### Diary Dates

**March**
- 13: Sports Day
- 17: School Council meets
- 18: Assembly
- 20: Harmony Day
- 23: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 25: Last day for Kyton’s orders

**April**
- 1: Easter Stall
- 2: Assembly (Room 2.1 hosts)
- 3: Public Holiday
- 6: Public Holiday
- 7: Last day to enter ICAS
- 10: Last day of T1, 2:15 dismissal
- 20: Harmony Day
- 23: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 25: Last day for Kyton’s orders

**May**
- 7: Assembly
- 8: Staff Only Day
- 12: NAPLAN
- 13: NAPLAN
- 15: NAPLAN
- 19: ICAS Digital Technologies
- 22: Assembly
- 22: Walk Safely to School Day
- 27: Open Morning
- 31: Footy Triple Header

**June**
- 3: ICAS Science
- 5: Assembly

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**Harmony Day**
**Anti Bullying Day**
**Friday March 20**

The message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone belongs’.

At PPS we are recognising Harmony Day and Anti Bullying Day on Friday March 20th.

At our school, during assembly at 2-30pm on Friday, we will be featuring work/songs students have done in their classrooms on this theme.

Students are encouraged to dress in the colour of Harmony Day—orange.

All classes will be playing games from around the world (and some that are just fun), between recess and lunch.

There will be a special surprise lunch order available too, so look out for the order form!

Parents are welcome to come along to assembly and to watch the games.

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**Sports Day: Friday 13 March**

Remember it’s Twilight 1pm – 7pm

We need help to cook the barbecue. At the time of printing only 2 have volunteered: There’ll be a very long line up if we can’t do better than this!
**Principal’s Awards**

**Room 1 (Reception)**
- Kerry Baldwin for working hard to learn the 42 letter sounds
- Joyeta P for working hard to learn the 42 letter sounds

**Room 2 (Reception & Year 1)**
- Georgina Ninos for settling in well in 2.2 this term
- Chloe G for respecting our class equipment and keeping the class tidy
- Taj K for trying hard to practise his spelling words

**Room 13.7 (Year 1)**
- Georgie Vanloo for demonstrating good listening skills in class.
- Tracey Niekel for helping to tidy up the class and putting away class equipment when others have left it out

**Room 13.8 (Year 2)**
- Tino Bridgland & Jane Finlayson for working hard on his science
- Ethan M for demonstrating initiative
- Gerald G for helping to tidy up the class and putting away class equipment when others have left it out
- Kimmy T for respecting others and respecting our school

**Room 13.1 (Year 3)**
- Margie Barlolk & Lynn Johnson for her dedication to completing all tasks
- Kristianna K for showing such a lot of care for Sammy
- Mannon G for showing respect and care for everyone in the classroom

**Room 2.2 (Years 6 & 7)**
- Lauren Ireland for her dedication to completing all tasks
- Subigya A for consistently working during class and home time, meeting deadlines and demonstrating excellent organisation

**Room 2.3 (Year 5)**
- Patrick A for giving his very best in his learning in Mathematics and Literacy
- Nila M for caring for others in the classroom and school yard, doing her very best in her learning

**Room 2.4 (Years 3 & 4)**
- Cath Newbould for trying hard and using teacher feedback to improve her work
- Joanna G for thinking carefully and writing interesting sentences in her recount writing
- Patrick A for giving his very best in his learning in Mathematics and Literacy

**Room 2.5 (Year 4)**
- Ayat M for demonstrating good listening skills in class.
- Tracey Niekel for helping to tidy up the class and putting away class equipment when others have left it out

**Room 2**
- Subigya A for consistently working during class and home time, meeting deadlines and demonstrating excellent organisation

**Room 3.1 (Year 3)**
- Patrick A for giving his very best in his learning in Mathematics and Literacy
- Nila M for caring for others in the classroom and school yard, doing her very best in her learning

**Room 3.2 (Year 5)**
- Ayat M for demonstrating initiative when working on his dice cricket maths investigation

**Room 3.7 (Year 2)**
- Ruby Vanloo for working hard on his narrative

**Room 4**
- Ruby Vanloo for working hard on his narrative

**Room 1**
- Ruby Vanloo for working hard on his narrative

**Room 2.1 (Years 6 & 7)**
- Ruby Vanloo and Scarlet Williams selected for the District Softball team
- Georgie Vanloo District Swimming team

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**About ICAS**

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. The assessments comprise tests in computer skills, English, maths, science, spelling and writing.

Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

Students wishing to enter any or all of these tests should register and pay by Tuesday 7 April 2015 at the Finance Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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**SAPSASA**

**Knockout Cricket**

Well done to the twelve students in years 5-7 who represented the school in boy’s cricket on Thursday 26 February against Fulham North. The boys played well against a stronger Year 7 dominant team. Unfortunately we lost to Fulham North 123 to 50 due to some lucky fielding and strong batting.

Thank you to all the parents that assisted with transportation and scoring.

