

Harrington Public School Newsletter

Moving Forward Together

With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our
PERSONAL BEST

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MESSAGE FROM LISA

The term has started well and our little Kindergarten students are having their first full week of school finishing at 3.00pm with all the big kids. They are an absolute delight and a joy to have as part of our school family. I forget sometimes how innocent their perspectives are. When we were having a chat at morning assembly on Monday we were having a discussion about what to do if someone was having a meltdown or not coping with something and little Kailani put her hand and innocently replied, "We just give them a hug!" How beautiful!

We have had a positive start to the year and thank our families for all their input, encouragement and support for staff as they start the learning process with your children. We have very committed and passionate staff who love their job so a pat on the back or a word of encouragement makes their day. Please remember to always be in contact, we're here for support and to help you and your child through any issues which may be happening, whether at school or at home.

PURCHASE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY WITH IGA GRANT

At the end of 2017 Ritchie's IGA provided our school with a grant of \$1,000 that staff have decided to put toward increasing our technology resources. Over the next few weeks we will be purchasing a drone called an Airblock. Airblock is an easy to use modular and programmable aircraft that is able to transform into a drone, hovercraft and more. The Airblock will utilise the skills our students are developing in coding and problem solving.

We will also be purchasing Bluebots for the Yellow room which are similar to the codeable Beebots in the Kinder room. These robots need a little more coding and planning than the Beetbots and will assist our younger students to keep moving forward with their technology skills.

Finally, we will cover the extra money required to buy an extension kit for the EV3 Robot the senior students have access to plus an EV3 kit to utilise solar power.



Parent/Teacher Table Talk dates have changed. Years 4-6 will now be on Monday 26/2/2018 and K-3 will now be held on Tuesday 27th February.
(See Page 2 for further details).

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead
of a second-rate version of somebody else.

Judy Garland

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.

Week 3 'Playing Fairly' – Setting: The Playground

Week 4 'Not Playing around the toilets' – Setting: Toilets



TERM 1 CALENDAR

Week 4

Monday, February 19	P&C Meeting and AGM 6pm in the staffroom
Thursday, February 22	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, February 23	Assembly 2-3pm

Week 5

Monday, February 26	Years 4-6 Parent Teacher Table Talks 5.30pm in the Library
Tuesday, February 27	Years K-2 Parent Teacher Table Talks 5.30pm in the Library

TERM 1 EVENTS & NOTICES

WHAT'S COMING UP

Welcome Back Big Breakfast- Bacon and Egg Rolls

We held our Welcome Back breakfast this morning, Wednesday 14th February – thank you to all our community members that popped in for a roll and chat. It is a wonderful opportunity to touch base with people we don't often get to see due to our busy lives.

Thank you to our P & C for once again assisting with drinks and being there to encourage our school community.

Bullying! No Way! day

This year our school and the Junior PBL team will be supporting the national *Bullying! No Way!* day on **Thursday 15th March**. The Junior PBL Team will be meeting over the next week to determine the activities for the day which will be supported by staff in classrooms.

All students will receive a free wristband and will participate in a lot of learning around the issue of bullying prevention and management.

EOI's for Major School Excursions 2018

We are very aware that excursion are one of the major costs that parents incur each year and we do our best via fundraising to keep the costs down so that all students can participate. The EOI's for the Stage 2 and Stage 3 excursions have been sent home this week to give families a lot of notice regarding costs and organisation. It is very important

to get these back to us so we can finalise numbers for the excursion otherwise we have to make adjustments later on and that can get tricky and costly. We have organised for 40 students in Years 3 and 4 to go away and 35 students in Years 5 and 6. We ask that you get your EOI plus \$50 deposit in ASAP and make regular payments on the overall cost to make it easier to finalise by the end. These excursions are really important not just for what they provide educationally but for the opportunity to bond with peers, build resilience away from family and gain a little more independence each day. I assure you all staff attending are very good at dealing with homesickness and will give your child the highest quality support and attention throughout the whole experience.

K-2: Billabong Wildlife Zoo – Thursday 27th September, 2018.
Cost: \$15.00

Stage 2 - Years 3&4: Coffs Harbour Beach School and Adventure Camp – Wednesday 22nd August till Friday 24th August, 2018. Cost: \$250.00

Stage 3 - Years 5&6: Bathurst Goldfield and Bushrangers Trail plus Historical Sydney – Monday 20th August till Friday 24th August 2018. Cost: \$420.00

Parent/Teacher Table Talks

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. 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 – 4-6 Parents

Tuesday 27th February @ 5.30pm – K-3 Parents (Kinder session in classroom, Years 1-3 in Library)

Easter Hat Parade and Open Classrooms– save the date

We are holding, our very prestigious, Easter Hat Parade on **Wednesday 28th March**. The morning involves *Open Classroom* visits from 10.00-10.30 where you can visit your child's room and have all look at all the work and creating they have done over the term. We then hold the parade under the COLA from 10.30.

