Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today we held our whole school Athletics Carnival. It was a great day with some excellent performances. I would just like to thank Mr Daniels and the sports committee who organised the day and our fabulous staff for all their efforts and support. Thank you to the wonderful parent helpers who made the day run so smoothly. And of course thank you to our students, who as always have done a great job, had a fun day and made it all worthwhile! Photos and results in our next newsletter.

During this week our classes will be discussing some very important issues and joining in celebrating significant days on the national calendar. Firstly, on Thursday this week our students will ‘Stand Together Against Bullying’ as part of the fifth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. This annual day provides a focus for our school to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen our existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated negative behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve groups or individuals and can be obvious or hidden. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. But while not all hurtful behaviour is bullying, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Our students will discuss the power of speaking out against bullying and will learn strategies to use if they ever come up against bullying behaviours. Classrooms will mark the day with anti-bullying lessons and fun activities.

On Friday it is Harmony Day and we will celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Classes will engage in fun activities, learning about the important lessons of respect and understanding of cultural diversity. The Harmony Day poster competition is also open to all students K-6. Promoting the message ‘Harmony Day-Every Day’, posters must be A3 size and are due to Ms Ridgeway by Monday 30th March.

Lucinda Farrell
Principal
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ASSEMBLY
Assemblies are on a fortnightly basis on a Tuesday at 2.15pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. The next assembly day will be on Tuesday 31 March 2015. The item will be performed by 4A.

Woodwind Lessons
Lessons available during school hours with a friendly and qualified tutor.
Instruments offered:
- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone

Instruments available to hire from school.
For further information please contact Nicole on 0422596609, or by email nicolecoombs12@gmail.com.
This Friday at HPS we are celebrating Harmony Day

2015 Theme: “HARMONY DAY – EVERYDAY.”

We want to encourage every student to submit an entry to the Harmony Day Poster Competition.

This poster can be made using pencils, crayons, paint or whatever you like! Don’t forget that posters can also have words. Your poster must be on A3 size paper and have your name and class clearly written on the back.

- Entries should reflect one or more of the following principles:
  - Our society is made up of different people from different backgrounds
  - Everyone is unique
  - We share the goal of living together in harmony, peace and understanding
  - We value and respect the diversity of all Australians, including their diverse cultures, languages, religions and world views
  - We do not accept hatred, violence and unfair treatment of any person or group
  - We are proud to be Australian.

Closing Date: Week 10 ~ Monday 30th March 2015
School Banking is on MONDAY

WARNERS BAY PHYSIE AND DANCE

PHYSIE IS GREAT FUN - WHY NOT TRY SOMETHING NEW?

‘Physie’ is a combination of ballet, aerobics, gymnastics and jazz dance all rolled into one!

Classes range from 3-4 Years through to Ladies.

Team and individual events available at a low cost.

Enquiries are welcome to Mandy on 0408 206 349 or mandy.smith139@gmail.com.

BOUNCE!

 TENNIS ACADEMY
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Here's the time to start!

- Learn a life-long skill and enjoy the social aspect
- Enhance whole body coordination
- Develop cognitive skills

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Hotshots for 4yrs up, plus doubles & singles competition for both juniors & adults

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This year instead of asking for donations from school families, we have been lucky enough to receive many donations from generous local businesses providing the **30 great prizes** listed below. Proceeds from this raffle will fund the purchase, servicing and repair of musical instruments and related accessories that are used by the band and class groups. Ticket sheets are attached and in the newsletter. Simply write the name & phone no or child’s class on them, and return the whole sheet with your money to the locked box in the office. Don’t forget to ask your neighbours, colleagues, friends and family if they would like a ticket too! Thankyou for your support.

**Bonus Draw**

For every sheet of 10 tickets sold, put the students name and class in the bonus draw ticket at the top of the page. There will be two chocolate prizes drawn from the bonus tickets on the Easter hat parade.

### Prize List

- Oz Shark & Ray Centre Family Entry $100
- Oakvale Farm family pass $65
- Impressions Hair and Beauty Kahibah $50 voucher
- Charlestown Bowling Club Bar & Grill $50 voucher (2 prizes)
- Easter Basket donated by Hillsborough OOSH
- Newcastle Nappy Cakes Easter hamper
- Hunter Ice Skating Stadium Family Entry pass
- Reading Cinema - 2 movie passes
- Expressi coffee machine and wooden salad tong
- Charlestown Golf Club voucher—18 holes for 2 people
- Hair on Melbourne voucher $40
- Thommo’s Barbers haircut voucher
- Girls pack - Ziggety Snipits "Cute Package" hair voucher, Lunch box, 2 for 1 laser tag
- Boys pack - Allan’s Mens hairdressing voucher, Lunch box, 2 for 1 laser tag
- 2x Strike Laser Tag entries (7 prizes)
- 2x Timezone Supersession passes (5 prizes)
- Playgrounds Park entry pass (2 prizes)
- CommBank kids toys pack
Happy Easter! Thankyou for supporting our school. There are 30 great prizes to win in this raffle - please see over for details. The funds raised will purchase, service and repair the musical instruments and related accessories that are used by our School Band and all class groups. Good luck!

**Draw date:** Thursday, 2nd April 2015 at the Easter Hat Parade

**Tickets:** $1 each - $10 per sheet

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