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 With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our
 PERSONAL BEST

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MESSAGE FROM LISA

This week is Education Week and an opportunity to celebrate everything that we achieve at our school and also across all public schools. We celebrate this week by holding our Creative and Practical Arts Showcase and our annual Science Fair. These are two events that embody the extracurricular areas we target in your child’s education. There is a huge amount of evidence supporting how music, dance and the creative arts assist development of both sides of the brain which assists in problem solving, creative thinking and a lot of other high order skills. These are skills identified as big players in future learning and 21st century skills. Science also supports the development of creative and problem-solving skills and I can’t wait to see what your young Einsteins produce – I’ve already heard about some exciting experiments and research tasks.

These events are extra work for our very committed staff who strongly believe in our school culture and in providing the highest quality activities and events for our students. I thank them again for their dedication and commitment. Whilst talking about the dedication and work of our staff I would like to highlight the work which Mrs Andrea Burrows and Ms Alex Smith put into the Story Sacks that are now being sent home in Kindergarten instead of traditional homework. They spent their holidays collecting and compiling lots of fun activities to do on some high quality stories which encourage the children’s love of sharing a story and then responding to it. The Story Sacks have impressed many people and Mrs Burrows has even been asked to share them outside of our school.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples
Mother Theresa

ATTENDANCE

Just a friendly reminder that it is a legal requirement for your child to attend school on all days which the school is open. If they are unwell a note detailing illness must be presented within 3 days of the absence or a reminder note will go home. After this time the absence will be noted as unexplained. Other absences will be listed as leave if the school feels the need for the absence is reasonable and meets Department guidelines.

All absences involving a holiday or trip of more than three days should be pre-organised with the Principal. If your child has more than 8 days of unexplained absences your class teacher will start making contact with you to work through these attendance concerns.

Please understand the school will be supportive of legitimate days absent, but your child’s education is our number one priority and ensuring they are at school for the maximum possible time is incredibly important. If there are concerns or issues please contact the school so that we can work through them together.

We had the HSLO (Home School Liaison Officer) pop in last week to check our attendance. He regularly requests checks on student’s attendance, especially any student that has dropped below 85%. He was happy with our general data and we discussed the nature of a few students regarding illness, family holiday etc. this is why it is so important to let the school know so that we can inform him of legitimate reasons for absences or identify any glitches in our recording system.

SCHOOL VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

This term the Positive Behaviour for Learning focus will be on Respect – exploring what Respect looks like and what is expected in all areas across our school.

Week 3- Respect Setting: Playground – Passive Play in the morning before class

Week 4- Respect Setting: Toilets – Respect other’s privacy

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Week 3 :: Education Week

Wednesday, August 2	CAPA Showcase
Thursday, August 3	Jeans4Genes Day
Friday, August 4	Science Fair
Saturday, August 5	Harrigan's Trivia Night

Week 4

Mon-Wed, August 7-9	Stage 2 Adventure Land Forster Camp
Friday, August 11	Zone Athletics Carnival

Week 5

Sun-Thur, 13-17 August	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Tuesday, August 15	Little Athletics Visit Assembly 9.15am

TERM 3 EVENTS & NOTICES

THANKYOU

A big thank you to Chris Simon for the donation of some much needed glue sticks to the Rainbow Room!

A BIG WELCOME TO A FAMILIAR FACE!

Ms Alex Smith joins Ms King in the Purple classroom for four weeks as a prac-teacher. Students know (and love) Alex as she has been a classroom assistant at Harrington for a while now. We will all need to get used to calling her Miss Smith for the next four weeks! We wish you all the best in your prac Miss Smith!

PAYMENTS FOR MAJOR EXCURSIONS

Major excursions for Years 3-4 and Years 5- 6 are coming up quickly. Please do not forget to make regular payments so that your schedule is easier and you are not left with a large amount at the end.

School excursions are an extremely important part of the school curriculum not only academically but socially as well. Though your child may be nervous I promise you the experience will be very beneficial for their confidence, independence and self-esteem. We organise our excursions to keep them very busy so there is limited home sickness

and a lot of fun.

If you are having difficulty making payments or would like some financial assistance to make sure your child can attend, please contact the front office. We will do everything we can to make sure every child is given the opportunity to attend.

