**Principal’s Message**

The majority of our ILP meetings will have been completed by now. Thank you to all our families for your contribution to this planning process. Thanks also to all our families who were able to complete our feedback survey around ILP’s, reports and P&C. This information is being collated by the leadership team across the whole school.

*Regards*

*Belinda Ryan*

*Principal*

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**Friends News**

**Easter Egg Raffle**

We will be making Easter hampers out of donated Easter eggs and goodies and raffling over the next few weeks - tickets will go home shortly - if families and staff could donate Easter eggs and Easter items it would be wonderful!

**Bunnings BBQ - Kotara**

Saturday 12th April, 2014 from 8am - 4pm. Staff and parents welcome to come along - or pop in and buy a sausage sandwich.

**Charity Golf Day – Merewether Golf Club**

Friday 7th November, 2014 - details to follow later.

Thank you for your ongoing support

*Friends Committee*

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**Harmony Day**

At Newcastle Middle School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 20th March 2014 - a day for cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

It is an out of uniform day and we would like all students to dress up in the colour orange if possible.

To celebrate this day we have organised a performance by “A Swag Full of Instruments”. This is a performance where children experience music from diverse backgrounds and a variety of cultures through instruments from the Middle East, Australia, Ireland, America, Spain, Britain, Africa, Japan, Italy, China and the universal kitchen through dance songs and movement.

Please note that this day has changed from the 3rd April 2014 to 20th March 2014. The cost of is $5.00 and there isn’t a cost for students not wearing their school uniforms on this day.

Please ensure that all monies are sent in by Tuesday 18th March 2014 if you have not already paid for your child.

*Pratibha Harriram*

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**Office News**

**Immunisations**

Immunisations have been rescheduled to Tuesday 25th March, if you have not returned the forms please send them in with your child before this day.

Three doses of the vaccine are required for optimal protection. If your child misses out on the first dose/s they can start the course during the next visit.

*Regards*

*Susan and Kristy*

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**Diary Dates - Term 1**

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