Dear Parents,

Happy Harmony Week! I’d like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community on their ability to work together in such a harmonious way. We have at least 37 different language backgrounds here at Prairievale PS and it is a testament to our teachers, parents and students that racial discrimination is not an issue at our school at all.

**Clean up Prairievale PS Day**

After a postponement due to wet weather, we were finally able to hold up our Clean up Prairievale day on Friday 8 March. It was a great day and all of the students participated well to ensure that our school grounds looked as clean as could be. It was also a timely reminder about putting rubbish in bins and keeping our school clean at all times.

**Next P&C meeting**

Wednesday 10th April 2013 at 2pm
Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 28 March we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade. Students are asked to make a hat at home and bring it on the day to wear in our parade. Every student who participates will go into the draw to win an Easter Egg. (Alternate prizes are available for any students with allergies)

We will also be holding an Easter egg guessing competition and raffle over the coming week. Students may have a guess or buy raffle tickets in Area A before school or at lunchtime. Guesses and tickets cost 50c each.

P&C

Thank you to those who attended our P&C Meeting last Wednesday. The P&C is an important part of the school community and we hope that we can continue to build up parent membership in our meetings each month.

Our 2013 committee is as follows:

President: Mr Brian Martin
Vice Presidents: Ms Rebecca Butt (Martin)
               Mrs Olive Heckenberg
Treasurer: Mrs Teena Manu
Secretary: Ms Suellen Mair

I’d like to welcome these new committee members and thank them for volunteering their time to help out our school. I look forward to working with them this year!

Uniform Shop

As I mentioned last newsletter, the school had taken over the running of the Uniform Shop. This was voted upon at the last meeting and it was decided that the school will continue to run the uniform shop for the remainder of this year.
Uniforms can be ordered using the order form located in the front office. Please pay when ordering. Uniforms will be available for pick up, or will be sent home with students the following day.

Student assistance is also available for any parent or family who may be experiencing financial difficulty. Guidelines for student assistance are as follows

**Uniforms:** School will pay 50% of cost (up to $50) once a year.

**Excursions:** School will pay 40% of cost (up to $10) once a year.

**Camp:** School will pay $50 towards cost of camp.

*Student Assistance is not usually available for optional activities such as PSSA, visiting performers etc.*

However decisions to provide assistance may also be issued at the discretion of the school assistance committee. Forms are available on the note shelf in the front office and can be returned to Ms Perrin.

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**Uniform Stocktake**

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the school uniform stocktake. It will be held on Thursday 4 April from 9am to 2:55pm. If anyone is able to assist for even a couple of hours we would be very appreciative. If you are able to help out, please leave your name with Jan, Suzy or Leanne in the office, or complete the form below.

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**UNIFORM STOCKTAKE**

Yes! I am able to assist with the uniform stocktake on Thursday 4th April.

My name ____________________________________________

I can help between _____________ and _____________ (eg 9am and 3pm)

My child’s name ________________________________ Class __________
EFTPOS Machine

Last week we began the installation of an EFTPOS machine in the front office. This will allow parents to pay for excursions, uniforms, school contributions etc by using their card. We hope that this will make it much easier for parents to pay for school activities. Installation should be completed this week and we hope to have it up and running by the end of this term.

Leave

As of this Friday I will be on leave for one week as I am getting married. I will return to school on Tuesday 2 April 2013 (after Easter). If anyone has any questions or concerns during my leave, please feel free to contact any of the Assistant Principals who will be more than happy to help.

Early Stage 1  Mrs Dyga
Stage 1        Miss Mair
Stage 2        Mrs Hird
Stage 3        Mrs Lawrence

Have a terrific week.

Nikki Perrin
Principal

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STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS

I **DO NOT** wish for my child’s photograph to be used in the following:

- [ ] School Newsletter
- [ ] School Website
- [ ] School Promotional Pictures (Eg uniform posters)

Child’s name ____________________________________________ Class _____________
**Harmony Day**

**Harmony Day is about:**

Many people with all different backgrounds  
Narina F

Uniting the cultures of different countries  
Sheevali R

Australians celebrating every culture together  
Nadia A

People are from all different places being a good thing  
Eleni N

Being nice to each other  
Emilio N

We respect people no matter what they look like  
Chris H

Getting to know people and their culture  
Emily S
Harmony Day
Class in Focus

2S have made an excellent start to the year, settling in to math and reading groups quickly.

We are all remembering to bring our home readers each week and have regularly been borrowing from the library.

We have been activating our prior knowledge and visualizing before reading.

We have been focussing on recount writing and the children have been using adjectives, adverbs and prepositional phrases to “dress up” their sentences in their writing.

We are also learning about the many forms of transport in HSIE, and designed our own tray labels, as well as writing folder title pages in computers.

We are currently studying Vincent Von Gogh and are in the process of creating our own vases in art.

Just this week we had an opportunity to try silk screen printing.
March

Wednesday 27  Stage 3 Excursion
Thursday 28  Easter Hat Parade
Friday 29  Good Friday (Public Holiday—no school)

April

Monday 1  Easter Monday (Public Holiday—no school)
Wednesday 3  Stage 2 Excursion
Thursday 4  K-6 Assembly
Wednesday 10  SRC Mufti Day—Gold Coin Donation
Friday 12  ANZAC Ceremony
              Last Day of Term 1
Monday 29  Staff Development Day (No school for students)
Tuesday 30  Staff Development Day (No school for students)

May

Wednesday 1  Students return to school
              Stage 2 and 3 Gymnastics begins
Thursday 9  Cross Country carnival
Tuesday 14  NAPLAN starts