

## Date Claimers

Newsletter 3 – 03/03/2016

15<sup>th</sup> March

P & C - AGM  
9 am

All welcome

18<sup>th</sup> March

Celebrate Harmony Day

Wear Orange for a gold coin  
donation

24<sup>th</sup> March

Last Day of Term 1

11<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2 Commences

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Every student succeeding, every day!**

This is our drive and passion at Sunnybank Special. To see every student achieving, attempting, attaining and using new knowledge and skills, every day. To assist the school in keeping this sharp focus, the staff has developed 3 priorities for the year. This is called the Annual Implementation Plan. In 2016, the priorities are

**English Focus-** looking particularly at Comprehension in reading and communication strategies for all students

**Mathematics-** improving ways to teach numeracy and support functional use of number.

**Guide for Individual Learning-** Introduction of the New Senior Curriculum. The work here will ensure it aligns with the Transition Plans for the students as they prepare for life after school.

This plan has been discussed with the Assistant Regional Director/ Lead Principal, Andrew Hawke. We look forward to keeping you informed and up to date with all the achievements we make throughout the year, but most importantly, CELERATING the successes. Make sure to party with us!

**ICP Meetings:** Parents will receive a letter from their teachers inviting you to a meeting to discuss your child's Individual Curriculum Plan for this year. This is a mandatory department process which happens twice each year. Your input is highly valued and necessary in this process. The teachers will discuss data obtained from diagnostic tools, observations and records which will inform the goals of the ICP. Teachers will also discuss your child's positive behaviour support plan goals and for some students communication goals.

This week we look into the world of senior 2 and their transformation into market gardeners and plans for this year's Harmony Day.

*Sit back with a cuppa and enjoy!*

*Darren*

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## Senior 2

Welcome everyone! I would like to tell you about some of the things that Senior 2 have been up to this term. We have been focusing on our school gardening project and

learning about plants in our environment. Early this year we contacted Kim Marx and had approximately 50 plants donated to our class and the school. These plants are native plants, as well as edible plants such as vegetables. Simon, our grounds keeper has been awesome in helping us set up the gardens and setting up a watering system.



We are planning further planting and landscaping of the Middle Playground in Term 2. ***Watch this space for our updates!***



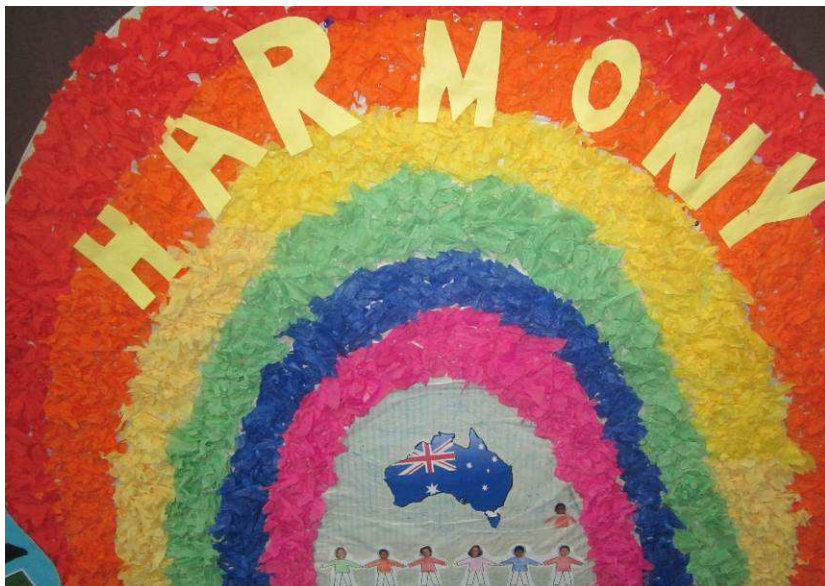
We have also been focusing on planning for Harmony Day. Harmony day is on March the 21<sup>st</sup> and is a day of celebration for all Australians who come from various nations. We surveyed the school and the staff to find

out where all the members of our school community came from. We have been completing art works and hand prints. We are also planning events for Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March.



