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With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our  
PERSONAL BEST

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**MESSAGE FROM LISA**

Well the major excursions are over for Years 3-6 and I'm sure that all staff and students had an exciting and educational time, though I'm sure they were all exhausted when they got home! It is such a great time to spend together and get to know each other that little bit more.

Our **Nearly Summer School Fair** is quickly approaching and I encourage all of our families to pre-purchase their Helping Hands (*a reminder that the office cannot take any payments until late next week*), clean out their cupboards for all the stalls and start baking lots of goodies for the bake stall. I am scouring Pinterest every night looking for some unique ideas and things to bake...please start bringing things in ASAP.

I also urge all families who haven't returned their P&C raffle tickets to please send them back so that the draw can be finalised.

I have been in and out of school a lot over the past few weeks for training and LMBR sessions. The office is currently rolling over into our new financial and student management system which is a little stressful and time consuming but the office staff are on top of managing the changes and hopeful that there won't be too many hiccups along the way.

We are experiencing a lot of illness among students and staff at present. We please ask that if your child is unwell you keep them home as we have had a lot of children very sick at school and it is starting to take its toll on staff. We have a limited bank of casuals to call on and many of them are sick as well so at times we may have to split classes if they can't be covered. This is why we beg families to keep their sick kids home until the germs and bugs have passed. Information from the NSW Department of Health regarding when to keep children at home is attached for your information.

We thank families for working with us to keep Harrington Public School happy and healthy.

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

*Let us remember: one book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.*  
*Malala Yousafzai*

**SCHOOL FAIR AND COMMUNITY MARKET**

We are holding our annual Fair and Markets on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3 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.

**BE SLIMED! ONESIE/PJ DAY**



Our **Be Slimed** event is attracting lots of attention and we are holding a **Onesie/PJ Day on Friday 1 September 2017** to see who gets **SLIMED!**

Wear your fave onesie/pj's and bring along a gold coin donation to put into the jar of the person you would most like to see **slimed!**

**Be Slimed** nominees are:  
**Mrs Kirkland, Mr Taylor, Mr Rodney Green (the bus driver) and Mr Mander!**

**PREPURCHASE SYSTEM FOR THE SCHOOL FAIR**

- We are preselling a Helping Hand card for \$15 which will ensure that your child receives:
- :: A photo booth ticket
  - :: A Showbag (Smarties/Nerds)
  - :: A sausage sandwich
  - :: A choice of drink
  - :: A ticket to Side Show Alley



Our Helping Hands are great value and an excellent way to make sure students don't miss out.

Please see the Update 3 brochure for more details.

## 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 7- Respect Setting: Office –Wait your turn**

**Week 6- Respect Setting: Leaving & Entering School – Walk with and listen to your teacher when leaving the school**

## PACER – PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE

As you are aware our school participates in the Civics and Citizenship activities at Parliament House, Old Parliament House and Electoral Commission and the Australian War Memorial. We are grateful for the programs these institutions put together as well as the PACER Rebate we receive which assists us in subsidising the excursion for our children. This year we participated in a Role Play of the House of Representatives, a Referendum debate and voting process and visit to the House of Reps in Old Parliament House also.

## TERM 3 CALENDAR

### Week 7

Friday, September 1	Father's Day Stall <b>Be Slimed</b> Fundraiser – Onesie/PJ Day	<b>Be</b>
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### Week 8

Friday, September 8	Assembly 2-3pm
Sunday, September 10	Nearly Summer Fair! 8.00am-1.00pm

## TERM 3 EVENTS & NOTICES

### ZONE ATHLETICS REPORT

Well done to all of our students who competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival – it was an awesome day! Everyone should be extremely proud of their efforts, with 2017 being our largest number of students to make it through to the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival in September – an outstanding effort for a small school 😊.

The personal bests, individual effort, team spirit and peer support was commendable – I could hear the cheers from the middle of the field! I feel privileged to be a part of this beautiful school. A huge thank you to Neolie for helping to organise the students to their events with Mr Williams from Moorland Public School. The Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival will take place at Glendale on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Good luck to all of our successful students.

#### **Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival - qualifying students:**

**Shot put** Makayla S Cooper T

**Junior Girls 1500m & 800m** Gemma – *first place in both events!*

**9yr boys 100m** Riley

#### **Finals qualifiers:**

**Mitch 100m; 200m** (*Unfortunately withdrew, unwell*)

Placed Long Jump 4<sup>th</sup>; High Jump 5<sup>th</sup>;

**Senior Girl's Relay – placed 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Mrs Woody's Round-up!**

Chelsea was awesome in her running events, just missing finals and placing 4<sup>th</sup> in High Jump and 5<sup>th</sup> in Long Jump.

Charli's distance running was superb.

The boy's and girl's Junior and Senior relay teams did a great job against the competition, only just missing out on places for the finals! A big thank you to Cooper who quickly replaced a missing competitor last minute in the Senior Boy's.

Brody and Jasmine tried their best in their 100m events – running like the wind.

Bailey, Karisa, Kirrah, and Blair were so close in their 100m events that there was nothing between the first 5 place receivers – not even a second!

Catherine and Tia were troupers in their track events, never giving up with determination to succeed! \

Brendon jumped beautifully in High Jump placing 3rd!

Hayden and Shaylee’s muscles continue to shine against some strong competition in Shot Put, both placing 4th.

Later in the year I will be attending an Athletics Coaching course in Newcastle. Many students have offered to come on the course with me; however, I have assured them I will endeavour to implement what I learn into their sporting programs.

Next year I would like to continue to work with our students to build their track and field skills, particularly in running style and technique as well as long jump, distance and take off.

All competitors should be so proud of their achievements and how they competing at such a representative level.

Exciting times ahead! **Mrs Woodward**



## 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 **21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017.**

## FATHER’S DAY STALL

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September we will be holding our Father’s Day Stall with items ranging from \$3 - \$5. We have a great selection of gifts including items for special Grandpas and Poppys as well.

## PREMIERS SPELLING BEE



We can’t wait until the area finals for Premiers Spelling Bee! Our Stage Two participants are Gemma, Tia and our Stage 3 participants are Darcy, Indi. Good luck to these students who be competing

on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## AWARDS

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.

## 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**. 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. 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 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.

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS – Week 4

#### Rainbow

#### Principal Awards

Hayden	Isaac W
Makayla	Paige
Dakota	Keiara
Lily	Maddy
Melanah – PBL	Makayla S

#### Yellow

#### Best Mannered Class

Ella Rose  
Aidan  
Lucas  
Chevy

#### Purple

#### Music Awards

Bailey  
Isabella  
Tiarna  
Lewis  
Calista – PBL

#### Blue

#### Super Star Of The Class

Paris	Summer
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Brody  
Jake  
Lilly B  
Khalon – PBL

#### Green

Jai  
Adam  
Indiana  
Sabella  
Mitch – PBL

### ASSEMBLY AWARDS – Week 6

#### Rainbow

#### Principal Awards

Aviana	Boyde
Taj	Nevaeh
Lucas	Bonnie
Kobi	Lili
Riley B – PBL	Blair

#### Yellow

#### Best Mannered Class

Charlie  
Michael  
Akayla  
Luke S

#### Purple

#### Music Awards

Joel  
Lily  
Courtney  
Jake  
Kale – PBL

#### Blue

#### Super Star Of The Class

Isaac	Isabella
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Jasmine  
Keira  
Katelin  
Maddy – PBL

#### Green

Max  
Flynn  
Kirrah  
Xavier  
Wil – PBL