NCC 2015
Part A

1. $47-29=18$.
2. There are 3 original colours, 3 ways to mix two colours, and 1 way to mix all three. In total, there are $3+3+1=7$ ways.
3. Since 1 book costs $\$ 10,3$ books cost $\$ 30$. Since 1 pencil and 1 eraser cost $\$ 3,10$ pencils and 10 erasers together cost $\$ 30$. The total cost is $\$ 30+\$ 30=\$ 60$.
4. Ben has to give 4 books to Daniel. Then, they will both have 18 books.
5. The supermarket sells potatoes in $2 \mathrm{~kg}, 5 \mathrm{~kg}$, and 10 kg bags. The prices are shown below:

| Weight | 2 kg | 5 kg | 10 kg |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Price | $\$ 3$ | $\$ 7$ | $\$ 13$ |

By trying all the possibilities, we find that the cheapest way to buy 15 kg of potatoes is to buy a 5 kg bag and a 10 kg bag, for a total cost of $\$ 7+\$ 13=\$ 20$.
6. By counting the squares, we see that Hiro eats 9 squares of cake and Baymax eats 16 squares of cake. Thus, Baymax eats $16-9=7$ more squares of cake than Hiro.

7. We can make a table of the times the alarm clocks ring. Clock 1 starts ringing at 11:00 and rings every 7 minutes. Clock 2 starts ringing at 11:05 and rings every 6 minutes.

| Clock 1 | $11: 00$ | $11: 07$ | $11: 14$ | $11: 21$ | $11: 28$ | $11: 35$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Clock 2 | $11: 05$ | $11: 11$ | $11: 17$ | $11: 23$ | $11: 29$ | $11: 35$ |

From the table, the first time both clocks ring together is $11: 35$.
8. We know February 4 is a Thursday. This means February 11, 18, and 25 are all Thursdays. Counting from Thursday, February 25, we get that February 29 is a Monday.