What: Open Classroom

When: 10.00-10.30

What: Easter Hat parade

When: 10.30-11.30

All hats are home-made though staff try to make sure that any child without a hat has something for the day. There are no prizes for the best etc. It's just a fun activity to celebrate Easter together. Look online or on Pinterest for ideas.

Hot Cross Buns are available for **\$2.00** each after the parade and adults are welcome to help themselves to tea/coffee which will be made available for you. The Hot Cross Buns are a fundraiser for the Junior PBL Team.

MESSAGES FROM THE TEAM

KIDSMATTER

As a staff we are reflecting on our KidsMatter journey and would like to support our families by adding in regular inserts regarding mental health, tips on creating mentally healthy environments and what to do to support each other through times of anxiety or stress. We pride ourselves as being a Mentally Healthy school and do all we can to promote and encourage strong wellbeing practices with our students. If you are ever interested in more information or just need support please come up to the office, we are always willing to assist😊

SPORTS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Last Monday Harrington PS had our annual swimming carnival. The day was a great success – we even had fine weather - my weather curse may be broken!

A huge thank you to Mr Mander, who is stepping up this year to assist in running more sporting events. I would also like to thank Neolie, Sienna and Alison for assisting in time keeping throughout the day. The beautiful teachers and students we have at Harrington ensured the day ran smoothly. Students should be proud of their efforts, as it is not always about winning; those who went in the races continued to support their team. Pelicans won the day with Junior Champions going to Finlay and Mia, 11 years Jake and Gemma and Seniors Megan and Khalon. A list of current Harrington Record Holders is on Page 8.

Well done to all students!

The Zone swimming carnival will be held next Thursday 22nd February. All notes have been sent home.

Mrs Woodward
Sport Coordinator



2018 Swimming Champions: Finlay, Mia, Jake, Gemma, Megan & Khalon

SPORTS CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The swimming carnival was a sweet success for everyone whom participated. The Pelicans won the day with more points, but it doesn't really matter because we all had a go. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along and cheered everyone along. We would also like to do a big mention to the teachers who organised the events. Congratulations to everyone who made it to Manning Zone Swimming Carnival which will be held next week.

Thank you,
Summer, Jennah & Mia
Sports Captains

PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

We have a brand new Junior PBL team this year – congratulations to Savanah, 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 NEWS



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

Canteen opened on **Monday 12th February**, we are very grateful for the hours our lovely canteen volunteers put in. If you are able to assist just let one of the canteen team know, keep an eye on FB posts and the newsletter for options to sign up and help out.

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 are calling 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 in 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

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?



The Pelican Piecers Patchwork & Quilting Group proudly presents

2018
**HARRINGTON
QUILT
SHOW**



16, 17 & 18 March 2018

Lucky door prizes

**Fri & Sat 10am - 4pm
Sunday 10am - 2pm**

Raffle

**Beautiful machine made quilt
Members challenge
Trading tables
Admission \$3**

Harrington Waters Function Centre, Caledonia St, Harrington.

Refreshments served by the CWA Harrington.



COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Harrington Netball Club

Contact President: Sharee Bromley 0498 149 590

HARRINGTON NETBALL CLUB - 2018 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Season will commence in April 2018

REGISTRATION COSTS

5-7 year olds \$100 8-10 year olds \$100 11-17 year olds \$130

Fees need to be paid in full before taking the court.

Don't forget – all school aged children can access the Government



Office of Sport

'Active Kids' \$100 Voucher

Contact us to discuss how to claim your Voucher



A huge "thank you" to our sponsors, Harrington Hotel and Harrington Beach Pharmacy, for their ongoing support.



Good for Kids good for life

SUGARY DRINKS

The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy was introduced in 2017. As part of the strategy, sugary drinks are not to be sold in the canteen.

Sugary drinks include: regular soft drinks, flavoured mineral waters, flavoured waters, sports waters, sports drinks, fruit drinks, coconut waters, cordials, slushies and frozen fruit drinks with less than 99% fruit juice. All energy drinks are also included.

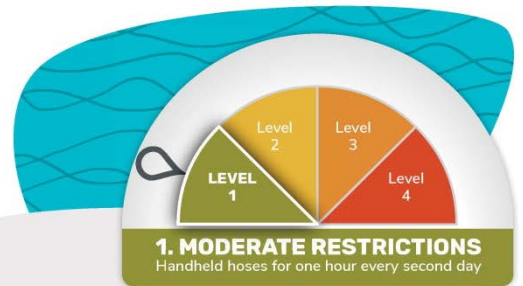
Our canteen stocks refreshing everyday drinks for the students and includes water, plain and/or flavoured milk and 99% fruit juice.