Caleb Wilson went to the last P & C meeting and spoke to them on behalf of our class and what we were planning.

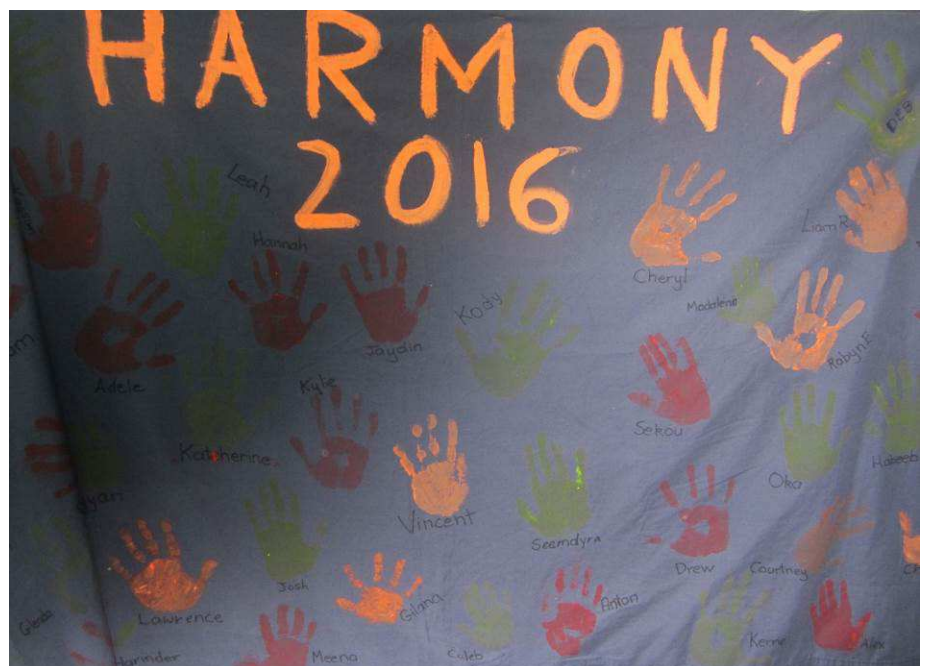
Students can wear **ORANGE** (the colour for Harmony Day) and bring a gold coin donation which we will give to the P & C. We will also be giving out



ribbons and cupcakes. We would love your support.

This is our Harmony Day Rainbow which took the students many hours to complete.

We are also making a Harmony Day wall hanging. This hanging will have the hand print of every person in our school to commemorate the occasion.

