



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

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MESSAGE FROM LISA

Welcome back to all our families for what is going to be another positive year of growth and achievement for our school. I would also like to welcome new families to our community, we open our arms and doors to you at this transition time, please let us know of anything you are needing or questions you may have.

Mrs Eggins has had a beautiful baby boy named Brooklyn Eggins and he shares the lucky birthday of January 25th with our Mr Taylor. Ms King has a few weeks to go and some of you may be lucky enough to see her pop in occasionally as she finishes off some projects she has been working on.

We had a number of members of our community lose loved ones over the break, we would like to continue to send our love and support to them regardless of whether they are staff, volunteers or parents; you are a part of our community and we support each other through good and bad. Please understand if anyone needs support or assistance our door is always open.

We welcome our teaching staff for the year and know that they will be giving their very best to nurturing and educating your precious children. We will be holding Parent/Teacher Table Chats in a few weeks so you can touch base with them but allow them some time to settle into classes and expectations before you pop in to see them.

Rainbow Room: Mrs Andrea Burrows

Yellow Room: Ms Melissa Lockey

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. Please know that we have thought a great deal about the learning dynamics in each room and the place we feel each individual student will gain the most. We welcome you to pop in and have a chat about placement if it is of great concern. However due to class sizes and arrangements, we may not be able to move anyone but want to encourage you to come in so we can work it all out together.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something.

Neil Gaiman

EXTENSION PROGRAMS 2018

Last year we successfully ran a variety of extension groups where students with a particular skill or interest were given the opportunity once a week to deepen their knowledge in that area. Mrs Eggins covered technology and writing and Mr Taylor took a maths group in Terms 3 & 4. We felt this was a very positive step to extend opportunities to students to develop their gift or talent.

In 2018 we are dedicating more time to these extension groups with three time slots allocated weekly. Mrs Moore will be running the technology group on Tuesday afternoons, Ms. Davison will be running a creative arts group on Wednesdays and Mr Taylor will run a maths group on Thursdays. All extension teachers will work with class teachers to select the students for the groups this term with opportunities for new students in Term 2. Families will be notified if their child is selected for the group and if any extra materials are needed though I don't believe they will need anything more than their beautiful minds at this point!

SCHOOL VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

This term the Positive Behaviour for learning focus will be on revisiting our school expectations of Respect, Responsibility and personal Best– exploring what they look like, what they mean and what is expected in all settings across our school.

Weeks 1&2 PBL focus: Accept & Follow Directions

Setting: All Settings

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Week 2

Monday, February 5	Swimming Carnival (8yrs and over only)
Friday, February 9	Assembly 2-3pm

Week 3

Wednesday, February 14	Welcome Back Big Brekkie – Bacon & Egg Rolls from 7.30am
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TERM 4 EVENTS & NOTICES

WHAT'S COMING UP

Welcome Back Big Brekkie- Bacon and Egg Rolls

We are holding our Welcome Back Big Brekkie on **Wednesday 14th February** – yes it is Valentine's Day so please forgive us if it impacts any of your plans!

We will be cooking up bacon and egg rolls from 7.30 am and the P & C will be providing juice for everyone. Please encourage your family to join us as well as this is the perfect opportunity for us all to touch base. Please encourage any of our new families along also as this is a great time for them to meet everyone and really get a feeling for how close and supportive our community is.

Parent/Teacher Table Chats

This is an informal opportunity for all families to touch base with their teachers and our school leaders to get a picture of what 2018 will look like for your child. There will be general chats starting in the Library then a touch-base in your child's classroom. We also use this time to survey parents about what they would like to know more about and workshops we can run this year.

Kindergarten will actually spend the whole evening in their classroom with Mrs Burrows as there is a lot of information they need that existing families already know.

Monday 26th February @ 5.30pm – K-3 Parents (Kinder session in classroom, Years 1-3 in Library)

Tuesday 27th February @ 5.30pm – 4-6 Parents (in Library)

MESSAGES FROM THE TEAM

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS CEREMONY

We would like to thank the students and families that came along to the Australia Day Awards Ceremony this year which was held at the Community Hall from 8.00am on Friday, 26th January. We had seven students nominated for awards with Indiana and Darcy nominated for Youth of the Year, and Gemma, Mitch, Catherine, Blair and Chelsea nominated for Junior Sportsperson of the Year.

