Dear Parents,

Lots of terrific things happening again at Prairievale PS. Keep up to date on our website: http://www.prairieval-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

SRC

Congratulations to the 2015 Student Representative Council who were presented with their badges at Monday’s morning assembly.

Next P&C meeting

Wednesday 13th May 2015 at 2pm
Our representatives are:

6N  Shareez, Nathaniel & Alyshia  6S  Jessica & Milad
5A  Teagan & Silipa       5N  Hayden & Eleni
4/5G  Jamayka & Antonio  4M  Mariah & Luka
3/4S  Alicia & Belos       3I  Ezequiel & Katelyn
3L  Anastasia & Joaquin   2SE  Lauren & Orlando
2N  Narseen & Tristian    1/2A  Stephanie & Jahkobbiy

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 2015 committee is as follows:

President:  Mrs Roslyn Dodd
Vice President:  Mrs Francesca Halisdemir
Treasurer:  Mrs Rayelean White
Secretary:  Mrs Ozlem Cetinay
Auditor:  Ms Lidia Vera

Proud of our School!

Congratulations to these 4M students who have been putting in a great effort at lunch and recess each day to ensure that our school grounds are always looking their best. These boys have been picking up rubbish from our gardens and playground without having to be asked. Thanks for being so proud of our school!
**Staffing**

Congratulations to Mr Sprange who has been successful at interview (subject to appeals) and will be starting at Hannans Rd Public School in Term 2 as their new Principal. Mr Sprange has only been with us a very short time but has already contributed a great deal to our school. We will miss him at Prairievale PS but are very proud of his accomplishment. We know he will do a great job in his new role.

We will be looking for a replacement over the next few weeks to relieve in his position until we can fill the position permanently.

**Parent Workshops**

Our next workshop will be:

*Monday 23 March - Maths - with Mr Krmac and Mr Sprange*

It will be held in the library at 1:55pm. We hope you can join us!

**Uniform**

This is a reminder that as of 2015, the blue boys long and short sleeve shirts as well as the girls winter tunic are *NO LONGER* uniform at Prairievale PS.

**High School Forms**

All Year 6 students should have received their high school forms for Year 7 2016. The form will have your local high school based on the address that we have on file at the school. If this address is incorrect, please contact the school as soon as possible. All students will need to complete this form, including those who sat the Selective High schools Test.

*Please return these forms to school by Friday 20 March.*
**Easter Hat Parade**

On Thursday 2 April 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. Parents and friends are invited to join us at 1:45pm in Area A.

**Harmony Day**

This year we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Monday 23 March. We will be celebrating our many diverse cultures and traditions by wearing Orange - the colour of Harmony Day. We will have a special part of Monday morning’s assembly dedicated to Harmony Day.

There will also be a colouring in competition where students from each class will be eligible to win a voucher to spend at our canteen.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Just a reminder that Interview notes were sent out last week. This year we have moved the interviews forward to Term 1 and will be held on Wednesday 1 April.

Please return your choice of times as soon as possible. Notes informing you of your allocated time will be sent home on Friday 27 March.

**Coffee club**

We would like to invite all parents to our school coffee club. Come along and meet some friendly people, have a chat, ask questions, all while enjoying a lovely cup of coffee and yummy cakes and biscuits. Meet us in the staffroom on Friday at 9am.

Have a good couple of weeks,

Nikki Perrin
Principal
How much fruit and vegetables do children need?
We are encouraged to go for 2 fruit and 5 vegetables every day. The amount children should eat depends on their, age, appetite and activity levels.

With the emphasis on ‘Go for’ it is valuable if children learn they should be aiming to eat 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables every day. The emphasis in education should be on eating a variety of fruit and vegetables (including raw, cooked and different colours). This provides a wide range of nutrients.

The Australian Guide to Healthy Eating recommends that children and teenagers eat the following number of serves of fruit and vegetables per day.

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25 Nights Reading

Congratulations to those students who have reached their 25 nights!! What a terrific achievement.

1M
Ela Cetinay
Adriana Rofa’el

3/4S
Sophie Condell
Rita Awdisho
Alicia Tir
Sallie Ton
William Lay
Daniel Usumaki
Savanna Deans
Sharokina David
Science with Giants

Fizzics Education thanks to the GWS Giants
2SE have had a busy start to the year.

In maths we have been using blocks to solve addition, subtraction and division problems.
In literacy we have been learning about different comprehension strategies such as visualising, using our background knowledge and making connections.
Our science lessons have been lots of fun!
We are learning about the changes that take place to materials and have participated in exciting science experiments.
The most interesting experiment we did was observing the changes that took place to an egg when it was placed in vinegar.
PPS Calendar

March
Monday 23  Parent Workshop—Maths
           Harmony Day
Thursday 26 NRL workshops Years 3-6
Friday 27  Stage 3 Tree Planting

April
Wednesday 1 Cross Country carnival
           Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 2  Easter Hat Parade
           NRL workshops Years 3-6
           Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday 21 Students return to school
Friday 24  ANZAC Ceremony

May
Thursday 7 Mothers Day Stall
Tuesday 12 NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Wednesday 13 NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Thursday 14 NAPLAN Years 3 and 5