is about making active travel a normal part of the school day. There are many benefits to participating, here are just a few:
• Riding to school will reduce traffic around the school, making the school trip faster
• Students will arrive at school alert and are more attentive in class
• Riding helps develop important life skills, in addition to increasing confidence.