This was a very exciting event for us as it was the first time we had our incoming captains speak at the ceremony and the first time we've put nominations in for awards. With encouragement from our local Chamber of Commerce we are looking to include this in our community events calendar each year alongside ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and the New Year's Day Fireworks.

Congratulations to Mitch and Lily for their first speech of the year they did a fantastic job and were also interviewed for TV. We also congratulate Darcy on receiving his award for Young Citizen of the Year and Chelsea for Junior Sportsperson of the year. All of the students nominated were worthy of the awards and we're incredibly proud that our 2017 Captains received them.

PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

We have a brand new Junior PBL team this year – congratulations to Savannah, Isaac (Yr5), Lili, Cali and Bailey! We're sure you are going to enjoy your responsibilities and thrive as young leaders in our school. Peer Groups won't start straight away as there is a training period for the new team but their playground referee roles will start by Week 3.

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. Many of our senior students will actually be bringing contracts home during the next few weeks.

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 not had any recent incidents with students but would like to encourage active involvement and conversations regarding cyber safety and social media at home.

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:

- Sporting Schools details
- Friday Sport Organisation
- Event details for each week
- Newsletters and copies of letters/flyers that have been sent home.
- Canteen Menu, Roster and Uniform Price List

This is a great place to find out information and answers to questions about times and places etc. There is no reply system within Skoolbag. You can always call school office during working hours 8.30 -3.30 daily.

CHECK FACEBOOK CLOSED GROUP FOR:

- Classroom snippets
- Photos from school events
- Canteen news
- General Community support and encouragement

Please remember that staff are not always looking at Facebook so this is not the best place to ask a question as it is not always an instant response though I'm sure other parents are happy to assist if they can. Any negative conversations or complaints should be handled privately – please contact the school to set up meetings if you have any issues, this is not the forum and these issues will be quickly deleted.

CHECK FACEBOOK PAGE FOR:

- School Promotion
- Celebration of successes
- Events and details

This is a new endeavour for us in 2018 to have a promotional page –please bear with us and if we have any of our community members that would like to assist in its maintenance let Lisa know – all insights are valued!

ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

We are looking to encourage all our local students to attend Harrington Public School so if we can assist anyone or provide a tour of the school and facilities please let us know. If anyone is new to our area please encourage them to pop in and pick up an enrolment pack. Don't forget we have access to **Before and After School Care** through Jabiru which makes it easier for our families, EOI applications can be collected from the 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 ensure that our school is always striving for excellence.



P & C MEETING

We would like to invite existing P & C members plus anyone interested in joining to our first meeting for 2018. This meeting is also our AGM where all positions will be declared vacant and new members voted in. The date for this meeting is **Monday 19th February, 2018** at 6pm in the staffroom. The cost of membership to the P&C is \$1.00

We understand that not all people have a civic orientation or want to belong to the committee but your views and opinions are valuable to all of us and this is the body that gives the parents and community members a voice in our school. Please consider joining and supporting them this year.



CANTEEN NEWS

Please remember there will be no canteen until **Monday 12th February**. Our lovely canteen crew will be using this time to get organised and plan the wonderful menu they provide for our students (and staff!). The following message is from our 2017 Canteen Treasurer, Angie Galante:

Another year is over and I am sorry I was too late to get this in last year's newsletter. Sarah Farrell and I wish to say a BIG THANK YOU to all our wonderful volunteers throughout the year as your help is always greatly appreciated. Without your help the CANTEEN would not be able to operate 3 days a week.

We are always seeking new volunteers! If you are available on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday and able to spare a few hours or even an hour a week, a fortnight, a month or a term then we would love you to come and see us. No experience is required. We will show you how it is done.

As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work!"

Come and have a good laugh and enjoy good company while helping to provide the children at Harrington Public School with delicious food.

I would like to wish Bree Cardwell and her family all the best for their new start. Bree has been a great asset to the canteen and she will be greatly missed. Also a huge thank you to Suzie Ussher and Gay Collison who have dedicated many years to the canteen. Thank you also to Carly Prins. We wish you all well.

Angie Galante

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIREWORK COLLECTION

Every year we have a number of our school community and P & C members that give up their time to collect donations along the foreshore for the New Year's Day celebration and Fireworks. This is an event that the Chamber of Commerce are continuously inviting us to participate in and we have always gained a healthy proportion of the donation. This year the Chamber of Commerce decided to give our school the whole taking from the evening less costs which saw our P & C receiving \$1350.00.

We sincerely thank everyone who gives up their time for this event as it wouldn't be possible without their support.