**Congratulations to**

- Ruby Vanloo and Scarlet Williams selected for the District Softball team
- Georgie Vanloo District Swimming team

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**Football**

Trials for the selection of the 2015 Sate SAPSASA Australian Rules football team commence during the first three days of the upcoming holidays. They are to be held at Norwood Oval from 9.30am to 2.00pm on Monday 13 April to Wednesday 15 April. We are seeking some volunteer coaches for the first two days to assist in the selection process.

We anticipate upwards of 150 boys who are divided into eight teams for the two days and as such need a coach for each of those teams.

If you would like to help out please contact Coach – Stuart Burns 0403192792
sburns@westminster.sa.edu.au
Manager – Gus Wenzel 0439 846 421
rguswenzel@bigpond.com

Also a reminder that students wishing to try out must register online through the school sport website
I am thankful that the Government funding has now come through for my role as a Pastoral Care Worker in your school. Up until this week my work in the school has been totally funded by the generosity of the local churches in South Australia. More schools have received the funding for a PCW than previously which has meant that the hours for existing PCWs in schools have been cut as the funding was fixed. I will now only be in the school for 9 hours per week so if you wish to speak with me please make an appointment by leaving your contact details at the front office with your request. Thankyou for your ongoing support as we transition to the new funding model.

The Easter long weekend is not far away now. As one of the two major religious festivals in Australia, I will be bringing the Easter story to the school in Week 9 this term. No matter what your belief or religious affiliation, the Seminar is for everyone in order to create harmony and to better understand the beliefs and practices of others.

Til next time – Karen (PSW)

Karen Tromans works in our school as a Pastoral Support Worker, and her role is supported through the Federal Government Schools’ Chaplaincy Program.

Hot Shots Tennis

Remember that students who register with Tennis Australia will receive a free ANZ hot shots tee-shirt and reception students who registers is also eligible for a free tennis racquet.

This year Plympton PS was lucky to be selected as an ANZ Tennis Hot Shots school as a part of the National Schools partnership program. As a result we received new tennis racquets, balls and nets for students to use to develop tennis skills within the school. All students from years 3-7 will be involved at some stage this year in a 6-8 week program learning about the skills associated with playing tennis. Since the school is involved in this program all students are eligible to receive a free ANZ hot shots tee-shirt and other offers from Tennis Australia once registered with the Tennis Australia website. Also any reception student that registers is also eligible for a free tennis racquet.

As an additional bonus for each student that registers and confirms their details with Tennis Australia the school receives funding to purchase new equipment from Tennis Australia. So I strongly encourage all students to register and confirm their details on the website below to get heaps of free gear.

hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim
**Did you know?**

We are lucky enough to have a Gallipoli Lone Pine growing as a lone pine on the mound near the top end of the Old School triangle.

In 2005, 90 years after the first landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula, the Yarralumba Nursery, who collected seeds from the tree grown from a seed from the original pine cone planted at the Australian War Memorial Canberra, offered a small number of organisations, including schools, the opportunity to buy a small tree at a small cost. Our school gardening group ordered one and planted it out on Anzac Day in 2005. With lots of love and care it has grown into a large Lone Pine to be seen and appreciated by all. We are now commemorating 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign, but unlike 2005, Anzac Day won’t fall during term time so if we hold a special service it will be after Anzac Day.

The story of how our “Lone Pine Cone” came to Australia is a moving story on its own.

Two brothers fought together and one was eventually killed near the Lone Pine. The remaining brother sent a pine cone home to his mother as a momento of her dead son. From this cone lots more have been propagated. The Pine became the Lone Pine at Gallipoli because the Turkish army had cut down all but one pine to protect their trenches. In the 3 days of fighting the Australians lost more than 2000 men and the Turks approximately 7000.

Your Gardening Gran
Wendy Bagot

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**Camden Park Scouts**

Joeys (6-8 yr olds) Mon or Tues 6-7pm

Cubs (8-10.5 yr olds) Mon or Tues 7-8.30pm

Scouts (10.5-14.5 yr olds) Wed or Thurs 7-9pm

All welcome to come and try if you could like to come and visit, please call 041316558 first as we might be out doing canoeing, touring wetlands or on amazing races ...

We hope to see you soon!

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**KYTON’S EASTER FUNDRAISER**

The Fundraising Committee has organised a Kyton’s Fundraiser to coincide with Easter. All proceeds will go towards the Natural Play Area currently being organised by the School Council. Orders need to be given to Alison in the Finance Office (open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only) by Wednesday 25th March. Orders can be collected from the Front Office after 3pm on Wednesday 1st April. Please see Alison if you have any questions or need an order form.

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**Easter Stall**

*The Easter Bunny is coming!*

The Fundraising Committee will be holding an Easter Stall on Wednesday 1st April in the Canteen.

Items will be available for purchase at Recess and Lunchtime. Items will range in price from 50c to $5. Get your pocket money ready!

Please leave your name with Wendy in the Front Office if you can volunteer your time on the day to help with serving.

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Have you noticed the display of knitted poppies at the front desk recently? Red poppies are a symbol of remembrance, used at Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. We plan to use these poppies when we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign early next term. If families at our school have a special link to this event (a relation or friend who served in the armed forces at the time) we could involve them in this commemoration.

If you would like to help out by knitting a poppy, the pattern is beside the display on the front desk.