Preps celebrated Harmony day on Wednesday by wearing silly and funny hats to school.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN
We were informed recently that that Caitlin, Miranda and Sian have been invited with their parents to attend a NAPLAN ceremony at the Penguin School later this term. These 3 girls achieved scores in the top 1% of their school or state in Grade 3 national testing in 2013.

Testing for this year’s grade 3 and 5s will occur on May 13th, 14th, and 15th (week 2 of term 2)

SPORT
Our School Athletics team competed very well as both individuals and a team in the recent NWPSSA Athletics carnival. The team participated in division two of the carnival with schools that are a similar size to ours (300-400 students) and managed to win the shield for first placing.

Our Hurricanes Cup cricket team completed the first part of the season last Friday with a T20 Blast game at West Park. Congratulations to all boys who participated in the team in first term. All team members attended all training sessions and conducted themselves extremely well in line with the code of conduct through the games. Thank you to Mr Kerwin for coaching and scoring on Friday afternoons and we look forward to the roster continuing in term four.

DONATION
I would like to acknowledge the kind donation from the Rossiter family of $500 towards a vegetable garden outside the Grade 2 rooms. This will allow a reformation of the current garden into a productive food source for the grade 2 students and at the same time encourage healthy eating and learning about plant growth through the Science curriculum.

PROGRESS REPORTS
I trust that parents found the recent progress report informative in so much that it gave an indication of how your child has settled into the 2014 school year, in terms of behaviour and work habits. There is no formal parent teacher accompanying this report; however, as is always the case, we encourage discussion with your child’s teacher to support the comment in these reports.

LONG SLEEVE POLO SHIRTS
Orders will close on the 28th of March. Order forms are available at the office.

STAFFING
We welcome back Tameika Munday on a part-time basis this week on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of term. Corina van Essen will continue on the Grade 5 class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the end of term, from which time Tameika will return on a full time basis.

Deb Morcom will continue in her capacity as Music Teacher until the end of term.

FROM THE FEEDBACK BOX
Perhaps a staff car-park could be set up in the gravel area behind the JMC to free up a few more spaces in the car-park.

Response- Currently this area is underutilised admittedly with only two staff members parking their cars in this area. This provides a car parking area for two teachers who work in the JMC. We encourage staff to use the JMC car-park area at times when we have large numbers of visitors to the school and car spaces are limited even more than usual.

At this stage however, the JMC car-park has inadequate lighting and uneven surfaces that minimises its usage on a full time basis. To further upgrade the area would mean that we would remove funding from other school priorities to this area, which cannot really be justified. Also it is a requirement that we provide parking for staff that is reasonably close to their work space for both security and safe handling purposes. Staff in the winter terms in particular often leave school in the dark and personal security is paramount.

I acknowledge the parking situation at our school is far from ideal, but it is workable if motorists and pedestrians continue to be aware of each other and the procedures we have in place are followed.

At a recent Parents and Friends meeting, two suggestions were raised:

1) That the end of year assembly be held after hours e.g. 6.00 pm so that parents who work could attend.
2) That we could introduce a discretionary Parents and Friend levy for those who would like to contribute to the group in lieu of not being able to commit to activities throughout the year.
If anyone has any comment regarding these three suggestions please place them in the feedback box or comment using the school email account accessible on the school web page.

**SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

I would like to congratulate Luke Sayer, Amina Casey and Sarah Jane Murphy on being the successful parent representatives on the School Association Executive. Thank you to Dylan Halfacre and Natalia Ross for their nominations and the parent body for their high voting return (48%).

**Our current membership is;**

- Parent Reps- Luke Sayer, Bradley Pilgrim, Sarah Jane Murphy, Amina Casey
- Staff Reps- Nichole Todd, Amanda Hyland, Ben Jones, Diana Cohen
- Principal- Jeff Triffitt

We do not have a current community representative (a person who does not have children attending the school) and I would like to hear from anyone who has a nomination for this role or from parents who may have the name of a person who the Association Executive could approach. The community rep. is someone who can add capacity to the School Association particularly in terms of knowledge of education, business practice, reform processes, departmental policy and procedures.

The group meet approximately every 2 months on a Thursday evening.

**P&F REPORT**

**WELCOME BBQ**

Even though the weather was a little chilly and windy, it didn’t stop families from enjoying this year’s Welcome BBQ. I am grateful to Cath Simpson for assisting me in organising this event. The face painting by Natalia was a big hit with the children, together with the free BBQ and jumping castle in the gym. It was great to see so many families enjoying a relaxed evening.