EASTER RAFFLE

The P & C will be hosting an Easter Raffle to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 28th March. We know this is early but it is such a popular raffle and Easter is earlier this year. We call for donations from families to put the hampers together, these can be chocolate eggs, decorations, Easter craft etc. How many prizes available for the draw will depend on how many hampers we can create – the more the merrier!

Donations can be dropped to the front office and student's names will be recorded so a free ticket goes into the draw for them.

Easter tickets will be coming home not long after the P & C meeting and the new committee is ready.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

SHARKS HOCKEY CLUB



REGISTRATION DAY
WED 21st Feb 2018

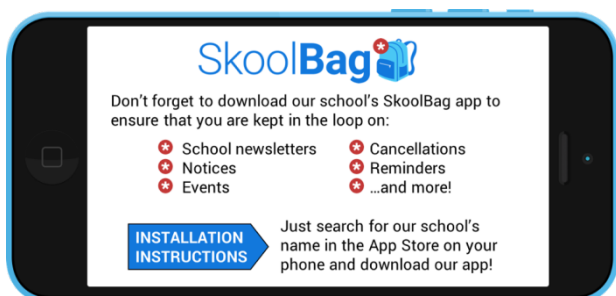
4.30pm - 6.00pm at THE HOCKEY FIELDS

or **Call 0402 861858**

or email sharks:hockeyclub@hotmail.com

ALL WELCOME – ANY AGE – ANY FITNESS LEVEL

Under 7's and Under 9's will receive a \$40 Just Hockey voucher if you register with Sharks and use your NSW Government \$100 Active Kids Rebate!



MOORLAND SOCCER CLUB



REGISTRATION DAYS

Saturday 10th and Saturday 17th February, 1 - 3pm, Moorland Devils home ground on Hannam Vale Road, Moorland.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

If your child is turning 5 years or older, on or before the 31st December, 2018, they are eligible to register and play.

SENIOR COMPETITION

Senior Men and Ladies competition.

COACHES/MANAGERS

Our club welcomes new coaches and team managers.

PLAY UNDER LIGHTS

Last year night lights were installed at the ground enabling night games.

ACCREDITATION

We are Good Sports Club accredited Level 3.

\$100 VOUCHER*

We are an **Approved Provider** of the NSW Governments Active Kids Program** SEE BELOW

CONTACTS

Donna 0410 461 082 or Di 0410 853 475 | Moorland Devils Facebook page
Email: moorlandsoccer@yahoo.com.au

Conditions Apply ** From January 2018, the NSW Government will provide \$100 through a voucher system for parents/guardians/carers to contribute to the cost of their school children's participation in sport and active recreation. The voucher can be redeemed towards payment of membership fees with an approved provider registered with the Active Kids program, each calendar year. For more information go to: sports.nsw.gov.au/activekids

Newcastle Permanent's
cinema
under the stars

Free!

Friday 16 February
Wrigley Park, Taree
Moana (PG)

Entertainment from 5.30pm, movie from sunset
Visit newcastlepermanent.com.au/cinema or 'like' us at [facebook.com/newcastlepermanent](https://www.facebook.com/newcastlepermanent)

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NEWCASTLE PERMANENT

Autism Meet & Share

Taree

Are you interested in learning about what supports are available in your local community?

Do you parent or care for someone on the autism spectrum?

Where: River City Church

147 Cowper Street, Taree

When: Every 2nd and 4th

Tuesday of the month commencing

6th February, 2018

Time: 10am - 12pm

For more information call

Melissa Reece on 0425 317 160

Do you want to talk to other people who have had similar experiences to you in an inclusive and safe environment?



Education & Communities

Public Schools NSW

Swimming Carnival Program

Monday 5th February 2018

9:00 Catch Bus to Aquatic Centre

9:30 March and chant

9:45 Begin races

Please Note- Juniors (8, 9 & 10's) can only go in 25m OR 50m, not both events.
25m events are to encourage students to participate who are not strong swimmers.
Students in 50m ONLY may qualify for the Zone Swimming Carnival.
This is the students' choice.

Open Championship 100m Girls	Open Championship 100m Boys
8 years 25m freestyle girls	8 years 25m freestyle boys
9 years 25m freestyle girls	9 years 25m freestyle boys
10 years 25m freestyle girls	10 years 25m freestyle boys
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11 years 50m freestyle girls	11 years 50m freestyle boys
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25m junior backstroke girls	25m junior backstroke boys
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Junior relays	Senior relays