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 With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our
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MESSAGE FROM LISA

We are into the downhill run for our 2017 school year. It has been a very exciting year with a great deal being established and a lot of work being completed. As many of you are aware I am taking leave for the last two weeks of term as I need to have a medical procedure done that I have pushed as late as I can. Mrs Renai Woodward will sit in the big chair from this time and Ms Tamara Miller will take her class, Mrs Burrows will take on Assistant Principal responsibilities. I will travel to Harrington for the Presentation Day assembly and if I'm recovering well the Year 6 Farewell also.

As you are aware we are in a changeover period for finances, budgeting and general management of school systems which has made it very tricky finalising things for the end of the year. I would like to notify families of the basic structure of classes and staff but would also like to let our families know that things may change depending on enrolments etc. at the beginning of next year. I encourage you to let us know of any families that are moving to our area or leaving so we can work on class structures.

Mrs Eggins and Ms King will be on maternity leave for 2018 and we wish them all the best for the new additions joining their families. To maintain consistency in our school teaching and learning focus we have sourced a new teacher with relevant training and experience to join us in 2018 to cover Ms King's maternity leave. Her name is Ms Melissa Locky and she has trained in many of the areas we have focused on over the last few years, we know she will enjoy her time with us! We get to keep Ms Davison for another year but are going to use her Reading Recovery skills and welfare training to run our intervention and social skills program for K-2 plus Gifted and Talented support while Mrs Eggins is on leave.

At this stage our class structures and staff will be:

- Rainbow Room: Mrs Andrea Burrows
- Yellow Room: Ms Melissa Locky
- Purple Room: Mrs Renai Woodward
- Blue Room: Mrs Amy Moore
- Green Room: Mr Jason Taylor
- Music and RFF: Mr Will Mander
- K-2 LST/Gifted & Talented: Ms Kerrie Davison
- 3-6 LST/Library: Mrs Courtney O'Bryan

These class structures and staffing allocations should stay the same and there will be additions to the part time staff but they haven't been finalised at this point. We would also like to let families know that classes **haven't** been finalised but there will be 2 split grades, Year 2 and Year 5. We work very hard on making sure the two grades are split according to needs, friendship groups and independent ability and assure parents that we try to establish what we feel is best for each student.

Thank you again for a fantastic year and look forward to an even more spectacular one in 2018!

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK



SCHOOL VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

This term the Positive Behaviour for Learning focus will be *Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best*

Weeks 7&8- Responsibility Setting: Playground – Don't go out of bounds



If you see anything suspicious occurring after hours on school grounds please contact the NSW Education Dept's School Security Unit on **9672 2093**. This is a 24 hour hotline and reports will be dealt with immediately. Alternatively call **000** for emergency services.

TERM 4 CALENDAR

Week 7

Wed, November 22	Principal's Privilege Picnic
Thursday, November 23	Volunteers Morning Tea

Week 8

Tuesday, November 28	Xmas Concert dress rehearsal
Wed, November 29	Xmas Concert 6pm-7.30pm
Thursday, November 30	Principal on leave – <i>Renai Woodward</i> <i>Relieving Principal</i>

Week 9

Tuesday, December 5	Presentation Day
Thursday, December 7	Assembly 2-3pm

TERM 4 EVENTS & NOTICES

WHAT'S COMING UP

Enrolments for 2018

We are finalising decisions about classes and staffing over the next few weeks so it is extremely important we know of any new students coming to Harrington PS or students planning to leave. Please contact your class teacher or the front office with these details ASAP. We are looking to encourage all our local students to attend Harrington Public School so if we can assist anyone, provide a tour of the school and facilities please let us know. Don't forget we

have access to **Before and after School Care** through Jabiru which makes it much easier for our families, EOI applications can be collected from Front Office.

Please remember that our school will do everything we can to make it a welcoming and family oriented environment for your children – if you have any concerns please see us so we can work together to improve whatever we need to.

2018 annual Calendar and Classroom Requirements

Included with this newsletter and the next newsletters in Week 9 is an outline of events for each term of 2018 and approximate costing. Please have a look and start to add these dates and activities to your calendars. We are hoping this assists our families to plan costs and payments for larger events.

Please understand that a lot of time and effort has gone into organising 2018 and we hope our families appreciate that the best interests of our students is the priority in everything we have planned. Class structures and teacher allocations have been organised to achieve a continuation of the amazing growth we have seen this year.

End of Year Big Breakfast- Bacon and Egg Rolls

Thank you to all our community and family members who joined us for breakfast on Monday morning. It is a great opportunity to touch base at a very busy time of year and share in something delicious and FREE!!!

Thank you to the P & C for supporting this event by providing the drinks and cups.

Volunteers Morning Tea

This year we will be hosting a Morning Tea for our wonderful volunteers! These are the people who volunteer their time and efforts across so many areas of our school. We will be holding the Morning Tea on **Thursday 23rd November**. Invites have been sent out, please advise if you are able to attend – we look forward to seeing all of our wonderful volunteers so that we can say a great, big THANK YOU for all of their hard work during the year! If you haven't received your invitation please contact the school.