Thank you for those helpers listed who were able to assist on the night. Cath and I are both appreciative of your help:

Brad Pilgrim, Marion, Murray and Maya Ferguson, Cath, Cate and Rob Simpson, Rachel Jones, Paul, Summer and Stacey Pilkington, Natalia and Andrew Ross, Leigh and Rosemary Flynn, Janelle Cooper, Allison and Andrew Sushames and Teeny Brumby.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Dale Blyth from Woolworths, Wynyard for his donation to this event.
SCHOOL BANKING
School banking has started and I would like to thank Amanda McLaren, Paula Bryan and Janelle Cooper who have all taken over the role of depositing money every week on a Tuesday morning. Try and encourage your child to be responsible for organising this each week by prompting them the night before.

FUNDRAISING MONEY
At the first meeting it was decided to spend up to $2000 on early childhood home readers. As the Geography Curriculum is being implemented the P&F have given their support to purchase a set of atlases for the school.

Every two years the P&F supports the Family Life Program with a donation and this was agreed to again in 2014. The P&F will also purchase two packs of blue overlay for $60 for children with Dyslexia as this has helped those children who have trialled their use.

THE SPIRIT OF BURNIE COCKTAIL PARTY SATURDAY 1ST OF MARCH!
What a wonderful night we had at the Cocktail Party. We raised $6500+ so this is a fantastic effort. We thank those who attended on the night and also for getting into the spirit of the 1920s theme. Well done to Carla McKenzie and Andrew Crisp for winning Best Dressed, although I would have to note everyone looked amazing. (sing it)...Mr Jones, Mr Jones, it’s a hard gig being the MC and we all loved your hilarious and thought provoking questions. In our 4th year running this event and making $26000 over this time, it would not have happened without the wonderful support I received in organising the night. Special mention needs to go to Cath Simpson and her catering and serving team, Teeny Brumby in decorations and promotion, and Shayne Sayer who helped me obtain over $5000 in donations.

The list below shows the extent of helpers before and during the event and I thank you for your assistance and if I have forgotten your name here, be assured you are appreciated:

Pre-event: Helen and Betti-Elle in the office, BPS 2014 Student Representation Council, Andrea Dallas from BS&E, Heather Wild, Maya Ferguson, Millie Ferguson, Ava Ferguson, Sian Llyod, Amanda Llyod, Libby Parke, Finley Sayer, Shayne Sayer, Mel Butcher, Tara Bester, Lisa Palmer, Cath Simpson and Teeny Brumby.

Caterers and kitchen helpers– Ben Jones, Rosemary Flynn, Nicola Varney, Loreen Crisp, Amanda Lloyd, Janelle Cooper, Allison & Andrew Sushames, Emma Rattray, Carla McKenzie, Leanne Broxam, Cath Simpson and Ian Brumby who coordinated the kitchen clean up and washing up.


Door and General Assistance on the night- Heather and Ian Wild, Natalia Ross, Nicola Varney.

AGM
The Parents and Friends AGM was held last month and I would like to congratulate the new Executive of Teeny Brumby (President), Natalia Ross (Vice-President), Nicola Varney (Treasurer), Jolene Mason (Secretary) and Graham Simpson (Patron). These roles certainly take a lot of time and I would encourage you to assist them in their endeavours in 2014 as they take on these positions. It would be great to see more parents at meetings so that you can decide how the money you have raised is spent and also to form a stronger community. Many of you work quietly behind the scenes and I have appreciated your assistance in my role as recent President. Cath Simpson as 2011-13 secretary, the P&F thanks you for your significant secretarial role...you were magnificent at it!

Good luck Teeny, your passion and community focus will have a ripple effect.

Marion Ferguson
Kinder Days
At PCYC 4LMC students learnt about leadership, communication, co-operation and teamwork.

We learnt that communication is both speaking and listening. We learnt we work better when we planned together. We learnt about teamwork and working cooperatively together. We learnt we can succeed if we try our best, encourage one another and don’t give up.

Reflections from students in 4McP:

“I think our effort was good but we need to stop and plan before we start, instead of rushing.”

“I learnt that I can trust my team mates and that I can be whoever I want to be.”

“That listening helps more than you think.”

“That being a leader is harder than you think. It’s hard to listen to others who won’t listen to you.”

“We learnt that communication is both speaking and listening. We learnt we work better when we planned together. We learnt about teamwork and working cooperatively together. We learnt we can succeed if we try our best, encourage one another and don’t give up.”
PCYC is building many life skills within our students:

- Communication—both listening and speaking
- Team work
- Cooperation
- Leadership

Week 2 reflection:

“I am not good at working in a group. To help this I could ask people nicely not to be bossy.”

