**Upcoming Events:**

- **Tuesday 24th March**
  Raw Art

- **Wednesday 25th March**
  Small Schools Athletics Carnival

- **Friday 27th March**
  Zone Cross Country

- **Thursday 2nd April**
  Easter Hat Parade & Last day of term

**Please Return:**

- Canteen Orders due by Thursday
- Canberra Excursion note and deposit
- Raw Art money
- Athletics Carnival note
- Text Book payments and school contribution
- Fruit Orders next ordered Monday 23rd March
- Missing Parental Information Forms
- ICAS Test Slips

**Principal’s Update Week 8**

I can’t believe it is the end of Week 8 already. Yesterday we celebrated Harmony Day with students wearing something orange and participated in activities such as group games, making Harmony Day badges to wear around our neck and demonstrated our teamwork to create a very colourful banner which we will display in our school foyer. It is great to see Kindergarten to Year 6 students working, playing and helping each other on a daily basis and Harmony Day provided us with the opportunity to acknowledge what we in small schools do every day. We have a very busy two weeks coming up before we have our Easter Break. Next week we have Raw Art, Athletics Carnival and Zone Cross Country with our Easter Hat Parade just around the corner as well.  

Mrs Murray

**Assembly**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the making of our Harmony Day poster. Well done to Jessica who explained how and why the banner was created. Congratulations to this week’s award winners:

- Principal Award: Jordan
- Class Awards: Logan, Jessica
- Assembly Award: Santee
- Captains Award: Caiden

Also congratulations to those receiving Mathletics awards for gaining 1000 points last week or the week before.

**Stage 3 Canberra Excursion**

A note went home during this week inviting Year 5 and 6 students to visit Canberra in Term 3 with Hinton and Mount Kanwary Public Schools. Mrs Murray and Stage 3 will be visiting traditional Canberra icons such as Parliament House, the War Memorial, Royal Australian Mint and the Institute of Sport. A special treat includes a snow visit on the second day. Deposits and commitment notes need to be returned by Friday 27th March.
Raw Art
Next Tuesday we will be participating in Raw Art. This provides students with the opportunity to explore different media as part of our Visual Arts curriculum. We will have specialist teachers spend the day with us as we complete three separate artworks, using clay, sculpture and printmaking. We will then display these works in our school foyer and classrooms. The whole day will cost $22 per student to cover the cost of our specialist teachers and materials.

Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 25th March is our Small Schools Athletics Carnival. Students will meet teachers at the oval to get their names marked off on the roll. As all staff and students are involved, the school will be closed on this day.
A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Boyton who have been helping us learn how to hold and throw the discus and shot put, as well as showing the younger students how to start and run races.

Easter Hat Parade
On the last day of term, Thursday 2nd April we will be holding an Easter Hat Parade. Students are asked to make their own hat at home and bring in on the day for the parade. The P&C will be providing an Easter Egg hunt and a BBQ will be on offer for lunch. Menu is attached to today's newsletter. Please return to office by Wednesday Thank you to all the families that have already donated eggs. The box will remain in the office until the end of term if you wish to continue to donate.

Cool Canteen
Next week’s menu is attached to today’s newsletter. Please ensure orders are placed by Wednesday.

Fruit Orders - Year 6 Fundraiser
Our next fruit box order is due Monday, 23rd March and will be delivered to the school on Tuesday 24th March. This is a Year 6 fundraiser and I know Jack and Jayden will appreciate your help in raising funds so they can give something back to our school at the end of the year.

School Payments
Text book fees, general contributions, school events and excursions can be paid using the using the online payment portal available through the school website. Don’t forget to print your receipt as your proof of payment.

Chances
Chances is a new support program for families facing difficulties offered through the Dungog Shire Community Centre. Their aim is to enable opportunities for children to have the chance to be involved in an interest of their choice such as sport, dance and music.
Chances is requesting support from the community with sports equipment, musical instruments, uniform requirements and the like to be donated to the program. These donations can then be gifted to children who would otherwise not be able to take part in extra-curricular activities.
If you have any of these items you are willing to donate to the program, they can be brought into school and will be collected by a Chances program coordinator.

*** P&C Meeting ***
Next meeting: Monday, 4th May
2:00pm in the Library
New parents welcome!

Library
Remember your Library Bag on Fridays to protect the books we borrow.