

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

We are already half way through term one – that is just crazy! All of our students have settled in well and classes are really productive. I have had a number of visits over the past few weeks by children wanting to show off the amazing work they are completing. Kindergarten visited me on their treasure hunt which was very exciting as I got to give each of them a sticker-which I love to do.

We are in the process of organising a lot of fun things for the students and I'm very excited about what is coming their way this year. We are having a Colour Fun Run as part of our Colour Fun Day, the sponsorship forms have been sent home this week so you can get started. Please feel free if you want to join in yourself, just grab a sponsorship form from the office and round up some sponsors of your own. I plan on getting all my family to sponsor me at Easter as I plan on getting well and truly colour bombed!

We are also having a trip to the movies as a make up for the movie that K-4 missed on our Big Day Out due to the blackout at Majestic Cinemas. We are referring to it as our Easter Day Out and it will take place just before the Easter weekend. Make sure you get your notes back for that one. We are inviting Kindergarten and Year 6 even though they weren't part of the blackout issue, though they will pay a little more for ticket costs.

ANNUAL SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

The time of year has come again when we ask our families to pay their Annual School contributions. The contribution is \$20 for one child, \$30 for two children and \$35.00 for a family. This payment can be made through the Parent Online Payment (POP) system which can be found on our school website, or at the front office either by cash or EFTPOS.

These contributions are important to us as it's how we maintain costs for class books, pencils, paint and other general supplies. The more contributions we get the more money can be put into resources for our classrooms. Last

year we had 32% of our families contribute which was more than the previous years. We would love to get more families contributing this year to see the percentage keep growing.

Invoices will be sent home soon. If you have already paid when the invoice comes home, just ignore the slip.

QUOTE FOR THE MOMENT

I WOULD MAINTAIN THAT THANKS
ARE THE HIGHEST FORM OF
THOUGHT, AND THAT GRATITUDE IS
HAPPINESS DOUBLED BY WONDER.

Gilbert K. Chesterton

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 5 'Using our manners' – Setting: Canteen, library and office

Week 4 'Respecting casual teachers or different teachers in school' – Setting: All learning areas



**Collect and send in your
Coles Sports for Schools
vouchers to school!**

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Week 6

Monday, March 5	Years 4-6 Parent Teacher Table Talks 5.30pm in the Library (rescheduled from previous week)
Friday, March 9	School Cross Country 9.15am – 11.15am (see below for details) Assembly 2-3pm

Week 7

Monday, March 12	Halogen Leaders Conf (School leaders only)
Thursday, March 15	Bullying No Way! Day

TERM 1 EVENTS & NOTICES

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

We have a course around the school that is 1 kilometre around, so students 8, 9 and 10 years will do two laps and 11, 12 and 13 years will do three laps. Infants (5, 6, 7's) will have a short course on the school playground. All students will walk the track according to WHS regulations.

If we have rain beforehand, there may be some muddy sections, so please advise students to bring a change of shoes and clothes.



There are plenty of opportunities for parents to observe the race so it is advisable to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Families are more than welcome to come and cheer!

INFANTS PROGRAM (5 to 7 years old)

- 9.15am Walk the course
9.30am Running of the
1. 5years girls
 2. 5 years boys
 3. 6 years girls
 4. 6 years boys
 5. 7 years girls
 6. 7 years boys

PRIMARY PROGRAM (8 to 13 years old)

- 9.15am Walk the course
9.30am Running of the first event

- 3km**
1. 12/13 years girls
 2. 12/13 years boys
 3. 11 years girls
 4. 11 years boys

- 2km**
5. 8/9 years girls
 6. 8/9 years boys
 7. 10 years girls
 8. 10 years boys

Students are welcome to come to school in their house colour: Pelicans – green, Seagulls – yellow. Kindergarten students will be informed of their house colour this week. The morning should conclude around 11:15am. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Woodward

PICK UP AND DROP OFF IMPORTANT INFORMATION



As it is the beginning of the year we would like to put a timely reminder into the newsletter about appropriate pick up and drop of processes.

Pick up from the gate area

We ask all families to pick up from the front gate on High Street each afternoon and not from under the COLA. It can get quite chaotic at the end of the day and teachers (particularly K-2) need to keep an eye on all children until they are in either bus lines or at the front gate. Picking them up in other places means we have a lot of kids running out of lines etc. which can make it difficult to keep an eye on them. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

The School Crossing

PLEASE use the crossing and encourage your child to use the crossing if you have parked across the road. We ask that you

don't call them across as the crossing is not far and is the safest place for them to cross.

We ask that all students use the crossing when they have to cross the road.

Drop Off Zone

We have a designated drop off zone directly in front of the school. This is a suitable place to pull in, drop off and kiss goodbye then move off. We ask that parents don't park in this area during pick up or drop off times.

