Harmony Day...

Last week Leura Public School took part in Harmony day wearing orange.

We started Harmony day in the afternoon session when two classes were mixed together, then we headed off to do different activities. The first activity for us was to make paper chain people. The second activity was to do some hip hop dancing. The third activity was to read a story about the happiest refugee. Then we went to make a giant rainbow serpent out of pictures we made.

We only had 4 activities. We didn't get to do soccer because we ran out of time. But everyone enjoyed the day and had lots of FUN!

Amelia and Balint, 4/5W

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From Mrs Getley ..... 

What a beautiful evening for a Disco in Leura. ‘Flava Dave’ once again entertained us with his great variety of tunes that got the ‘joint jumpin’ - quite literally at times! So many sausage sandwiches were consumed that Mrs Forrester had to go and replenish supplies. Special thanks for this event to DJ Dave Bridgland, and Stephen Waters who loaned us his sound equipment. He is from local bands ‘The Winstons’ and ‘Johnny Habitual’ so if you hear of them around the traps it would be great if you could give them your support. Well done once again to the P&C team who organised the event lead by Danielle Roberson with her large band of helpers. Thanks also to the teaching staff who hung in there for the late night.

It's been a busy couple of weeks with Ride 2 School Day reaching record participation and families able to enjoy a cuppa and a bun under the trees after their ride. Later in the day the students attended talks by the Police Youth Liaison Officer. Thanks Mr Bartie for organising this once again The Easter Hat Parade was held on a gorgeous mountains’ Autumn day, with the added bonus of being able to sample scrumptious treats from the bake sale. Well done to hat makers, hat paraders. cake bakers and cake buyers.

Last week, 3 staff members attended a workshop after school run by the Primary English Teachers Association Australia on enhancing literacy in the classroom. I know they came away with many practical and creative ideas bubbling and ready.

I had the pleasure last week of running a debating workshop for primary schools in our Upper Blue Mountains Learning Community in the Library at Katoomba High School. There were 63 students from 6 schools all keen and eloquently participating. Next term we will be running an inter-school competition. The final will be held at Katoomba High School sometime in Term 3.

Next term there will be activities during the month of May to commemorate the bicentenary of the crossing of the mountains. On Monday 6th May a theatre company called Blaxland and Daughter will present "Crossing", an interactive theatre production depicting the event. A journalist from the Sydney Morning Herald, who undertook the 'walk' during the Christmas break will also be coming to relate his experiences with our students. Later in the month, all students will be presented with a commemorative ‘holey dollar’. Many thanks to our sponsors Fantastic Aussie Tours and Blue Mountains Rotary, who have made this possible. We also hope to connect with the Blue Wave Walkers as they pass through the area on their re-enactment. All classes are including the crossing bicentenary in their studies.

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

T.S. Eliot— “Little Gidding” (the last of his Four Quartets)

Yours in learning

Stage 1 Mini Excursion to Gordon Falls ....

CORE VALUES - Term 1, Week 8

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Youth Movie Night, 5th April at the Edge Cinema Supervised movie night for kids run by the NSW Police Force and Rotary International. For details ph 4782 8900

Go4Fun - for children 7 to 13 years old. For healthy, active, happy kids – an initiative of Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District. To register please call 1800 780 900 or go to www.mendcentral.org/go4fun

Museum of Fire Annual Working Truck Show and Family Fun Day - Sunday, 7th April from 8am to 5pm at the Museum of Fire.

Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School 50th Birthday Celebrations and Open Day, 18th May: 11.30am to 4pm
**LIBRARY CLASSES**

Please remind your child/ren to bring their library bag and books on the day they have library. Classes are scheduled as follows:

- **Monday:** 2J, 2A, 2/3M, 4/5W
- **Tuesday:** 3/4D, 6W, 5/6O
- **Wednesday:** KC, K/1J, 1M, 1R/B

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Mrs. Forrester

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