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## Issue 1 – Term 1 – Week 3 Wednesday, 8 February 2017

**PRINCIPALS MESSAGE**

#### Principals Report

Welcome back everyone!!! I hope everyone is feeling rested after the summer break and ready for an amazing 2017. It has been a very busy start to the year with everyone back in their classes working hard already. We welcomed our brand new Kindergartens last Thursday; it was a sign of our fantastic transition program that they were all so ready and keen! We are all very excited to have them here with us as a part of our very close Harrington Public School family.

We are experiencing some very hot weather at the moment. Please be conscious of making sure our children are drinking enough water. We remind them constantly at school but they need it throughout the whole day. They will be very tired at the end of these first few weeks and the hot weather doesn’t help so strict bedtimes and lots of sleep is important.

Please remember that we encourage a lot of positivity, thankfulness, support of each other and gratitude at our school as we strongly believe it nurtures our whole community – if you are needing support, just need to touch base or are worried about something please reach out and we will be there. Call the office, make a time or touch base with your class teacher at any time.

grades in 2017 with Year 3 and Year 5 grades being split across 2 classes. The more independent and capable students will be placed in the higher graded class group for an extension focus.

TEACHING STAFF

Kindergarten ***Rainbow Room*** Mrs Andrea Burrows Year 1/2/3 ***Yellow Room*** Ms Courtney O’Bryan Year 2/3/4 ***Purple Room*** Ms Jenna King

Year 4/5 ***Blue Room*** Mrs Renai Woodward

(Assistant Principal) Year 5/6 ***Green Room*** Mr Jason Taylor

K-2 Learning & Support/Library/Technology: Mrs Amy Moore Music/RFF: Mr Will Mander

RFF/3-6 Learning & Support/Gifted and Talented Mrs Monica Eggins

SUPPORT STAFF

Ms Alex Smith Mrs Dee Rowe Mrs Sharon Kelly

Chaplain Mark Smith.

**QUOTE FOR THE WEEK**

*“Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.”*

By Vincent van Gogh

**CLASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017**

**TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN**

In 2017 we are privileged to be able to offer the same class arrangements that we offered in 2016. The only change will be to class names. We do run composite grades which enhance the learning of all our students. We have two split

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A reminder to all parents of kindergarten students that they will be picked up from school at 2.00pm for one more week (Monday 13/2 to Friday 17/2)

**FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS - ANAPHYLAXIS**

Did you know that 1 in 20 school age children suffer from food allergies and some of these will experience a severe, potentially life threatening allergic reaction called anaphylaxis? Australia has one of the highest allergy rates in the world, and the

problem is growing. Whilst insect allergy, including the risk of anaphylaxis, is less common than food allergy in the school setting, the school community needs to understand how they can help support someone at risk.

Currently there is no cure for food allergy so avoidance of the food trigger is the only way to prevent a reaction. It is important to note that for some individuals, small amounts of a food can trigger a severe allergic reaction.

An allergic reaction can quickly become life threatening and people can die from food allergy.

While the risk cannot be removed, it can be managed.

It’s up to all of us to be allergy aware – to know how to minimise the risk of a reaction, to know what to do if a reaction happens, and to understand and support family, friends and colleagues living with food allergies.

At Harrington Public School we have a nut free canteen and a process of very careful management for food intolerances and allergies of our students. ***We ask our families to refrain from packing nuts or using nut products such as peanut butter to protect those students in our community with allergies.***

We thank our families for their continued support of our school and students.

**COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT & HANDLING**

I have included in the newsletter below an outline from the ‘Handling Complaints Policy’ that gives information on how to address any concerns with issues or incidents at school. As you will see, the basic process is to discuss with the key person first and then follow up if you are not happy with the resolution. I am happy to go through this with any one that needs more time or explanation.

***How can I make a complaint?***

***Schools – a guide for parents and carers***

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It is best to discuss your concerns with your child's teacher first. Make an appropriate time to meet with them or phone the school and ask for an appointment with the teacher.

If you are not happy with the result, or if you do not feel it is appropriate to talk to them, phone and make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the principal.

You may bring a friend or relative to be your support. If you need an interpreter, we can arrange that - just ask beforehand.

If your complaint is about the principal you will need to contact the school education director in your area. Ask the school office staff at your school for their name and number.

If your complaint cannot be resolved in an informal way, we may ask you to put it in writing. It is important that you include specific details of the situation and tell us what you would like to happen as a result of your complaint. We can help you to put your complaint in writing, if you require it.

Alternatively a complaint form may also be used. Complete the form and send it to the principal, or the school education director in your area.

**STORM MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES**

This is just a brief reminder of our Storm Management Procedures. These procedures are put in place to protect everyone and our beautiful heritage listed Norfolk Pines at the front of the school.