Year 3-4 Excursion: Adventure Land, Monday 7th August – Wednesday 9th August, 2017.

5-6 Excursion: Canberra and the Snowfields, Sunday 13th August –Thursday 17th August, 2017.

Year K- 2 Excursion: Timbertown Colonial Village, Thursday 21st September, 2017.

PREMIERS SPELLING BEE

Classes have been holding spelling bees over the past few weeks so that we could come up with four students to participate in the area finals. Our Stage Two participants are Gemma and Tia and our Stage 3 participants are Darcy and Indi. Good luck to these students who will be competing later this term.

DEBATING TEAM

Our School debating team Chelsea, Makayla, Indi and Darcy competed against Nabcac last week. Unfortunately they couldn't close the deal but are now preparing for the next round. Their topic is 'Junk food advertising on television should be banned.' with our team arguing for the negative. Good luck team – and remember, preparation is the key!

HARRIGAN'S TRIVIA NIGHT

Harrigan's are holding a Trivia Night on **Saturday 5th August** and have invited the school to run activities throughout the night to raise money for our fundraising account which we use to subsidise our excursions. We will post more info as it comes to hand and we encourage all of our families to come along and have some fun with us.

P & C will be selling tickets to their major raffle; the school will be hosting 100's Club and lots of fun games throughout the evening.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held later this term for those parents wanting more formal discussions about how their children are going. Each teacher will send a letter home indicating their availability and how they plan to structure

their interviews from Week 7 to Week 9. Please remember that ongoing discussions throughout the year are encouraged and staff endeavour to maintain contact with families, especially if there are concerns about your child's progress.

SCIENCE FAIR TERM 3

As a celebration for Education week we will be holding our 3rd Annual Science Fair on **Friday 4th August**. Last year was very successful so we are looking forward to what our Little Scientists are going to come up with this year. An Information Booklet has been sent home with dates, times and general suggestions for K-6 Science projects to give students (and families) time to get stuck into their Science Fair projects.

GYMNASTICS TERM 3

The cost for the term is \$45.00 which includes 10 sessions.

The students will get the opportunity to do activities on different apparatus that they would never be able to do in school unless we organised something like this. We feel it is an important part of the PDHPE curriculum that students often miss out on and is greatly beneficial for co-ordination and core strength. We hope you can support us in this activity.

BOOK WEEK AND BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Our annual Book Week is coming up in Week 6 of this term running from Monday 21st August until Friday 25th August. We celebrate this week at our school by holding a Book Fair in our library; Teacher Storytime every day at 11.00 (This involves all staff putting forward their story for the day and the students choosing which story they want to hear) and our Book Character Parade.

Our Book Parade will be held on Wednesday 23rd August, 2017 at 10.30am. The Book Fair will be open from 8.30am until the parade and will re-open after the parade. We will also hold Open Classrooms from 10.00-10.30am. We invite all siblings and pre-schoolers to join us for the parade and look forward to seeing many families on the day.

SCHOOL FAIR AND COMMUNITY MARKET

We are holding our annual School Fair and Market on **Sunday 10th September** from 8.00am until 1.00pm. This is our major fund raising event and involves a lot of fun activities that everyone can participate in. An update

brochure went home last week with the first snippets of information included. We will keep these coming to keep you informed about this awesome event.

By the end of this week we should have a list of nominees for '**Be Slimed**'. This is where four people from staff, families or the community can be nominated to be slimed at midday at the Fair. Once the final nominee list is published each person will raise money against the other nominees to see who has the most amounts raised against them on the day. The person with the most money next to their name will be **SLIMED!**

We will post a Facebook tally as well for nominations before the end of the week – get your nominations in 😊

PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

Peer Clubs are run on alternate (odd) weeks from assemblies. These are an opportunity to not only work on curriculum based activities but to develop a variety of social and emotional skills that benefit our entire student body. These lessons have been designed and developed by the Junior PBL Team and will be run by them with a teacher there to supervise only.

ASSEMBLY

Our last assembly was hosted the Green room and was part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations. Students from all classes presented work from their NAIDOC activities and it was a real treat to see the effort that went into their work.