Week 3 reflection:

“I have improved on not being bossy with my self-control.”

(Student kept anonymous)

Weekly reflection:

“I found the planks the hardest because most of the boys wanted to go to the front and I was trying to go slow and low. It felt hard being a leader because the others don’t be quiet. I learned that I get in and have a go.”

Weekly reflection:

“I learned that you really shouldn’t worry just about yourself, you should help others instead and worry about yourself last. I learned that I sometimes don’t let others speak but I’m the kind of person that gets things in order.”
In Grade 3 Jones and McKenzie, we have started our weekly Maths Rotations. This involves 6 different stations related to the strands of Maths. Here we are working hard at our stations.

**Station 1 – Number**
We are working on place value by making and using Number Expanders.

**Station 2 – Shape**
We are looking at 2D shapes, we are focussing on the different types of triangles

**Station 3 – Units of Measurement**
We are looking at length and items that are bigger and smaller than a metre.

**Station 4 – Statistics and Probability**
We are looking at graphs and using that information to answer questions.

**Station 5 – Patterning & Algebra**
We are following instructions to make our own patterns.

**Station 6 – Computers**
We use the computers to reinforce our skills. Here we are using the site: coolmath4kids.com
Grade 3 students from both classes have been completing the ‘Operation Resilience’ challenges at the Burnie branch of the PCYC. Students work together to complete a circular obstacle course that tests both their mental and physical abilities. The program builds teamwork skills, communication, leadership and cooperative skills, all the while challenging students to work outside their comfort zone building self confidence and an ‘I can do it’ attitude. Here are some of the super cool photos from our time at the PCYC.
Harmony Day

Harmony Day means getting along in peace. We celebrate on the 21st of March. Harmony Day’s colour is orange. Even though we come from different countries, we still get along together. My mum and dad and cousins come from India. Some of my cousins are Australians. We are safe wherever we are. My culture has many motorbikes. Indian food is curry. When it is very, very hot in India they play with hoses. When it is a wedding in India, they wear saris. Indian shops are very different from Australian. In India there is lots of traffic. There are lots of cows on the road.

By Shivam 2HT

City of Burnie Brass Band

 Invite you to come along

 Tutorial program (for beginners 6 years +)
 Tuesday 6:30 – 7:00

 Junior Band
 Tuesday 7:00 – 7:45

 Parsonage Point, West Park
 (near the Penguin observation centre & behind the Makers Workshop)
 *The Senior Brass Band rehearses from 8:00 – 10:00

 All beginner, experienced or interested cornet, trumpet, trombone, percussion, drum kit, euphonium, tenor horn and tuba players of any age are most welcome

 Currently we are working on building up our junior program
 - so what a fabulous time to start!

 Conductor: Jo Dunn
 Ph: 0419584375

 Instruments available
 www.cityofburniebrassband.com

 MUSIC VOCAL GROUPS

 Students wishing to have their songs to take home (especially over the school holidays) to practise for the Burnie Eisteddfod, please bring a USB stick to place music on or $2.00 for a CD.

 Thanks, Miss Morcom
Burnie Swim School is excited to announce new lessons beginning in Term 2, 2014. Classes run for 30 minutes and will commence on Thursday 8th May. Classes are available for children aged between 6 months and 7 years of age.

**When:** Thursdays starting 8th May 2014  
**Where:** Oasis Pool Centre, 26 Three Mile Line, Burnie  
**Cost:** $12.50 per lesson, per child.  
Total for Term 2 = $112.50 (9 weeks)  
**Contact:** Stacey Ambrose 0419 118 127  
**Email:** burnieswimschool@outlook.com  
**Facebook:** www.facebook.com/burnieswimschool

All classes maintain the same AustSwim qualified instructor for the duration of the term. With over 10 years experience with AustSwim Swimming and Water Safety, you can be assured of quality lessons that focus on water orientation, water safety and stroke correction for your child.

Burnie Swim School uses the Royal Life Saving Society’s Swim and Survive Program, and all students will receive a certificate of completion at the end of each term. Classes are individually structured to meet the needs of all students in the class. Lessons are a fun and enjoyable way to bond with your child and help to create a safe attitude towards water.

For more information, or to book your child in for Term 2 classes, please contact Stacey on 0419 118 127. **Class sizes are limited to 5-6 children per class, so get in quick to avoid disappointment!**
# SCHOOL CALENDAR

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