What a wonderful first term we have had and how lovely it has been to get to know all the new Kindergarten students. So many wonderful personalities!

On the pages that follow you will find photos of the colourful and rich school life enjoyed by our students and evidence of some very creative hairdressers amongst the parents. On Funky Hair Day we raised $120 for Leukemia research and the students and teachers had lots of fun dressing up for Friday 13th. Harmony Day again allowed the children to enjoy having fun with their friends out of uniform.

It was back into uniform last week for school photos and I was impressed with the care that everyone had taken with their appearance on the day. Can’t wait to see the photos.

I have a message to deliver from the Department of Education about students being taken out of school for holidays during term time. Days off for holidays, other than those in the scheduled periods, will now be marked as absent not exempt. This policy change has been implemented to stop the practice of taking holidays outside of the scheduled breaks in order to get discounted flights and accommodation. Missing class time is a significant cost to the student and I would encourage you weigh this against any financial saving you may make when planning time away.

Mrs Lane and I have been observing and planning this term with our music mentor, David Collins-White who is a highly regarded operatic tenor that will be helping us to implement our music program across the school over the next two terms. We are very excited to have such an experienced musician and educator come to our school and we look forward to some fun musical experiences and performances.

The big events in this last week are the Easter Hat Parade, sausage sizzle and raffle. It is always a very exciting day and I will include all the photos in next month’s newsletter. I wonder who will win the big TV?????

Have a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone next term.

Vanda Quinn
Principal

PS Stay in touch with the school by downloading the Skoolbag App and receive reminders about events at school. Details about Skoolbag are on P11. For an up to date calendar for April and May please check the website or Skoolbag.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES:
Last Day of Term 1: 2nd April 2015
Students Return Term 2: 21st April 2015
## Kindergarten

**Mohammed**: Fantastic improvement in cutting skills
**Fatima**: Working independently in class
**Sarah M**: Great improvement in confidence
**Zahraa H**: Settling well into Kindy this week
**Munkh-Od**: Settling in well at school
**Zeinab E**: Always trying her best
**Esui**: Significant gains in English vocabulary
**Sara A**: An enthusiastic attitude to learning
**Zeinab D**: Careful work in handwriting
**Chelsea**: Fantastic focus in music
**Haidar**: Enthusiastically contributing in class
**Viraj**: Great work in writing lessons
**Zahraa A**: Concentrating well in class
**Angela**: Excellent handwriting
**Youssef**: Great singing
**Hassan**: Being very focused in handwriting

## Year 1

**Toto**: Painting a beautiful picture of an echidna
**Nini**: Lovely handwriting
**Nomin**: Fantastic effort at school
**Saleh**: Excellent reading
**Maya**: Fantastic contribution to dance
**Sakina**: Great effort in spelling
**Ryan**: Excellent news presentation
**Hussien**: Working hard in reading groups
**Nadine**: Enthusiastic participation in dance
**Novak**: Welcome to our school
**Zeinab M**: Wonderful reading work
**Charlie**: Excellent number skills
**Fatima**: Fantastic effort to homework
**Ryan**: Improved effort in learning
**Jayden**: Playing sensibly with his friends
**Mariam**: Always listening carefully and contributing to class discussions.

## Year 2

**Eoin**: Leadership in the Year 2 classroom
**Aadi**: Leadership in the Year 2 classroom
**Abbas**: Great participation in music lessons
**Mohammad**: Enjoyment of musical activities
**Hashimiyah**: Music appreciation and enjoyment
**Muhammad A**: Friendship and citizenship within the Year 2 classroom
**Ibrahim**: Writing
**Sarah**: Approach to learning and classroom activities
**Mandakh**: Recount of his weekend
**Yasmine**: Excellent presentation of her homework
**Muhammed-Ali**: Thoughtful and interesting story writing
**Matthew**: Enthusiastic participation in Maths
**Eoin**: Beautiful artwork on Big Rain Coming literature study
**Hussein A**: Beautiful art work on our science unit, weather
**Mohammad E**: Writing and interesting recount
**Muhammad-Ali**: Writing interesting creative stories

## Arabic

**Moussa**: Trying his best to write his name in Arabic
**Zeinab M**: Always trying her best in Arabic
**Yasmine**: Reading the weather report in Arabic
**Haidar**: Copying his name in Arabic
**Basel**: Writing and Arabic sentence independently
**Sarah D**: Remembering a few words about the weather in Arabic
**Miriam**: Identifying a few colours in Arabic
**Batoul**: Improved Arabic handwriting
**Hussein A**: Reading a copying a few sentences in Arabic
**Jaafar**: Identifying a few Arabic letters
**Maya**: Writing a few sentences about the weather in Arabic
**Hassan H**: Writing a few sentences about the weather in Arabic
March and April

Birthdays........
Fatima (K) Zahraa (K) Viraj (K)
Zeinab D (K) Misha (Y1) Batoul (Y1)
Zeinab M (Y1) Hussien E (Y1)
Hussein A (Y2) Matthew (Y2)
Ali E (Y2) Mahdi (Y2)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!

AWIS website:
Courage and Caring

Santi demonstrated great courage when he was injured in the playground and his friends were right there to support him! In fact all the children displayed great compassion and shared special commendations and ice blocks on Santi’s return. Great to have you back Santi and lovely to see such caring behaviour.
Some other award winners.....

....and our piano players

This looks like too much fun!
Funky Hair Day

We had lots of fun raising money for the Leukemia Foundation as part of the World's Greatest Shave charity drive. We raised $120.
Harmony Day