We will be holding our next assembly for Term Three on Friday 11th August from 2-3pm. The assembly will be hosted by the Blue Room.

Don't forget if you have tallied 10 awards please bring them in so we can organise your Gold Awards. For every 10 awards your child is eligible for a Gold Award, Once they have received 50 Awards (5 Gold) they will become an Honour Student.

Once a student has received their 5 Gold Awards, Honour Student certificate and badge they need to collect and submit another 25 awards to receive **Diamond Status**.

Please note that Harrington's Got Talent Awards don't count towards the overall award tally for each level.

SCHOOL BANKING

Our School Banking Day is Tuesday. We would like to remind all our families that parents need to fill in the tab in their child's bank book with the details of their deposit so it can be stamped each week.

We now have Banking Bags for each class where students can put their bank books in on Tuesdays. We would like to encourage as many of our students as possible to bank as saving is a great skill to learn.

BYOD – BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Contracts have been sent home to families; Sorry about the delay we have been waiting to have paperwork as correct as possible and the list of apps required ready before we sent it home. Please returned the documents and download any relevant apps onto your child's device. Class teachers will let you know of the days the devices can be brought to school.

PHONES, HAND HELD DEVICES & SOCIAL MEDIA

This is just a reminder that all phones and hand held devices (iPods, mp3's etc.) are to be kept at the office throughout the school day. They can be handed to the office in the mornings and collected as the students leave.

We would also like to make it very clear that the school does not support primary school students on Social Media.

We have clear policies and procedures regarding cyber-safety and if need be will follow them up with students bullying or inappropriately involving other students on social media sites if they cross over into the school domain.

CHECK SKOOLBAG FOR:

- School sporting details
- Friday Sport Organisation
- Event details for each week
- Newsletters and copies of letters/flyers that have been sent home.

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE

Thank you to all those families who have supported the school and paid their annual school contribution payments. If you haven't yet we ask that you please make payments ASAP. These funds are a crucial part of purchasing school and classrooms supplies. So far we have had 31% of

families pay their contributions.

Families please note that school fees are as follows:

1 student	\$20.00
2 students	\$25.00
3 students	\$30.00

Invoices have been sent home to families. Fees can be paid in the morning on any day.

FORTNIGHTLY ASSEMBLY AWARDS – WEEK 2

Rainbow

Principal Awards

Kobi	Cruze
Boyde	Kendall
Melannah	Noah
Lilyana	Jake
Finn – PBL	Cooper T

Yellow

Best Mannered Class

Chevy	Kindergarten
Ebony	
Pearl	
Mya	

Purple

Music Awards

Bonnie	Charli
Breanna	Travis
Keiara	Paris
Joel	
Lewis – PBL	

Blue

Super Star Of The Class

Callen	Chelsea
Jasmine	
Connor	
Gemma	
Lili P – PBL	

Green

Honour Student

Megan	Max
Indiana	
Darcy	
Nick	
Karisa – PBL	

CHANGES TO SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Harrington Public School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **4 September 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

1. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **30 August and 5 September 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **30 August, 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
2. **Cash and cheque payments:** Between **30 August 2017** and **4 September 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **30 August 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

Online payments (POP): As of **25 August 2017**, payments to our current online payment facility will cease. You will not be able to use the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system until **Monday 4 September**.

Please be aware that over the next three months both Karen and Kirsty will periodically be training for the transition to the new management system.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 6556 1267.

P & C EVENTS



P & C MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Monday 21st August from 6.00pm in our staffroom

We thank our P & C for all the fundraising that has taken place over many years which is assisting us in the building of a walkway to the Senior Classroom. Work started last week and we can't wait until it's completed.

We encourage all members of our school community to get involved or support the P & C in any way they can. Thank you to everyone who attended the last meeting.

P&C NOTICES

Currently our P & C is working to support the school with a significant financial contribution to assist us in having a walkway built to cover the path to our Senior Classroom. Approval has been established for this construction and it will be started soon.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is fully stocked with all winter uniform requirements. ** ½-Zip Jumpers – all \$5! ** Limited sizes, while stocks last.

The Uniform Shop is open from 8.45am-9.15am on Wednesdays or by appointment. Please contact Lee on 0435 002 532 for enquiries.