From the Principal’s Desk

“Our diversity is our strength”, the theme for Harmony Day was celebrated in style!

On Thursday 18th March we held our annual Open Night and celebrated the diverse range of cultures we have at the school. There was a large turnout on the night with families celebrating their child’s learning and providing plates of food from their own country as well as dressing in traditional dress. The classrooms were open for parents and the community to walk through and have a look at the fantastic work their children have been doing. Our Filipino families showcased their culture by singing and dancing the night away! They made all the decorations and outfits for themselves and their children and made a huge variety of foods for the night, they were outstanding! We also held our Annual General Meeting for the P&C that night and it was the best turn out of parents willing to help the school ever. Thank you to all for your support.

Our Crazy Hair Day was held on Friday 1st April. Students donated a gold coin so that they could have ‘Crazy Hair’ on the day and watch Mr Walker get his head shaved by Katie from Tehaira. $202.60 was raised for the Lauekemia Foundation. Thank you again to everyone who participated.

Most of the renovations of the school will be finished by the beginning of next term. Currently there is fencing all around the verandas. This is because the bitumen area is going to be redone with an acrylic surface. This will be safer for the children, provide a better use of the area for games and will look better. Children will get to and from their classrooms by using the verandas around the quadrangle.

Our ANZAC Day ceremony will be held this Thursday 7th April on the oval. Students please remember your hat for the ceremony. Parents and friends are more than welcome to attend the ceremony starting at 2:30pm, we would be grateful to have you here.

Have a happy and safe holiday and we will see the children back on Wednesday 26th April.

Sheryl Pilkington
PRINCIPAL
Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat parade was a huge success this year. Such a difficult task to choose only 1 student from each class to get a chocolate rabbit! Thank you to Mr Walker’s father for donating the huge Easter Bunny, to everyone who donated something for the Easter Baskets and to all those who purchased tickets as well as the creative geniuses at home who helped their children make a hat especially for the occasion. A special thank you to the P&C for organising the event, it will be interesting to see how much was raised for the school. A huge effort by everyone.

Embleton Primary Parents and Citizens (P&C) in 2016

Thank you for the large turnout for this year’s Annual General Meeting to select the 2016 P&C office bearers. We would like to welcome the new office bearers for 2016 being:

- **President**: Paul Taman
- **Vice President**: John Dagostino
- **Treasurer**: George Kessaris
- **Secretary**: Lesley Affleck
- **Fundraising**: Rennae Wirth & Rebecca Websdale
- **Uniform**: Jemima Mellon
- **School Banking**: Jessica Lingwood & Melissa Ross
- **Subway**: Rennae Wirth & Rebecca Websdale

We look forward to a year full of fun activities and fundraising events with your support. If you can assist with any fundraising events please have a chat with Rennae or Rebecca.

**School banking**

Don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking Day and students can bring in their weekly deposit no matter how big or small. School Banking operates at the School Library from 8.15am every Thursday.

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop is open on Friday mornings from 9am.

Have a great holiday break and we look forward to a lot of fun in Term 2 with the Book Fair, Mother’s Day stall and a roller skating event.