Two weeks to go until the touch carnival. The students will be working hard over the next two weeks preparing for the swimming, touch football and dance eisteddfod.

They will have swimming on Tuesday and Friday afternoon, touch football training on Monday and Wednesday afternoon and dance rehearsal on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

There are still things you can do to help prepare for the carnival. This is the P&C’s major fund raiser for the year and we need every-one to help out in some way.

A timetable is attached to this newsletter asking for volunteers to help in preparing meals and serving meals.

Please make yourself available for the three days from March 26—March 28. Wednesday night to Friday night.

**We need ice.**

Please freeze two litre containers of ice to use at the touch carnival. Deliver to school on Thursday March 27.

On Wednesday we have our P & C meeting for March. We need as many people as we can to attend to help contribute to the running of the touch football carnival. The Annual General Meeting will also be held and that will allow you to make a greater contribution if you so desire.

**P&C Meeting Wednesday 5.00 At School**

The continuing development of the school will continue over the next few weeks with work being carried out on the plumbing.

There will be another rain water tank installed, taps and toilets replaced and the two under covered areas joined with some flashing so we don’t get wet every time it rains.

The focus at school is to develop the reading skills of your child as explained in our Great Results Guarantee plan.

**Great Results Guarantee**

Our goals are as follows: Improve PM reading to L9 in Prep from 40% to 80%, to L19 in year 1 from 44% to 80% and to L23 in year 2 from 66% to 80%

Improve Naplan reading results in Year 3 MSS from 120 points less than QSS to QSS

Improve Naplan reading results in Year 3, 5, 7 from 0% to 30% in U2B in 2014 and 2015.

It is important to maintain the focus at home and continue reading with your child every night. Older readers will be better off reading by themselves. Younger readers will need parent help.

In term two I will run some ready reader sessions with parents and carers to assist with helping your child read at home. Stay tuned.

**Parents**

- Praise children’s efforts to try new things
- Accept that children are all the same
- Read anytime, anywhere, everyday
- Encourage children to talk about their feelings, experiences and ideas
- Notice changes as children grow in all areas of development
- Talk through things with children, listening to what they say
- Support and encourage children to ‘have a go’

On Friday March 21 there will be Harmony Day celebrations happening at the school. Students will be making and flying kites and will perform their dance for the eisteddfod.

Come along to the morning parade and stay for morning tea. Bring along a plate for morning tea.

A reminder that school starts at 8.30 a.m. Students should not be at school before 8.00 a.m. To be in class in time students should arrive by 8.20 a.m.

Regards

Daniel Smith
Our school expectations - Absentees

All children should attend school every school day

When students are absent
Ring the school on 47456197 before 9.00 a.m. with a reasonable explanation or provide a signed note.
If the student absence is to be for some time collect some work from school.
Students are required to be at school by 8.20 am to ensure they go into class in adequate time.
When students are late i.e after 8.30 a.m. they need a note explaining their absence.

School Response to absences
2 days absence without explanation – class teacher will ring home to enquire
4 days absence without suitable explanation – Principal will ring home to enquire
If there is no response to the phone call then an Absence Letter will be mailed home, reminding parents/carers of their obligations to ensure their child attends school on every school day and the requirement for providing satisfactory explanations for all absences.

Absences greater than 10 days
If you are expecting that your child will be absent for greater than 10 days you need to apply for an exemption from compulsory schooling. This form can be accessed at school.