Christmas Concert-Save the date

Please save the date for our annual Christmas Concert which is a fantastic experience for all of our students and we aim to have all students involved in some capacity.

This year the concert is called *Christmas Around the World* and will be held at the Harrington Community Centre,

Harrington Waters on **Wednesday 29th November**. All students will be expected to arrive by 5.30pm for the concert to start at 6.00pm sharp.

Presentation Day Assembly

This year we are holding the annual Presentation Assembly at the Community Centre, Harrington Waters on **Tuesday 5th December**. The Assembly will aim to start at 9.30 am with all families invited back to school for lunch. Coaches have been organised to transport students to and from the event.

Year 6 Farewell- Save the Date

We will be holding our Year 6 Farewell for all of our graduating students on **Thursday 7th December**. This is a very special evening for students, staff and their families. We kick off on the lawns outside Harrigan's Function Centre at Harrigan's Irish Pub for photos from 5.30pm with students and staff moving inside for dinner at 6.30pm. We ask families to return around 7.30pm for speeches, photo-story and dancing.

Combined Church Service

Pastor David and Father Steve have invited the students and families of Harrington PS to a Combined Church Service to celebrate Christmas 2017. The service will be held at St Peters Anglican Church and will run from 2.00pm-3.00pm on **Tuesday, 12th December 2017**. The service is not compulsory and a permission note will be going home soon.

Big Day Out-Save the date

We will be holding our final celebration on **Thursday 14th December** with a trip for all of our students to Port Macquarie Majestic Cinemas to see a movie together and then have a picnic on the Town Green. We subsidise the cost of this event by \$10 which means the overall cost is \$15.00 per student. Students from K-4 will be lucky enough to see one of the first screenings of *Ferdinand* and Year 5 & 6 students will be watching the movie *Wonder* which is the class novel that Green Room has been studying during Term 3 and Term 4.

Please return permission notes and payments as soon as possible, thank you ☺

MESSAGES FROM THE TEAM

PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

This term our Junior PBL team have focused on key issues around the school and have written lessons for all students and staff to cover these areas.

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

Classes are starting to participate in technology activities during a variety of different lessons. If you would like your child to participate in the activities with their own devices please complete the required paperwork and return to school. BYOD paperwork can be picked up from the front office at any time.

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.

FORTNIGHTLY ASSEMBLY AWARDS – WEEK 4

Principal's Award

Rainbow	Lilyana	Yellow	Mya
Purple	Zariah	Blue	Shannon
Green	Megan		

Music Awards

Taj, Savannah, Liliana

Class Awards

Rainbow	Kobi, Lucas, Boyde, Isaac	PBL Taj
Yellow	Courtney, Calista, Joel, Emily-Rose	PBL Lily
Purple	Tahli, Charlie, Lucas, Zandahr	PBL Mira-Lee
Blue	Maddy, Jake, Jennah, Connor	PBL Paris
Green	Xavier, Flynn, Wil, Kirrah	PBL Cooper

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.

P & C NEWS



P & C MEETING

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our final meeting for the year. Our next P&C meeting will be on **Monday 19 February 2018** from 6pm in the staffroom. This meeting will also include our AGM. We encourage all members of our school community to attend. P&C membership is \$1.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & C will be hosting a Christmas Raffle to be drawn at the Christmas Concert on the **29th November**. This raffle will run in a similar way to the Easter Raffle in that we call

for donations from families to put the hampers together. How many prizes available for the draw will depend on how many hampers we can create – the more the merrier!

Ideas for donations could be: chocolates, Christmas lollies, decorations, pretzels, chips, biscuits, small puddings, Christmas cakes, fruit mince tarts, tinsel, cordial etc. When a family donates to the raffle they will receive a free ticket in the draw plus a star with their name on it will be placed in the front window of the office. We aim to cover the windows with stars leading up to Christmas. We look forward to your participation in this raffle and tickets will go home soon.

UNIFORM SHOP

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



2018 Class Requirements Student Shopping List

Years 1-2

- Plastic A4 case or envelope (preferably zip lock) for home reading
- A4 lined exercise book to be nicely covered & labelled for your Homework Book
- 2 glue sticks to contribute to class collection
- Drink bottle - labelled
- School hat
- Library bag

Years 3-6

- Pencil case
- Coloured pencils
- 2 blue pens
- 2 red pens
- 2 HB lead pencils
- 30cm ruler
- Sharpener, rubber
- Plastic A4 case or envelope (preferably zip lock) for Home Reading
- A4 lined exercise book to be nicely covered & labelled for your Homework Book
- 2 glue sticks to contribute to class collection
- Drink bottle - labelled
- School hat
- Library bag
- Extras – textas, highlighters