Dear Parents,

Harmony Day
On this Wednesday 20 March our school will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day 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, we all learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds belong to our nation and enrich it. Harmony Day is an extremely important event in our school as we have 97% non-English speaking background students. It is a very special day to celebrate the many cultures and countries we originate from. The activities our children participate in throughout the week will enable them to understand how all Australians from different cultural backgrounds equally belong to our nation and make it a better place.

Thank You
This week will be my last week at Greenacre Public School for Term One. Before I had been appointed as Principal I had organised long service leave to visit my son who teaches in London and my brother who teaches in Athens, Greece. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and students for welcoming me and being so friendly throughout this term. I consider myself very fortunate to be the Principal of Greenacre Public School with such happy, well behaved students and hard working, dedicated and professional teachers and support staff.

Mrs Macreadie will relieve as Principal, Ms Hermon will relieve as Deputy Principal and Ms Cicala will relieve as Assistant Principal during my absence. I look forward to returning in Term 2 to continue working with the Greenacre Public School community.

Regards
Ross Cleary
Principal
COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

Week 8
Wednesday 20 Mar  Orange Day for Harmony Week
Thursday 21 Mar  School Photo Day
Friday 22 Mar  Life Education Lessons End

Week 9
Tuesday 26 Mar  SRC Induction Assemblies
                 P & C Annual AGM
Thursday 28 Mar  Years 4-6 SRC and garden club to
                 500 schools planting program
                 11.30am Easter Hat Parade K-2
Friday 29 Mar  Good Friday – No school

Week 10
Monday 1 April  Easter Monday – No school
Thursday 4 April  Stage 2 (Yrs 4&5) Stall Day
Friday 5 April  Summer PSSA Round 6

Week 11
Tuesday 9 April  Winter PSSA team trials
Wednesday 10 April  Year 6 Camp – return Fri 12 Apr
Friday 12 April  Last Day Term 1 – No PSSA

Term 2  Week 1
Monday 29 April  Pupil Free Day – No School
Tuesday 30 April  Pupil Free Day – No School
Wednesday 1 May  First Day Term 2

FACEBOOK AND THE LAW

We understand that some students from our school have a FaceBook account. As parents, you need to be aware of the laws regarding the use of FaceBook. **No child under the age of 13 is legally able to have a FaceBook account.**

Schools operate under very strict policies in the use of technology and social media. The Student Discipline in Government Schools Policy says “the school discipline policy may apply outside of school hours and off school premises where there is a clear and close connection between the school and the conduct of students.” Students may be suspended from school if there is evidence of electronic abuse.

If a student impersonates another student and sets up an account under someone else’s name, it is a criminal act and schools will contact Police to investigate the matter.

As a parent, we trust you will monitor your child’s use of the Internet and social media, including mobile phones, and teach your child about responsible, safe and honest use of these forms of communication.

Mrs Blackford – Deputy Principal

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We congratulate our senior girls relay team - Emma Trinh (5/6B), Sophie Trinh (5/6S), Stephanie Zhao (5/6S) and Ashley Won (6E). These girls will represent Bankstown at the South West Sydney Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 19 March. They will swim in the 4x50m relay race and we wish them the best of luck!

ANNUAL EASTER HAT PARADE

Greenacre Public School Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 28 March at 11.30am under the hall COLA. All parents of K-2 children are invited to attend. Each class will parade around the COLA area outside the hall to music. We look forward to seeing you there.

STAGE 1 ASSEMBLY AWARDS

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PSSA HOT LUNCH ORDERS

A note to PSSA participants. **NO HOT LUNCH ORDERS** are to be ordered on Fridays.
So far this year, 1M have been to three workshops at school. At the first workshop we learnt the right way to pat a dog and what to do if we come across an angry dog.

At the second workshop we learnt all about eggs. We got to colour in eggs, hold baby chicks and experiment with how much weight an egg can hold.

At the third workshop we listened to a local policeman talk about what to do in an emergency.

We have been very busy this year, and we wonder what other exciting things this year will bring.

1M 2013
HARMONY DAY 20 MARCH
Greenacre Public School is celebrating Harmony Day this year on Wednesday 20 March. All children are encouraged to wear orange clothing or accessories. A gold coin donation would be appreciated on the day. All money raised will go to charity.

COMMUNITY PARENT MEETING
This week we held an information session on the Year 5 NAPLAN test. The Annual AGM on 26 March will be followed by a morning tea. All welcome.
Easter Raffle Tickets for sale now.
When: Every Tuesday from 9am to 11am
Where: Small Hall
(Refreshments/childcare provided)

PLAY GROUP
The children worked on the letter ‘N’ and the number ‘7’. Our craft item was a nest with eggs. Come along and join in the play dough, colouring, puzzles and story time. It’s fun for everyone.
Note: You need to have a child attending Greenacre Public School or have a child enrolling soon to be a part of our play group.

When: Every Friday from 9am to 11am
Where: Hall
Cost: $2.00 per child
Bring: A small, packed breakfast snack for you and your child. Refreshments provided.

UNIFORM SHOP STOCKTAKE
The uniform shop will be closed for stocktake this Friday 22 March. If you would like to help on the day, contact Sonya on: 0410 379 079 for more info.

Mejda Eldan, Joumana & Rana - CLO