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- KE: Archie Rix, Heidi McPherson
- K/1H: Ethan O’Neill, Dimity Taylor
- 1/2J: Trudy Richardson, Sarah Hunter
- 2/3L: Claudia Porter, Col Rauchle, Jessie McCarroll
- 3/4N: Grace Dickson, Tatiana Lee
- 5/6D: Stacey Ross, Damian Thornton
- 5/6F: Ryan Smith, Jarrod Smith
- **Mr Ranger:**
- **Mrs Wright:** Maigan Robertson, Rebecca Morley
- **Good Deed Award:** Nick Tanswell
- **Mrs Massey:** Seth Nixon-Turner, Bradley Shepherd

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**P&C iPod Touch Raffle**

Tickets still available for purchase through the school office. $2.00 a ticket!

Drawn at the Easter Hat parade (8.3.11)

This Friday, Chloe Ingram, Kimeaka Evans, Jesse Day and Maddison McGrath are representing at the Western Girls Football trials! Good luck girls. We know you will be fantastic reps for our school!
International Competitions and Assessment for Schools 2011
There is an opportunity for all children in Year 3—6 to participate in this widely recognised assessment.

Entry fees for 2011 are:
- $7.70 each for Science, Computer Skills, English and Mathematics
- $16.50 for Writing (individual marking)
- $11.00 for Spelling (individual marking)

The competition dates for these tests are:
- Computer Skills Years 3 to 6: Tuesday, 24 May, 2011
- Science Years 3 to 6: Wednesday, 8 June, 2011
- Spelling Years 3 to 6: Tuesday, 21 June, 2011
- Writing Years 3 to 6: Tuesday, 21 June, 2011
- English Years 3 to 6: Tuesday, 2 August, 2011
- Mathematics Years 3 to 6: Tuesday, 16 August, 2011

Please enclose the appropriate money required in an envelope with your child’s name and the tests they wish to undertake and return this to the school office no later than Friday April 1.

Public Speaking Competition
Students are giving their talks at school this week.

Finals of the competition will be on Thursday 5 May at the Parkes Action Club meeting.

Stage 2 & 3 Social
Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 are invited to a School Social this Wednesday, 30 March. The social will be held in the School Hall and the theme is ‘CRAZY HAIR’. The cost is $3 per student.

The Social times are from 7pm - 9pm.

Students will have to sign in on arrival and sign out when they leave.

The $3 charge includes a drink for every student.

SRC Report
The SRC would like to thank everyone who supported Harmony Day. The colour orange was seen everywhere. Some children wore wigs, ribbons, sunglasses and matching t-shirts and shorts. Thank you for the great effort everyone!

During the week the students made a variety of art and craft items all based around Harmony Day. Some of their artwork is on display in the foyer of the office.

At Friday’s assembly Mr Ron spoke to the audience about Harmony Day, he conveyed to all present the importance of respecting each other regardless of culture.

The Kindergarten students would like to thank Mrs Sarathchandra for coming in and sharing her culture.

Easter Raffle
Tickets for the Easter Raffle are on sale this week. The tickets are 20cents each. They are available under the shaded shelter before school and at Re-

P&C Raffle
Don’t forget the fantastic prize is an iPod Touch (donated by Central West Credit Union).

The SRC are selling tickets at lunch time at school. Students may bring in money to buy a ticket until Friday 8 April.

Cost: $2.00 each
The iPod will be drawn during the Easter Hat Parade on the final day of term.

Easter School Holiday Activities @ Parkes Library

Travelbugs - The Mini-Beasts Show!
Learn about the wonders of invertebrates or ‘mini-beasts’ - insects, spiders, snails, and millipedes. Includes a hands-on mini-beast experience not to be forgotten!
Kids 5 -15 years, Monday 11 April, 11am - 12.10pm & 1pm - 2.10pm. Cost $5.00

Grassy Caterpillars - Story & Craft
Listen to a story and make a grassy caterpillar.
Kids 5 - 10 years, Wednesday 13 April, 10.30am - 12pm. Cost $2.00

Brown Bread & Honey
Stories, honey sandwiches and craft. Not for children with food allergies.
Kids 5 - 10 years, Wednesday 15 April, 10.30am - 12pm. Cost $2.00

Weave A Web Of Light...
Create your own string light shade or decorative art for your room. Activity will take place over two sessions - Monday 18 and Wednesday 20 April. Wear old clothes or bring art shirt. Prepare to get sticky! Not an activity for young people with allergies to paint or wallpaper glue.
2pm - 3.30pm both sessions. Young people 10 years. Cost: $2.00