**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Welcome back to the remainder of Term 1. I hope you all enjoyed the short Easter break with family and friends, I also hope the Easter bunny was good to you!

Over the past few weeks I have been in negotiation with the Bankstown and East Hills School Education Directors, Rod Leonarder and Helen Wardega, to discuss funding for an upgrade to the hall. I am very pleased to announce that they have been able to support us with the installation of an electronic screen and fixed projector along with many other devices including lectern microphones and a DVD player.

This new equipment will ensure that the hall is used more extensively as a learning space for students, teachers and various DEC groups.

_Daniela Frasca_

**HARMONY DAY**

Harmony Day, which is on the 21st of March each year, is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and improve it. It is a time for cultural respect, usually celebrated across schools, childcare centres, churches, business and federal, state and local government organisations. Everyone is different and this is what makes us all unique.

The message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”. In 2013 the theme is: “Many Stories – One Australia”. From the Dreamtime to the Eureka, from the outback to the city, in wartime and in peace, our stories may be heart-wrenching but also inspirational. Harmony Day coincides with the International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Let’s now celebrate our diversity. Let’s wander through the pages of each other’s story. It’s a way we can learn and understand.

_Heidi Xing_
CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Don’t miss out on the upcoming free event, Cinema Under the Stars. The popular movie “Brave” will be screened on Saturday, 13th April from 5.30pm with drinks and sausage sizzle also available. As this is presented by our own P&C in conjunction with Riverwood Community Centre and PAYCE, it would be great to see as many school families support the event by attending.

COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE

Our next Community Garden Working Bee will be held on Saturday the 13th April from 8.30am to 11.30am. This will be a special day for harvesting as our garden is bursting at the seams with fresh produce. Come along and join in helping on the day, making new friends, and enjoy a BBQ lunch.

STEWART HOUSE AND THE SMITH FAMILY CLOTHING APPEAL

Stewart House and The Smith Family Clothing Appeal bags have been distributed with this edition of the newsletter. Please return the bags filled with good, clean, wearable clothing, shoes, manchester and blankets. The charities use these donations to help support disadvantaged children in our communities. Filled bags can be left at the end of the front office hall by Tuesday 14th May.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Just a reminder that our last day of term one is Friday 12th of April. There will be two staff development days at the beginning of next term and students will return to class on Wednesday 1st May.

MATHLETICS

Your child’s class is now using Mathletics which is a web-based learning program that integrates home and school learning via the internet. Each student has been given a username and password. We recommend that you spend time looking at the program so that you can gain an understanding of how Mathletics will benefit your child. If you have any problems with signing in please contact the school. You can also visit the site directly at: www.mathletics.com.au
BREAKFAST PROVIDES BRAIN FOOD

Eating breakfast each morning improves children’s learning, concentration, behaviour, overall nutrient intake, and establishes healthy eating patterns for life. Some quick breakfast options include:

- wholegrain cereals and reduced-fat milk
- baked beans on wholegrain toast and a glass of reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie and toast
- toast topped with cheese and sliced tomatoes
- egg on toast with a glass of reduced-fat milk
- wholemeal or wholegrain toast or fresh bread, with margarine spread plus a topping, such as tomato, reduced-fat cheese or baked beans
- reduced-fat yoghurt, fruit and raisin bread
- fruit salad and yoghurt.

Serve breakfast with a glass of water or milk to get children hydrated.

ST GEORGE RUGBY LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT

Students in 4/5/6 have been participating in workshops to develop their skills in Rugby League. They have been taught how to throw and catch, tackle safely and play a modified game. Students have enjoyed the opportunity to get involved especially with Rocky who has been their development coach.

AWARDS - Week 9
Uniform Award – 2/3 and 4/5/6
Hat – K/1
Assembly – K/1
GARDEN NEWS

Students have been learning and working in the garden as part of the Seed, Harvest, Spoon program with their class teachers and educators Michelle and Natalie. K/1/2 along with the other classes have planted seedlings and are taking care of them so that when harvest time comes along, we can share the produce with our community.

FAMILY FUN DAY

TO SUPPORT

Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation

jumping castle - facepainting
kid's games - stalls
food - drinks

Our Lady of Fatima Church car-park
cnr Forest Rd & Isaac St, Peakhurst
Saturday 6th April 2013
8.30am to 3.00pm

Stallholders required
Car Boot sellers required

CONTACT:
email: lionsbiggestbbq@gmail.com for details
or phone: 0411 045 148

School Holiday Activity Morning for parents and children 0-12 years

In partnership with Riverwood Community Centre, Campsie Police and AFL.

Enquiries Marian or Kerrie Riverwood Community Centre family support team 9533 0100

When: Thurs 18th April
Where: Riverwood Community Centre Wetlands, meet near Play Equipment.

TIME: 10-1pm

- 10am - 11am, Meet Local Police and sit in Police Cars and Police bikes, Police Quiz
- 10-11am Craft activities. Face Painting
- 11 am -12am AFL games and sport
- 12am -12.30 Treasure Hunt

Treasure Hunt

12.30 - Tues BBQ lunch