Why not try cutting back on sugary drinks at home too?

Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

MODERATE
WATER RESTRICTIONS
NOW IN FORCE

Handheld hoses can be used for one hour every second day, between 4pm and 9am.

Garden irrigation systems can be used for 15 minutes as part of the one hour allocation.

MidCoast Water Service's management during times of drought: If your house number is an even number, you can water on the even days of the month - if it is an odd number watering is restricted to the odd days of the month. No watering on the 31st of the month.



www.midcoastwater.com.au
1300 133 455



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water services
A division of MidCoast Council

**\$100 TOWARDS FEES
FOR SPORT & PHYSICAL
ACTIVITY FOR EVERY
SCHOOL AGED CHILD
OPEN 31 JANUARY 2018**
Register at sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids

See over for more details →

SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL
AND GET COLLECTING

We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

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\$100 VOUCHER FOR CHILDREN'S SPORT AND RECREATION FEES

Parents in NSW are now able to start claiming \$100 towards extra-curricular sport and other physical activity fees thanks to the NSW Government's new **Active Kids** program.

Active Kids will provide a **\$100 voucher for parents to put towards sporting fees and registration costs for every school-aged child in NSW.**

The health of our children is a priority for me and every parent. I hope this makes a difference in enabling you to enrol your child in the sport or physical activity of your choice.

Families will be able to use the voucher for registration and membership costs, as well as fees for activities such as swimming.

The annual voucher **will not be means tested** because the NSW Government wants every child from every family to get active and involved in community sport and fitness.

Parents are able to use their voucher to claim up to \$100 per school-child, per calendar year to reduce the cost of sport registration or membership of approved active recreation activities.

More details about the program and eligible sports is available at www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids or by phoning Service NSW on 13 77 88.

Stephen Bromhead MP
Member for Myall Lakes



2018 WJRL Season

Wingham Junior Rugby League have **All** age divisions
(U6's to U16 ½ 's)

We are now seeking players in all age division's and we welcome all new and returning players.

***Player's needed in U14's**

New in 2018 U14's and U16's Girls League Tag competition

YES we do accept Active School kids rebate

From 31st January, kids who play junior league, can receive a \$100 voucher from NSW Government to parents/guardians of school enrolled children. The \$100 voucher can be used for registration and participation costs for sport and fitness activities.

Please visit our

Facebook page: Wingham Junior Rugby League Football Club or visit our website: www.winghamjuniorlions.com.au for all the latest Wingham JRL news.

If you have any queries, or would like further information, please contact
Darrin Lewis (President) m: 0409 930 420 or
Sky Lewis (Secretary) m: 0423775194



PLAY OR REFEREE FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL IN SEASON 2018

***** 2018 REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW *****

www.footballmidnorthcoast.com/2018-registrations/

Find all information about the NSW Government \$100 Active Kids Rebate at above web address

Opportunities to play and referee at varying levels exist. There are also competitions to suit everyone from a beginner to an experienced player or match official. Competitions also cater for those able to travel or for those who'd like to be involved locally.

PLAY FOOTBALL

REFEREES WANTED

Clubs - <http://footballmidnorthcoast.com/fmnc-clubs/>
Find a club that suits your needs at the above link.

For more information, please contact the FMNC Office on 0265 850 351.
Community Football Competitions - admin@footballmidnorthcoast.com
High Performance Squads - larry@footballmidnorthcoast.com

Get Paid to officiate on matches at all levels within the zone!

FMNC are looking for more referees (beginners or experienced).
There are courses to suit all levels coming up in March.

Please contact Club and Referee Development Officer Justin McIntyre.
justin@footballmidnorthcoast.com or in the office 0265 850 351.



Education & Communities

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Swimming Carnival Records**Open 100m Freestyle**

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

25m Freestyle

	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

	Name	Year Held	Time
8 Yrs Girl	Mia Wells	2017	57:25
8 Yrs Boy	Finlay Elmer	2016	1:03:12
9 Yrs Girl	Mia Wells	2018	50:22
9 Yrs Boy	Finlay Elmer	2017	49:13
10 Yrs Girl	Chelsea Atkins	2016	50:00
10 Yrs Boy	Finlay Elmer	2018	48:53
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

	Name	Year Held	Time
Jnr Girl	Paige Edwards	2018	38.71
Jnr Boy	Riley Williams	2018	37.91

50m Backstroke

	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

	Name	Year Held	Time
Jnr Girl	Paige Edwards	2018	37.13
Jnr Boy	Michael Stevens	2018	47.00

50m Breaststroke

	Name	Year Held	Time
Junior Girl	Gemma Eady-Muxlow	2017	1:13:78
Junior Boy	Jake Martin	2017	1:11:97
11 Yrs Girl	Gemma Eady-Muxlow	2018	1:06:06
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

	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