Bike/Scooter Safety - Safety on wheels

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the road
- Children need a safe place to ride, scooter or skate. Places include the backyard, fenced park, cycle path or recreational area. Roads, car parks and driveways are not considered safe places to ride or play.
- It's the law for everyone to wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place.
- The helmet must meet Australian Standards and be securely fitted and fastened.
- Protective clothing, such as enclosed shoes, also helps to keep children safe on wheels.
- Children under 12 and adult riders supervising them may ride on the footpath unless there is signage prohibiting this. Cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians.
- At intersections, children and adults must dismount and use safe pedestrian behaviour as they wheel the bike or scooter across the road.
- Adults can help children learn safe cycling practices by riding with them and talking with them about the importance of wearing a helmet and following the rules when riding.

We have a large number of students that are riding bikes or scooters to school which we encourage but we ask parents to reinforce safe practices in regards to riding on roads and footpaths. We have had some scary incidents recently with students riding out in front of cars so take the time to read through the points above and discuss with your kids. These are the points taught at school.

WHAT'S COMING UP

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 excursions 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

Due to poor weather we had to postpone our Year 4-6 session to **Monday 5 March 2018**. Parents/carers can meet at the Library at 5.30pm. 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.

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 a 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.

Easter Day Out- Save the date

All Kindergarten to Year 6 students are invited to participate in an excursion to Port Macquarie Majestic Cinema to watch The Tale of Peter Rabbit on **Thursday 29th March, 2018**. This excursion has been organised to provide the students who missed out on watching Ferdinand at last year's Big Day Out due to the blackout and a chance to see a movie together. We are inviting our Kindergarten and Year 6 students to come along if they like.

For students who missed out on seeing Ferdinand with the school in 2017 the cost will be bus only: \$10.00

For all other students who wish to attend the cost will be bus and ticket: \$17.50

A note will be coming home soon with full details.

Colour Fun Day- Save the date

As our fundraiser for Term One we are holding a Colour Fun Day which will include a lot of fun 'colour' based activities and will finish with a BBQ and Colour Fun Run.

We would like to encourage anyone that wants to be involved to gain sponsorship and join in (not just students)! We have quite a few community members that are looking forward to getting colour bombed – and don't worry you don't have to run!

Sponsorship forms have come home this week. Please let us know if you have extra's that want to join in and we can send sponsorship forms home or they can be collected from the office. Sponsorship will need to be returned to school by the morning of the event to be included in the Colour run.

When: Thursday 12th April, 2018
Where: Harrington Public School
What: Activities 9.30am- 1.00pm

BBQ 1.00pm-2.00pm
 Colour Run: 2.00pm – 3.00pm



GET YOUR SPONSORSHIP FORM & JOIN US FOR OUR COLOUR RUN4FUN – THURSDAY, APRIL 12!

ICAS (Internal Competition and Assessment for Schools) Competition Dates for 2018

Year 3 – 6 students are invited to sit these independent tests each year in the areas of English, Maths and Science. The cost to participate in these tests is \$9.00 per exam entered. Students do not have to enter all tests but can choose the ones they feel they would like to participate in. These tests are not compulsory but they are an excellent opportunity for your child to participate in a more formalised test and gain skills and confidence in these areas.

The dates for each exam are listed below but we need to have an indication of how many students would like to participate well ahead of time so we can enter them electronically. Please fill in the slip and return it to school no later than Friday 6th April, 2018.

Science – 29th May, 2018
English – 31st July, 2018
Mathematics – 14th August, 2018

✂ Please complete and return by Friday, 6th April 2018

ICAS 2018

My child who is in Year would like to sit for the following ICAS papers in 2018.

Science English Mathematics

I enclose \$9.00 per paper

Signed: Date:

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☺

PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

Our Junior PBL Team are going strong and are nearly ready to start Peer Clubs at the end of this week. Peer referees have also started in the playground and our first team members participated enthusiastically at assembly last Friday.

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!

P & C NEWS



P & C MEETING

Thank you to all the members of our parent and community group that came along to the AGM and meeting last Monday evening 19th February, 2018. We had a really large turn out and everyone's enthusiasm was really encouraging. Membership cost for P & C is \$2.00 – families are still welcome to join, we do also have a P & C mailing list; if you want to join. Drop your name and email in to the front office and they'll forward to P & C for you.

Our next P & C meeting is on **Monday 19th March, 2018** from 6.00pm in the staffroom. New members are always welcome!

