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## Principal Report

- NAPLAN – The students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be participating in a Practice Test Session next week. This will be in readiness for next term. The test checks bandwidth and availability for all students to complete at the same time as the rest of the state.
- Check-in Assessment – The students in Year 4 and Year 6 will be completing a check-in assessment in Weeks 1 and 2. This information will guide what students will have extra help in Term 2.
- PAX – The staff completed PAX training last week. This will run concurrently with PBL and it has a positive way of working with students. It is a research-based program that reduces stress, anxiety and students struggling with mental health issues. We are waiting on the actual kit to arrive in the school. This will start in Term 2, with baseline data collected.
- Students are very excited about working in the gardens. Kindergarten made cordial. Year 3/4 are about to plant their seedlings in the ground.
- Harmony Day will be celebrated on the 19 March. Georgina is going to talk to the students about Bhutan and their culture. A note will go home tomorrow to dress in cultural costume or Harmony colours of orange.
- The Scripture teachers had a meeting last week and will be running an Easter Service at school in the Library. A note will go home to all non-scripture and Ethics to see if they would like to attend. It is usually a whole school thing. They have also asked if the students can attend the church on 21 May for Pentecost Day. What do you think?
- School Plan – it is nearly finished. I have brought the vision/context statements and the Strategic Direction 1. We are still clarifying Strategic Direction 2 which will be Wellbeing.
- I have left the quotes for the covering of the drama cubes with Nicole. She has not got the quote back yet.
- We have been looking at iPads. Individually they are \$595 each. We are still waiting for a quote for classroom sets (like Bolwarra).
- The school is about to take on an initiative for Mathematics. All staff are taking part in sustained professional learning with NSW Mathematics Strategy Professional Learning Team. The focus is on student outcomes.

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