Dear Parents,

Harmony Day

Please remember tomorrow, 20th March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day which celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. We encourage everyone to dress in clothing that represents their country and their culture.

At lunch, we will be having a multicultural lunch. Please bring along a small plate of food to share with your child’s class. If you are supplying hot food, would you please bring it to school, hot, close to lunchtime? We do not have the facility at school to heat food.

Easter Hat Parade

This year Easter is in the middle of the term break, however Thomastown Meadows will be having an Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term, next Friday 27th March at 9:00am. Children are encouraged to make a hat at home, bringing it to school on Friday 27th March so they can take part in the parade. We would really like it if the children were able to make their own hats with minimal assistance from a parent.

On the day of the parade there will be a small prize for the best child made hat in the following categories:

- The most original hat - The most colourful hat - The most crooked hat - The tallest hat

A Healthy Start to School-Getting to School Safely

“We live pretty close to the school so I walk Lilah and Charlie there, and I usually take our neighbour’s two kids too. They’ve made a real game out of the ‘stop, listen, look, think’ thing - they take turns shouting it out whenever we get to a corner. It can get loud!”

Karen, Lilah and Charlie’s mum

Road trauma is the leading cause of death and most frequent cause of hospitalisation among children in Australia. Getting to and from school is a common time for children to be exposed to road traffic. Remembering children do unpredictable things – they may not be aware of you so you need to be aware of them letting your child know that if you’re running a few minutes late picking them up, they should stay in the school playground or office, with a teacher until you arrive.

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**What schools do**
Together with parents and carers, schools share responsibility for supporting children to become responsible passengers, pedestrians, cyclists and eventually, drivers. Traffic safety education is incorporated into the curriculum.

**What parents can do**
Teach them to Stop. Look. Listen. Think.

Walking (or riding or scooting) to school with your child is a great way to start the day and reinforce road safety awareness in your child. At road crossings, reinforce school lessons by asking your child to:

- **STOP** one step back from the road
- **LOOK** in all directions for approaching traffic.
- **LISTEN** in all directions for approaching traffic.
- **THINK** about whether it is safe to cross the road – when the road is clear or all traffic has stopped.

When crossing, walk straight across the road. Keep looking and listening for traffic while crossing.

**Be wary at pick-ups and drop-offs**
Keep everyone safe at busy times at the school by:
- respecting the speed limits and parking signs around the school

Robyn Baker
Principal

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**
**WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL 2015**
Photo packs will be sent home next week.

**SchooliPix**
The Wise Choice

**PREP SING-A-LONG**
**PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE**
We hope that many parents will join us on Thursday 26 March at 3:00pm in the GP Room so come along and celebrate with your children.

Natasha Costa & Sarina Sergiou - Prep Teachers
St. Luke's Thomastown Tennis Club

OPEN DAY - Sunday 22nd March 10am-12pm

Gift for first 50 kids through the gate. Free sausage sizzle. Speed serve, coaching, hit the target & other activities.

Rowen Street, Thomastown. All welcome, hope to see you there!

OFFICE REMINDERS

Grade 3/4 Religious Education—Form and money due tomorrow Friday 20th March 2015. Please return form even if your child will not be attending.

Grade 5/6 Swan Hill Camp– Form and the non refundable deposit due no later than Thursday 26th March 2015.
Blue Light

20th March

Preston Darebin

Blue Light

Preston Town Hall
274 Gower Street, Preston
6.30 - 9PM (8 to 14 years of age)
Contact: Jo Parissis 0418 144 446

Cost $7

Run by local police and valued volunteers

Facebook: Preston (Darebin) Blue Light
Ask your parents to like the page if you are under 13

Instagram: bluelight_vic