If there are events of high wind or storms will be asking families to collect their students and enter school ground from the Coode Street gate on the western side of the school to avoid walking under the pine trees. We post notification of this process on Facebook and Skoolbag so parents are aware that we are in a Storm Management Procedure. It worked really well in 2016 and we thank our families for their support.

**ASSEMBLY**

During Term One we will be holding our Assemblies on Friday afternoons of our even weeks starting in Week 4. Our first assembly for the year will be hosted by Year 5-6 and they will also be contributing the first presentation for 2017. I’m sure we can’t wait!!!!

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

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We have now finalised a classification for a student to become a **Diamond Student**. Once a student has received their 5 Gold Awards, Honour students certificate and page they need to collect another 25 awards to be submitted together to receive Diamond Status. Can’t wait to be able to give our first one out as I know we have a few students that will come very close over the next 6 to 12 months.

**TERM 1 EVENTS**

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – THANK YOU!

Congratulations to Mrs Woody on another well run and fun School Swimming Carnival last Friday. What an amazing bunch of children we have, with so much get-up-n-go. They were keen to try everything and just have a great time. It was a hot and steamy day as have most of the days been since we returned back to school. Thank you also to our volunteers, photographers and keen staff for their efforts on the day.

WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST

We are holding our very FAMOUS Bacon and Egg Breakfast on Tuesday morning 14th February. A note has gone home with a return slip so we can obtain rough numbers for catering. We invite

all of our families and volunteers to join our P & C members and staff to welcome in 2017. The breakfast will run from 7.30 -8.30.

HALOGEN YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

Our Young Leaders Conference is coming up on Friday 3rd March, 2017 at the new Convention Centre in Darling Harbour Sydney. We wish our School Leadership Team (Captains and Vice-Captains) the best of luck on this trip and look forward to the leadership skills they will be bringing back to us when they return.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT – SAVE THE DATE!!!

We would really love to see as many of our mums, nannas, female carers and female volunteers come along and have a fun night out together. This year’s event will be at Harrigan’s Irish Pub on Friday Evening 17th March. We will start gathering from 6.00pm. For a bit of

fun this year’s theme is….***Masquerade!***. We look forward to you coming along, a note will go home with a return slip soon.

**CALENDAR**

**TERM 1, COMING EVENTS**

#### Week 3

Friday, February 10

Junior PBL Team

Planning Day

**Week 4**

Tuesday, February 14

Friday, February 17

P&C Welcome Breakfast

Assembly 2.00pm

**Week 5**

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

We are holding our Parent/Carer Information Sessions during Week 6 of this term:

Monday, February 20 P&C Meeting & AGM –

6.00pm

Wednesday, February 22 Zone Swimming Carnival

K-3 on Monday 27th February 5.30 – 7.00 Year 4-6 Tuesday 28th February 5.30-7.00

**CHECK SKOOLBAG FOR:**

We have worked hard to put together an evening we hope will be relevant for all of you with lots of new information and an outline of the projects and directions we have planned for 2017. We look forward to you all coming along, light refreshments will be provided – no alcohol unfortunately

* Sporting Schools details
* Friday Sport Organisation
* Event details for each week
* Newsletters and copies of letters/flyers that have been sent home.

**PHONES, HAND HELD DEVICES & SOCIAL MEDIA**

**LOCAL SPORTING GROUPS**

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, due to many ongoing issues with senior students and social media, 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

**PBL -POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

#### Moorland Soccer Club

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Registration Day 11 February 2017 Moorland Soccer Field

2.00pm – 5.00pm for boys and girls 5 years and over. Contact: Josh: 0402 497 973 :: Dean 0428 935 937 moorlandsoccer@yahoo.com.au

**Manning Valley BMX Club**

Come and Try BMX Day Saturday 18 February 2017 Manning Valley BMX Club Racetrack

Urara Ln, Taree 2430

Contact: Michael Eyb, 0468 455 759 10.00am – 12.00pm

#### Taree Panthers JRLFC

Registration Days 22 and 23 February 2017 5.00pm – 6.30pm Taree Rec Grounds

Check out the Facebook page for more details

In Term 1 we are introducing our new and vibrant school council focus by changing the name from SRC to Junior PBL Team. This will have some similarities to how the SRC has previously been run with introduction of some new roles and responsibilities. This body will be responsible for the student voice in decisions about our school values, lesson focus and peer mediation. The Junior PBL team for 2017 is: *Makayla, Max, Catherine, Gemma, Kirrah, Jake, Mitch and Jennah*. Welcome team! We look forward to working together to make 2017 a top year for students, staff and the community!

#### Taree Tigers Hockey Club

Registration Day Monday 27 February 2017 4.30pm-6.30pm Taree Hockey Centre Contact Tony on 0418 510 986

#### Harrington Netball Club

Registrations now open.

