

# News from the Principal's Desk

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Thursday, 7 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we navigate through the current term, it is heartening to observe such positivity from our staff and students. The pace of the term may be swift, but the shared commitment to an engaging educational experience is palpable.

My email today will share with you information on the following:

- NAPLAN (Year 3&5)
- Harmony Day
- Ley Street Entrance
- P&C Executive

## **NAPLAN (Year 3&5)**

Next week, students in Years 3&5 will take part in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This assessment is a nation-wide measure to determine how students are progressing in developing key literacy and numeracy skills. In turn, NAPLAN assists our school in supporting staff to monitor and evaluate progress and achievement. Whilst Manning Primary does not 'teach to the test', we do ensure students are adequately prepared to navigate the platform and encouraged to do their best. We extend our best wishes to our Year 3 and 5 students for these upcoming assessments.

## **Harmony Day**

On Thursday 21 March, our school will be celebrating Harmony Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our staff, students and families to acknowledge and celebrate the many diverse cultures that help to make our school a special place. This year's theme is 'everyone belongs'. On this day, students are encouraged to come dressed in traditional cultural attire or wear the colour orange to show their support. We look forward to this occasion to promote and acknowledge the rich diversity of our school community.

## **Ley Street Entrance**

We are pleased to announce that next week we will be planting several Chinese Elm trees near the Ley Street entrance. These trees are strategically chosen to provide shade at the front of this school gate and along the pathway adjacent to the school library. We are confident that, as these trees mature, they will contribute to the overall aesthetics of our school grounds.

## **P&C Executive**

It is a pleasure to share with you the 2024 Manning Primary P&C Executive. The newly elected office bearers are as follows: President: Anna De Meersman, Vice President: Rachel Forrest, Secretary: Lynette Tay and Treasurer: Katie Coumbe. We look forward to the P&C's ongoing support throughout the year.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful rest of the week.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hayden O'Mara', written in a cursive style.

Hayden O'Mara

Principal

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