Calendar for Week 8 Term 1

Monday – 16 March

Tuesday – 17 March
Life Education- S1T, S1S, S1R

Wednesday – 18 March
Life Education- S1G, S1M, S1L

Thursday – 19 March
HARMONY DAY

Friday – 20 March

P&C Extraordinary Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 31 March 2015
6:30pm the staffroom
We Need You!

How can you help ensure the school is doing the best it can for your kids?
One good way to make sure the things you want for your children are happening at school, is to attend the P&C meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month. They have been scheduled for alternate day and night meetings so that parents and carers who work during the day can at least attend some evening meetings.

At the Annual General Meeting office bearers will be elected for 2015. The meeting will be held in the Staffroom in the Admin block at 6.30pm. It would be wonderful to see some new faces at this meeting.

Pride Goal for the next Three Weeks
Our new pride goal expectation for the next three weeks is:-

Be Safe-
Use –No, Go, Tell to solve problems

On Thursday 19 March our school will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for
Hebersham Pride

everyone. The continuing message for Harmony Day is that **Everyone Belongs**, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of their background. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

In 2015 we celebrate 15 years of Harmony Day. This year we will be promoting Harmony across the school through reflecting on what HARMONY means to us.

We will celebrate Harmony Day at Hebersham Public School by:

- **Harmony “Mufti” Day**: staff and students are encouraged to wear their traditional dress, or something from their country of choice, or to wear orange which is the official colour for Harmony Day. **No coin donations required.**
- The school canteen will be selling a ‘Harmony Day Meal Deal’ for recess and lunch, to be ordered by Tuesday 17 March.

Students will be participating in a variety of activities in their classrooms in the lead up to Harmony Day.

**We look forward to a fun day!**

**What did you Learn today?**

What do you talk about with your children after school? I encourage you to ask them, every day “What did you learn today?” If they know you are going to ask this question every day, it will prepare them for the question, and make them think about it. The more conscious they are of what they are learning, the better they will learn it. It may be hard at first - they will tell you what they did rather than what they learnt, but as you talk it should become easier!

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**What is Bullying?**

Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological aggressive behaviour by a person or group directed towards a less powerful person or group that is intended to cause harm, distress or fear.

**What is not Bullying?**

There are also some behaviours, which, although they might be unpleasant or distressing, are not bullying:

- **mutual conflict** - which involves a disagreement, but not an imbalance of power. Unresolved mutual conflict can develop into bullying if one of the parties targets the other repeatedly in retaliation.
- **single-episode acts** of nastiness or physical aggression, or aggression directed towards many different people, is not bullying.
- **social rejection or dislike** is not bullying unless it involves deliberate and repeated attempts to cause distress, exclude or create dislike by others.

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**SRC Camp – 2015 Years 3 – 6**

**Winmalee Christian Conference Centre**

A camp at **Winmalee Christian Conference Centre** has been arranged for SRC children in years 3-6 on **Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 March 2015, WEEK 9 TERM 1**. This camp is to support the children's work in the Key Learning Area of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

**When:** Departure from school **9:15am, Tuesday 24 March 2015**
Arrival back at school **3:00pm, Wednesday 25 March 2015**
Hebersham Public School will be offering to Year 6 students a “Class of 2015” T-shirt. The T-shirt will have the school emblem, a woven, embroidered collar, as well as the names of all the Year 6 students printed on the back. The shirt back will feature a chosen piece of artwork created by one of the students.

The cost of the T-shirt will be $30.00 inclusive of GST. An order form can be obtained from the school’s front office and should be returned with full payment to the office by **Friday 13 March 2015**. We are aiming to have the shirts mid Term 2. The company that supplies the shirts also runs the uniform shop for Hebersham Public School so the sizes will be similar to the Hebersham school shirts. Please note that orders received after this date will incur a $10 surcharge as set out by the company.

**Coming soon**

**Easter Hat Parade**

Hebersham Public School will be holding an Easter Hat Parade for children in Kindergarten to Year 2. Parents and friends are invited to come along, watch the parade and join the children after for a family picnic over recess.

Details are as follows:

**When:** Thursday 2 April 2015 (Week 10)
- 9.30 -10.30am Easter Hat Parade
- 10.30 -11.00am Family Picnic

**Where:** Yalingen Allawah

We hope you can come along and enjoy the morning with us.

**Just a reminder!**

**Books in Homes Assembly**

Books in Homes Assembly is on **Friday 20 March 2015** (Week 8). This assembly will be for our Kindergarten students only and will begin at **9:30 in Yalingen Allawah**. Parents and caregivers are warmly welcome to join us!

**K-2 Home Reading**

On Friday of Week 8 our first Home Reading book prizes will awarded for 2015. We will draw one student from each K, 1 and 2 prize box. These students will receive a book prize and a Hebersham bookmark.

To receive a ticket in the draw and a Super Reader Certificate your child must have completed one side of their Home Reading card and return it by Thursday 19 March. Please encourage your child to read, read, read and return their books regularly. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your child’s teacher.