Contact: Sharee Bromley 0498 149 590

Belinda Christensen 0405 288 167

**P & C EVENTS**

**P & C Meeting & AGM**

P & C will be co-hosting our Welcome Back Breakfast at the beginning of next year just prior to the AGM and first meeting of 2017 on Monday 20th February from 6.00pm in the school staffroom. We look forward to seeing lots of keen and eager faces that would like to help out our school family in some

way.

#### Book Club Issue 1

Please note that all Book Club orders and money must be back to school by Thursday 16th February 2017 (Week 4). Last year over $400 was raised through Book Club orders which helps the school to buy lots of lovely new books for the

library – thanks everyone, let’s see if we can top that in 2017!

**Harrington Swimming Carnival Results 2017**

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| **BOYS GIRLS**25m freestyle 8 yearsZandahr 1. Pearl1. 2. Mira-Lee

3. 3.25m freestyle 9 years1. Breanna 1. Eli
2. Lily.H 2.

3. 3.25m freestyle 10 years1. Courtney 1.2. 2.3. 3.50m freestyle 8 years1. Bailey M 1. Mia W- RECORD 57:2
2. Riley 2. Stephanie
3. 3. Tamara

50m freestyle 9 years1. Finlay- RECORD 49:13 1. Isabelle
2. Noah
3. Kale

50m freestyle 10 years1. Jake 1. Gemma
2. Isaac 2. Jasmine
3. Declan Mc 3. Paris

50m freestyle 11 years1. Hayden 1. Chelsea
2. Khalon 2. Indi
3. Brendon 3.Charli

50m freestyle 12/13 years1. Darcy- RECORD 49:09 1. Makayla
2. Wil 2. Catherine
3. Cooper T 3. Kirrah

100m Open freestyle |
| 1. Darcy- RECORD 1:51:35 | 1. Chelsea |
| 2. Finlay | 2. Indi |
| 3. Jake | 3. Gemma |

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| **BOYS GIRLS**25m breaststroke Junior1. Zandahr 1. Pearl
2. Eli 2. Courtney
3. 3. Tamara
4. 4. Breanna
5. 5. Lily
6. 6. Bonnie

50m breaststroke Juniors1. Jake- RECORD 1:11:97 1. Gemma- RECORD 1:13:78
2. Finlay 2. Jasmine
3. Bailey M 3.
4. Noah 4.
5. Isaac 5.
6. Declan 6.

50m breaststroke 11 years* 1. Hayden 1. Chelsea
	2. Khalon 2. Mia S
	3. Flynn 3. Jennah & Charli

50m breaststroke 12/13 years1. Darcy- RECORD 1:05:17 1. Makayla
2. Max 2. Kirrah
3. Cooper T 3. Catherine

50m Butterfly |
| Jnr- Jake RECORD 1:20:842nd Riley | Jnr- Gemma 2nd Jasmine |
| 11yrs- | 11yrs- Chelsea- RECORD 1:15:62 2nd Megan |
| 12 yrs- Darcy- RECORD 1:16:88 | 12 yrs- Makayla |

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| **BOYS GIRLS**25m backstroke Junior1. Zandahr 1. Breanna
2. 2. Pearl
3. 3. Lily.H
4. 4. Mira-Lee
5. 5. Bonnie

6. 6.50m backstroke Junior |
| 1. Jake | 1. Gemma |
| 2. Finlay | 2. Mia W |
| 3. Bailey M | 3. Courtney |
| 4. Noah | 4. Jasmine |
| 5. Riley | 5. Stephanie |
| 6. Isaac | 6. Tamara |
| 50m backstroke 11 years |
| 1. Hayden | 1. Chelsea |
| 2. Khalon | 2. Charli |
| 3. Brendon | 3. Indi |
| 50m backstroke 12/13 years |
| 1. Darcy- RECORD 55:90 | 1. Makayla |
| 2. Cooper T | 2. Kirrah |
| 3. Wil | 3. Catherine |

The Small School’s Swimming Carnival will be held at Manning Aquatic Centre, Wednesday 15th February. Students should have received their permission slips with the races they are entered attached.

To qualify for Zone the first two places are eligible. Qualifying times are overleaf.

