



TERM 1 : WEEK 8 17 March 2016

Harmony Day

On Monday 21 March, the children travelled to Tumut to celebrate Harmony Day with Gadara School. It was a great day, and all children are to be congratulated on how they joined in with all the activities with the pupils from Gadara.

On arrival, the children from both schools were put into five groups, each group having pupils from Kindergarten to Year Six. The first activity was to watch a slide show that explained Harmony Day: a day we can celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness,

respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The children then traced around a student, and filled in the outline with some wonderful designs in crayon. All of the finished characters were then displayed in the playground, and they were indeed a wonderful spectacle to see.

After recess, the children played several games in their five groups that originated from different countries. Dodgeball, a game originally played in Africa, but with large rocks rather than soft balls. Hopscotch, which began in ancient Britain during the early Roman Empire, and the original hopscotch courts were over a hundred feet

long and used for military training exercises. Gumboot throwing, or welly wanging, is a sport that also originated in Britain in Upperthong, Holmfirth. The egg and spoon race has been recorded as early as 1894 in England, and in 1897 in the USA as part of the celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. Gorri originated in Kimberley and the Northern Territory region by indigenous males. It was used to improve spear throwing skills at moving objects. BUT... we didn't use spears! A large ball was rolled in a straight line, and the children, standing side-by-side, threw a tennis ball using an overarm throw action to see if they could hit the large ball as it passed. All the activities were very much enjoyed.

Lunch was a scrumptious sausage sizzle, drink, ice-block and fruit. All the children had much fun playing in the terrific playground, and some ventured into the chook pen to pat the chooks.

Special thanks go to Mrs. Kingwill for the invitation, and to Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs Beattie for organizing all the activities. Thank you also to all the staff and children from Gadara for making us feel so welcome.



Cooking with Class 1 / 2



Last Friday Class 1/2, together with Mrs. Rachel Brown and Mrs. Margaret Brown picked the school grown pumpkins and had a great time making and tasting pumpkin soup and pumpkin scones. It was a great morning of new experiences and we would all like to thank Rachel and Margaret Brown

Mosquitos

Some parents have expressed concern about the presence of mosquitos at the school. After investigating it appears that most of the mosquitos are located in the grassy areas like the playing fields. Thankfully the season is nearly finished. Under Department of Education regulations no staff member is permitted to apply insect repellent to students. If you are concerned it is suggested that you apply roll on repellent before your child leaves home.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME

Parents are invited to attend an information session on 30 March 2016 in the school library commencing at 6.30 pm.

During this information session parents will learn how they can support their child's reading at home. Techniques will be taught to help parent's encourage their child to read regularly.

This information session is aimed at parents with students in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 but all parents are welcome to attend.

Jodi Barton
Learning Support Teacher

Principal's Awards Week 8



Ella, Mason and Bella

Class Awards Week 8



Haylee, Jace, Lucy, Brooklyn and Jasmin

The Staff of Adelong Public School
Would like to wish all students and families
A Very Happy and Safe Easter.

Students return to school on Tuesday 29 March 2016.



Coming Events

School Cross Country Friday 1 April 2016.

The schools cross country will be held on Friday 1 April starting at 9.30 am. The back –up date will be Friday 8 April 2016. The school sports uniform is to be worn or students are also able to wear a shirt to represent their Sports House colours. Red for Sturt House and Yellow for Hume House. The program is as follows:

5/6/7 year olds

8/9 year olds

10 /11/12/13 year olds

Ribbon Presentations

11.00 am conclusion.

Parental help is asked for to man the check stations around the course. Please let Mrs. Hall know if you are able to assist.

Athletics Carnival Friday 29 April Week 1 Term 2

The School's Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 29 April 2016. (First Week of Term 2) The back-up date is Friday May 6 2016.

School sports uniform is to be worn or students are also able to wear a shirt to represent their Sports House colour. Red for Sturt house and Yellow for Hume House.. At the carnival students will be participating in the age running races as well as class races. We usually conclude the day with some novelty events. Parental assistance would be appreciated with the time –keeping.

The P & C will be running the canteen down at the showground. Families are asked to donate cakes and slices that can be sold to the children on the day. Volunteers are needed to run the canteen during the day, starting from 8.30 am. Those that are able to help would you please fill in and return the slip at the end of the newsletter. Thank you.



Canteen Roster for the School Athletics Carnival

If you are able to assist, please fill in your preferred times and return to the school office before the end of term

Time	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
8.30 - 9.30			
9.30-10.30			
10.30-11.30			
11.30-12.30			
12.30-1.30			
1.30-2.30			
2.30-3.30			