Our 2018 P & C Executive are:

President: Lee Stevens
 Vice President: Renata Wade
 Secretary: Talia Juodeika
 Treasurer: Jay Mongan
 Canteen Treasurer: Angie Galante
 Canteen Supervisor: Sarah Farrell
 Book Club: Neolie Eady
 Uniform Shop: Lee Stevens

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

The canteen is crying out for more volunteers! If you can offer some time or are happy to go on an emergency call up list when someone is away your support would be greatly appreciated.

You can also offer a POWER HOUR, just drop in for an hour at the start of the day or for the clean up!

We will also be putting a notification in Tell Everybody next month to put the call out to any community members that may like to give up some time and help out in the canteen. If you know anyone that may be interested please forward our details on to them or get them to contact the front office. The only requirement needed to help out is a Volunteer Working with Children Check which is free and can be obtained online (*search WWCC*)

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is such an exciting part of your child's school experience. I remember the Book Club brochures coming home with my own children and how excited they became and desperate to be allowed to choose something from the catalogue. Mrs Neolie Eady is our current Book Club Co-ordinator and absolutely loves what she is doing but she is asking for some other interested parents/grandparents or community members that may like to learn how to run Book Club so she can phase out over the next few years.

The job involves organising with office staff for the catalogues to be handed out to staff and students, collecting and collating orders- a lot of this is online now and collating and handing out the orders once they come back to school.

In 2017 the Book Club raised \$430 to be used to purchase books and resources for the school. The money that we gain for resources comes from book club sales throughout the year and we are so grateful for the Book Club support our families give.

YAMAHA VARIETY JET TREK

The P & C have been asked to cater for the Yamaha Variety Jet Trek on **Wednesday 21st March 2018**. The lunch will be co-ordinated out of the Crowdy Surf Club and is being supported by many local organisations. If you can assist by making lunches and handing them out on the day keep an eye out on Facebook or let the front office know. Lee will be posting a roster on Facebook soon.

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.

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

Wingham Hockey Club

Wingham Hockey Club is looking for players in all ages and of all abilities.

We are having 2018 SIGN UP DAYS on

Monday 26th February

AND

Monday 3rd March

at the TAREE HOCKEY CENTRE from 5.00pm.

“Active Kids” Vouchers can be used when registering online

More details about how to apply for your voucher, register with Hockey NSW and about our payment plans will be available at the sign up days.

Please feel free to contact us



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 Tegan Lynch – Womens Rep - 0422446726
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RAINBOW BRICKS PRESENTS

MIDCOAST BRICKFEST

A LEGO FAN EVENT

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH

NEW EXHIBITS
GREAT FAMILY FUN!
BBQ/CAKES/DRINKS

SUPPORTING HALLDAYS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

9am - 3pm
 Children’s Build Area,
 A LEGO raffle, LEGO parts, minifigs and sets for sale
VENUE: Great Lakes College
 Northern Parkway, Tuncurry

\$15 a Family / \$5 a Person

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SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

As at 1 July 2015

OFFENCE	Maximum Penalty
SCHOOL ZONE 8-9 ³⁰ AM 2 ³⁰ -4 ^{PM} SCHOOL DAYS 40	SPEEDING OFFENCES School Zone speeding offences attract higher fine and demerit points than other speeding offences. \$3,740 + 7 Demerit Points
MOBILE PHONE USE Drive using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone.	Penalty \$425 + 4 Demerit Points
CHILDREN'S CROSSINGS Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children's Crossing or approach Children's Crossing too quickly to stop safely.	Penalty \$531 + 4 Demerit Points
U-TURNS Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone	Penalty \$425 + 4 Demerit Points

For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit: www.rms.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on: 13 22 13

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in schools zones only while the zone is active.



We need your help!

The Harrington Public School P&C has been asked to cater for the Queensland Variety Children’s Charity Jet Trek lunch to be held on Wednesday 21st March 2018 at Crowdy Head Beach.

This will involve catering for 250 people. It includes around 100 jet boat riders and 150 support crew. On the day the lunch pack will include wraps, sandwiches, fruit and bottled water.

So to make and pack all these sandwiches and wraps we need help! If you can spare an hour – brilliant! A few hours – even better! Whatever time you can give would be very much appreciated.

Please note that you will be provided with lunch and bottled water on the day for helping out 😊.

All profits raised will go back to the P&C to directly help your children. Please contact Lee on 0435 002 532.



CANTEEN LUNCH ORDER NOTICE

Please ensure when ordering that the following is located on the front of your lunch order bag:

Child’s name

Year/Class

Clearly stated order

Price

Amount enclosed

- Please do not include any frozen items or snacks on the order bag as they will be refunded.
- Milk orders must be collected from the canteen.
- Orders must be handed in by 10.30am at the latest.
- The canteen is open between 11.30 – 11.55am for students to purchase snacks and frozen products.

*Thank you,
Canteen Staff*