**MANNING PSSA SWIMMING ZONE CARNIVAL QUALIFYING TIMES – 2017**

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| **GIRLS** | **EVENT** | **BOYS** |
| *Min:Sec*. |  | *Min:Sec*. |
| 3:50 | Junior Medley | 3:50 |
| 3:40 | Senior Medley | 3:40 |
| 0:60 | Junior Breaststroke | 0:60 |
| 0:56 | 11Yrs Breaststroke | 0:56 |
| 0:54 | 12/13 Yrs. Breaststroke | 0:54 |
| 1:04 | Junior Butterfly | 1:04 |
| 0:60 | 11Yrs Butterfly | 0:60 |
| 0:58 | 12/13 Yrs Butterfly | 0:56 |
| 0:60 | Junior Breaststroke | 0:60 |
| 0:58 | 11Yrs Breaststroke | 0:58 |
| 0:56 | 12/13 Yrs Breaststroke | 0:56 |
| 1:30 | Open 100 Freestyle | 1:30 |
| 0:58 | 8 Yrs Freestyle | 0:58 |
| 0:55 | 9 Yrs Freestyle | 0:52 |
| 0:45 | 10Yrs Freestyle | 0:45 |
| 0:44 | 11 Yrs Freestyle | 0:42 |
| 0:43 | 12 Yrs Freestyle | 0:42 |
| 0:50 | 13 Yrs Freestyle | 0:50 |

### Swimming Carnival Records Open 100m Freestyle

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|  | Name | Year Held | Time |
| **Girl** | Imogen Barnes | 2014 | 1:43:53 |
| **Boy** | Darcy Eady-Muxlow | 2017 | 1:51:35 |

**25m Freestyle**

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|  | Name | Year Held | Time |
| **8 Yrs Girl** | Chelsea Atkins | 2014 | 24:69 |
| **8 Yrs Boy** | Hayden Brincat | 2014 | 28:62 |
| **9 Yrs Girl** | Makayla Saunders | 2014 | 23:66 |
| **9 Yrs Boy** | Kai Young | 2014 | 24:22 |
| **10 Yrs Girl** | Jennah Rowe | 2016 | 33:75 |
| **10 Yrs Boy** | Mitch Woodward | 2016 | 23:84 |

**50m Freestyle**

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|  | Name | Year Held | Time |
| **8 Yrs Girl** | Mia Wells | 2017 | 57:25 |
| **8 Yrs Boy** | Finlay Elmer | 2016 | 1:03:12 |
| **9 Yrs Girl** | Makayla Saunders | 2014 | 59:18 |
| **9 Yrs Boy** | Finlay Elmer | 2017 | 49:13 |
| **10 Yrs Girl** | Chelsea Atkins | 2016 | 50:00 |
| **10 Yrs Boy** | Zac Vassalli | 2014 | 52:82 |
| **11 Yrs Girl** | Mackenzie Cassar | 2014 | 45:25 |
| **11 Yrs Boy** | Kai Young | 2016 | 48:12 |
| **12 Yrs Girl** | Josephine Umadhay | 2014 | 43:63 |
| **12 Yrs Boy** | Darcy Eady-Muxlow | 2017 | 49:09 |
| **13 Yrs Boy** | Joel Perrin | 2014 | 1:04:96 |

**25m Backstroke**

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|  | Name | Year Held | Time |
| **Jnr Girl** | Zandahr Mobbs | 2017 | 1:00:90 |
| **Jnr Boy** | Breanna Flanagan | 2017 | 1:01:04 |

**50m Backstroke**

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|  | Name | Year Held | Time |
| Junior Girl | Chelsea Atkins | 2014 | 1:02:00 |
| **Junior Boy** | Darcy Eady-Muxlow | 2014 | 1:00:75 |
| **11 Yrs Girl** | Mackenzie Cassar | 2014 | 53:34 |
| **11 Yrs Boy** | Darcy Eady-Muxlow | 2016 | 57:21 |
| **Senior Girl** | Josephine Umadhay | 2014 | 54:87 |
| **Senior Boy** | Darcy Eady-Muxlow | 2017 | 55:90 |

**25m Breaststroke**

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|  | Name | Year Held | Time |
| **Jnr Girl** | Pearl Marks | 2017 | 51:19 |
| **Jnr Boy** | Zandahr Mobbs | 2017 | 51:25 |

**50m Breaststroke**

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|  | Name | Year Held | Time |
| Junior Girl | Gemma Eady-Muxlow | 2017 | 1:13:78 |
| **Junior Boy** | Jake Martin | 2017 | 1:11:97 |
| **11 Yrs Girl** | Mackenzie Cassar | 2014 | 1:08:53 |
| **11 Yrs Boy** | Darcy Eady-Muxlow | 2016 | 1:10:45 |
| **Senior Girl** | Isabelle Knaack | 2014 | 57:28 |
| **Senior Boy** | Darcy Eady-Muxlow | 2017 | 1:05:21 |

**50m Butterfly**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Name | Year Held | Time |
| Junior Girl | Chelsea Atkins | 2016 | 1:15:69 |
| **Junior Boy** | Jake Martin | 2017 | 1:20:84 |
| **11 Yrs Girl** | Chelsea Atkins | 2017 | 1:15:62 |
| **11 Yrs Boy** | Thomas Cohen | 2014 | 1:01:12 |
| **Senior Girl** | Isabelle Knaack | 2014 | 1:06:44 |
| **Senior Boy** | Darcy Eady-Muxlow | 2017 | 1:16:88 |

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