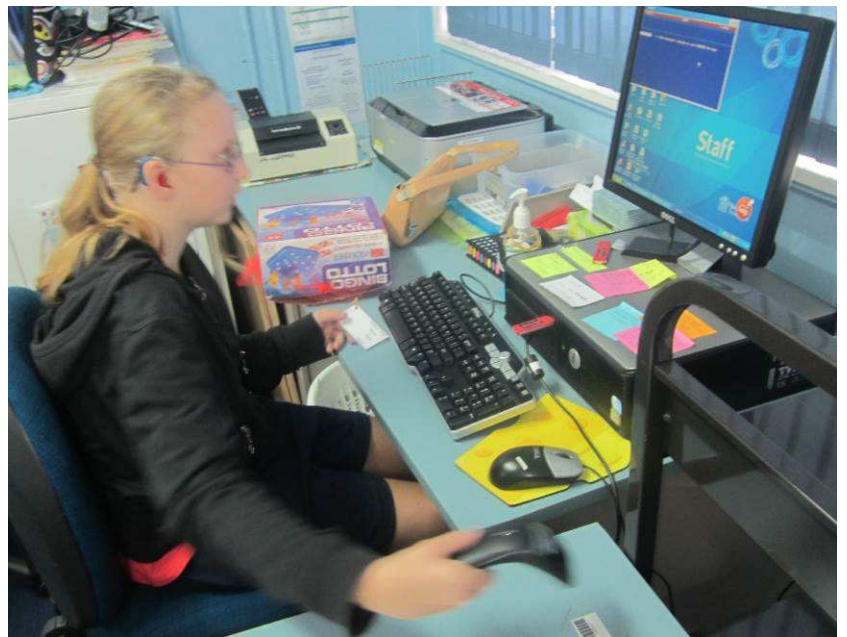




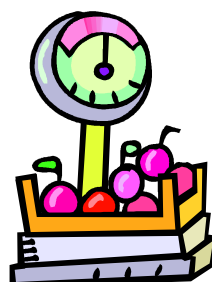
Additionally we have set up our own worm farm. Robyn Roper was kind enough to donate the worm farm. We will be able to use the contents as fertilizer for our school plants. We will use left over produce from the Market Program to help with the compost.

Hannah has been doing work experience in our school library with Kristine Davey! This is an excellent experience for Hannah and we thank Chris for her support.

Senior 2 is also managing the school Market Program with Penny and Simon. The students have been going to the markets, weighing the produce, filling out and delivering the orders. The students also count the money. This is a whole school project and the students are very involved.



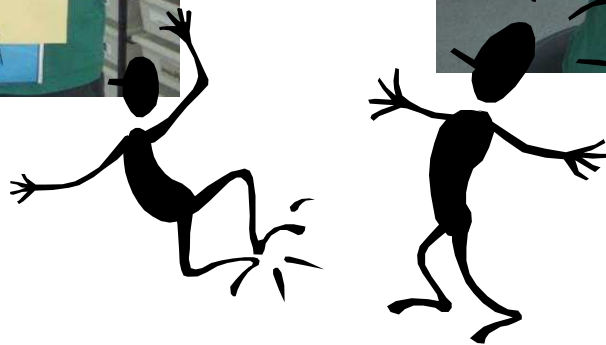
This is a photo of Jeffrey Chan doing the calculations for the Market Program takings for the week.



We would also like to welcome Kassim Nasiri and Kody Brown to our classroom. They join Jeffrey Chan, Mahima DeAlwis, Hannah Farquhar, Courtney Hagan Green and Caleb Wilson.



Welcome Kody and Kassim  
to  
Senior 2



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**Safe**

- ✓ Act Safe
- ✓ Play Safe
- ✓ Travel Safe



**Social**

- ✓ Care for Others
- ✓ Share & Take Turns
- ✓ Use your Manners



**Successful Learners**

- ✓ Follow Instructions
- ✓ Learn Together
- ✓ Try your Best

# P&C News February 2016

## Parent/Carer Survey Results

Thank you to parents/carers who returned the survey. As a result of feedback, at the meeting on Tuesday 16th the P&C decided to continue with P&C Contributions, Raffles, and has applied for a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle place. The P&C will allocate up to \$1000 for bike maintenance/repairs, will provide \$750 for repairs to the Snoozelan (Sensory) room, and will make available funds for community access. Both government and community funding will be pursued for communications/technology. All of these initiatives will benefit the students.

## What is the P&C?

The P&C has members and Executive Members, and participation is voluntary. The funds raised by the P&C go towards activities and resources that can improve the school experience for every child at the school. In order for the school to be eligible for some types of grants, *an active P&C is required.*

## What happens at a meeting?

The P&C meets once a month on Tuesday, in the school's meeting room. We start at 9.00-9.15 and usually finish by 10.00-10.15 am. One of the main roles of the P&C is to raise funds for important resources in addition to those funded by the Department. By attending P&C meetings you have the opportunity to have a say on how funds are spent and discuss aspects of the school. Families are welcome to bring along a friend or family member to act as translator.

## What does a P&C member do?

The parents in the P&C are involved with projects with the school, these include uniforms, fundraising activities, records, and communications. The current P&C welcomes any parents/carers who can spare a few hours a month and are able to help, to become members. Each year an Annual General meeting is held at which the Executive members are voted in.

## When is the next meeting?

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) to vote on the Executives; and regular meeting is scheduled to be held on **15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 9.00am in the school meeting room.** If you are interested in becoming either a regular member or Executive member of the P&C, please complete and return the forms below prior to, or at the AGM.

