Harmony Day 2015

This Thursday March 19 we are celebrating Harmony Day at school. Children need to wear their **sport shoes** as they will have a tennis class in the morning and a game after lunch. We also ask that children **wear something orange** and **include something orange in their lunch box**, as this colour is used to mark the day.

Many of us are looking forward to a delicious **Mexican** themed lunch from the Kids Kitchen, which P&C have kindly organised.

By participating in Harmony Day activities, children can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

Kerri Jones

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HEAD LICE ALERT

The school has been notified today of some cases of head lice. Please check your child/children’s hair tonight and treat accordingly. Remember – prevention is much better than the cure.

Make this week a ‘Shampoo Week’ to help eradicate head lice.


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Tennis

Sports Day (Tennis/Ball Skills) will be on the usual day, Thursday for this week and next week. Not Wednesday as previously advertised in our first newsletter of the year. Cost is $3 per students if paying per session. Week 9 (next week) is the last Tennis/Balls Skills session for the term. Please forward any outstanding monies for this event ASAP as the school will need to finalise this invoice before the end of the term. Thank you.
CMPS Patch Chat

We officially belong to the unique community of schools committed to delivering pleasurable food education based on the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation Philosophy.

We are fortunate to already have a garden and kitchen but there are still some resources we need and tasks to do before we can provide many of the opportunities available to the students at CMPS.

An important task is to complete an audit of our current resources which will assist in the creation of a list of “NEEDS AND WANTS”. I will be posting requests in our newsletter and on our Facebook page in the hope that community members can help or may know of someone who can.

To begin our new adventure I’d like to create a new addition to our current garden. Many of the recipes will require the use of herbs. We have some planted already which the children love smelling and tasting but it would be great to expand the collection with as many varieties as possible. It is also great to see how proud the children are when the plants they have cared for grow to harvest stage and I look forward to seeing their reactions when we prepare and share the crops.

Every member of CMPS is invited to create a CMPS HERB BOOT!

This has been discussed briefly with students and many said that they had “old” boots lying around at home. I have included some ideas below but the idea is that we “upcycle” an old, unused boot into a pot with herbs planted in it. The boot can be decorated, keeping in mind it will be subject to watering and the outdoors. Please add a label in the HERB BOOT with the name of the herb and who made it written clearly.

Creating the HERB BOOT:

1. Place some small rocks or pebbles in the foot of the boot….cracks or splits in the boot are great for drainage. You can place a few holes in the sole if needed.
2. Fill the boot with potting mix.
3. Plant herb of your choice in the boot.
4. Make a label with herb name and boot creators name (family or individual) and place in boot.
5. Water and look after the Herb Boot over the holidays.
6. Bring to school Week 1 next term.

If transporting to school by bus, please tie a plastic bag carefully around boot to protect plant and contain soil. Student leaders on the bus will be ready to assist younger ones if needed.

HAPPY PLANTING!

Mrs Gallagher