## Year 1 Newsletter

### Term 1 Week 9, 2015

#### SPELLING

**Happy Spelling!**

- **Beginning Blend:** ‘pl’, ‘fl’
- **Spelling Pattern:** ‘ar’ like in car
- **Words to Learn:** but, are, fly, flash, play, plug, car, start
- **Extension words:** March, caterpillar, army
- **Website:** [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)

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#### READING

- **Shared Books:** The Life of a Butterfly and A Butterfly is Born
- **Literacy Unit:** The Very Hungry Caterpillar

#### HANDWRITING

- **Pencil grip**
- **M, m**

#### MATHEMATICS

- **Addition combinations to 10**
- **Half**
- **Describing chance**
- **Using an object as a unit of measurement. Make, mark and move**

#### SCIENCE

- **Unit of Work:** Minibeasts

#### PDHPE

- **Unit of Work:** Safe Play

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### Year 1 Homework - News:

This week is free choice. **During week 1 & 2 next term the children will be assessed on their speaking skills.** Speaking and Listening is an assessable component of the English Syllabus. As part of this assessment the children will be asked to present information on an insect. We will be looking for the children’s ability to present interesting and appropriate information, voice projection, maintaining eye contact with the audience and their ability to ask and answer relevant questions. Although you may help your child by using the Internet and books to find information, we would like the children to present the report in their **own** words. We will provide a scaffold to help the children organise their ideas which will be sent home next week. This is a standard scaffold that we use to help the children plan and write information reports. Your child may use palm cards to present their information if they like.

### K-2 School Disco:

Will be held tomorrow afternoon in the hall for K-2 students from 4.30pm – 5.50pm.

### Harmony Day:

Will be held this Wednesday 25 March. Harmony Day is celebrated each year in March. It is a day when we reflect and celebrate our diverse multicultural society. We affirm that everyone is equal in our society and that we should respect all cultures in Australia. The official colour of Harmony Day is orange and we will be having a ‘mufti day’ where all students are asked to **wear something orange**. Each student is asked to bring a gold coin/s to school which will go towards supporting the school’s child sponsor Yuraj **Sahu** through the **World Vision Sponsorship Program**. Yuraj lives in India and is eleven years old. The World Vision project where Yuraj lives provides essentials in life that make a huge difference to him and the community. This year we are completing a new project. **All students will contribute to making a Harmony Day quilt.** This quilt will be made from paper and it will represent all of Laguna Street's cultures. A square of coloured paper will be sent home. Please look out for the square in your child’s bag. **Please talk to your children about ideas to draw on their square.** Some ideas are:

- *draw something your family celebrates*
- *draw about your family’s culture*
- *draw something your family likes doing together*
- *draw sport/s your family likes to play or watch*
- *draw something that represents you and your family*

We look forward to seeing some interesting squares. Please return the completed squares by this **Wednesday, 24th March**.
- On **Harmony Day** the children will visit other classes in Year 1 and learn about different countries. The children will go on a “World Tour”. Each child will be given a passport and will visit different classrooms where they will learn about aspects of different cultures.

- **Easter Experience:** The Easter Experience is on **Wednesday 1 of April** commencing at 12:00pm. Hats and decorations were due last week so the children can make them with their buddy classes sometime this week. The Easter Bunny visits the children (sh, sh... it’s a surprise) and each child is given a small chocolate egg, provided by the K-6 club. Please see your child’s teacher by the end of the week if you don’t want your child to have an egg. If your child is unable to eat chocolate, please provide an alternative surprise labelled with their name and give it to your child’s teacher beforehand.

- **Easter Raffle Tickets:** Are due today. Don’t forget to return any fully sold raffle ticket books to the canteen to receive a golden ticket to go into the draw to win an IPod touch. Easter egg donations can also be left at the canteen.

- **School Relay:** Our school will be holding a Relay and Sausage Sizzle on Thursday 30 April to support ‘The Sutherland Relay for Life 2015.’ On this day children should wear their SPORTS uniform. To order a sausage sandwich & ice-block for your child, please complete the form in the schools newsletter located on our schools website (one is also being sent home with your oldest child) and return to the canteen by the end of **TERM 1** please. All monies raised will go towards our Laguna Street Relay for Life Team – Laguna Street Community Team.

- **Sport:** We begin Sport at 9.30am on Friday mornings and children are to wear their sport’s uniform. The children are learning and improving skills such as throwing, skipping and balancing. During Sport, we need Parent Helpers to assist with turning skipping ropes and with general organisational help. Anyone interested should speak with Mrs Hughes. Parent Volunteers all need to see the office about the required 100 point identity check.

- **Using the Internet from home:** At school when students login to the internet to access sites such as Spelling City, Mathletics, Cool Maths, Study Ladder, Google and other websites, they *must* login to the Department of Education and Communities website. It is [http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/students](http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/students) Students then accept the terms and it is their own personalised web page ‘Kids Space’. On their personalised webpage there are easy links to many websites they wish to add. It will be good for the students to access the internet this way at home to give them more experience as it will help them to be more independent. All students are given their own internet username and their password is: y1

- **Raincoats:** Please ensure that your child has theirs with them every day in their bag.

- **Staff Development Day:** Our Staff Development (“Pupil Free”) Day is in week 10 on Thursday 2 April 2015. Students will return to school for Term 2 on Monday 20 April 2015.

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Have a good week!  

Year 1 Teachers