



Moving Forward Together
 With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our
 PERSONAL BEST

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MESSAGE FROM LISA

Thank you to all of the families and community that got involved in our Education Week activities. The feedback has been really positive and encouraging – and even though I had an exhausted staff, the week finished on a high!

We would like to send out a very large hug and THANKYOU to Greg and Jeanette Hardy, the grandparents of Kobi, Bailey and Jake, for their very generous donation of a keyboard for the music room. It has been very exciting for our students to have use of such a technical machine.

Our Stage Two Camp travelled to Adventure Land near Forster last week for their major excursion. As you could probably tell from all of the photos on Facebook they had an absolute ball and created some memories they will have for a lifetime. As you read this newsletter our Stage Three camp is nearly over with our group having a snow play-day today (Wednesday) ALL DAY! We are so privileged to be able to take these students away and share these experiences with them and encourage them to participate and develop that little bit more independence than they had before.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

*If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.
 Henry Ford*

NAPLAN ONLINE SCHOOL READINESS TEST

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a ‘practice run’ for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes.

- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online.
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test questions, types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

Our school will be running this practice test in Week 10. Our Year 3 students will participate in the Maths Online and Year 5 will do the Writing and Numeracy online. This assessment is not used towards NAPLAN results etc. but simply a tool to see if the school can manage the process prior to it being launched in 2018.

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 5- Respect Setting: Library – Respect library and return books and equipment to its correct place

Week 6- Respect Setting: Canteen – Bag Free Zone

SCHOOL FAIR AND COMMUNITY MARKET

We are holding our annual Fair and Markets 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. Update 2 brochure went home this week with extra snippets of information and the four novelty Showbags available from the Ticket Box. We will keep these brochures coming to keep you informed about this awesome event.

The four final nominees for SLIMED!!! are...
Mrs Lisa Kirkland **Mr Rodney Green**
Mr Jason Taylor **Mr Wil Mander**

Keep an eye out for fundraising activities that will take place to raise money to see one of these people slimed at the School Fair...I'm sure the competition will be fierce! ☺

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Week 6 :: Book Week

Monday, August 21	P&C Meeting 6pm
Tuesday, August 22	ICAS Maths Comp 12.00pm-1.30pm
Wednesday, August 23	Book Fair, Character Parade & Classroom Open Day Assembly 2-3pm
Friday, August 25	Soccer Gala Day

Week 7

Friday, September 1	Father's Day Stall
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TERM 3 EVENTS & NOTICES

THANKYOU

A big thank you to **Kookaburra Educational Resources** for the donation of some much needed glue sticks to the Rainbow Room! As Mrs Burrows says, "Now Kinder can get **stuck** into some fantastic work!"

MAJOR EXCURSIONS – ONLY ONE LEFT

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 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 2 participants are Gemma and Tia and our Stage 3 participants are Darcy and Indi. Good luck to these students who will be competing on **Monday 11th September** at Forster Public School.

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.

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 Character Parade will be held on **Wednesday 23rd August 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.

Mrs Moore posted a flyer on Facebook and uploaded it to Skoolbag last week which outlined times etc. and Neolie has asked for helpers to assist with the Book Fair, please let her know if you can spare some time.

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 CHANGE – PLEASE NOTE

Due to the Soccer Gala Day being held on the 25th August we will be holding our next assembly on **Wednesday 23 August** from 2.00pm-3.00pm. This will be on the same day as our Book Character Parade and Book Fair.

Green and Blue Room have hosted the first two assemblies of this term with students presenting a variety of different class work. Congratulations on all their hard work and the efforts the students who received awards must have put in to gain them! Our next assembly will be hosted by the Purple 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 as we have been waiting to have paperwork as correct as possible and the list of apps required ready before it was sent home. Please return 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.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

As there was no assembly last week we have no assembly awards to list in this newsletter. All awards will be listed in the next newsletter after our assembly on **Wednesday 23rd August**.

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.

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 has started 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 has been started.

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.



SWIM CLUB

Come Try & Information Days

20th August & 10th September 2017

2-4pm

Manning Aquatic Leisure Centre, Taree

Come along and find out what swimming club is really about! Having fun whilst improving your swimming abilities

Cost of pool entry to Aquatic Centre

Optus Junior Dolphins program allows children 7 & under as of the 1st October 2017 to join free!

For more info email; tareetorpedoes@gmail.com