

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

It has been a very busy two weeks for our school with a lot of our staff participating in different professional learning opportunities. Mrs Moore attended a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) workshop, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Dun and Mrs Burrows travelled with me to Coffs Harbour for BNL (Building Numeracy Leadership) as well as lots of meetings and workshops regarding the current Principal workload. These opportunities help us to make sure that the learning opportunities which we provide for our students are the best that they can be.

We are also going to have a lot of roof and gutter work happening at the school over the next few weeks to replace the existing roof on the brick building, canteen and music room as well as the sport shed whilst fixing up some issues in the other spaces. This means there will be a great deal of scaffolding on site so we will be working with students to understand restricted and out of bounds areas, though everything will be very secure and safe.

Our eight school leaders travelled with myself and Mrs Woodward to Sydney for the Halogen Young Leaders Conference last weekend. This was an opportunity to take these students off site and work with them on their goals as leaders and hopefully inspire them to step up in their roles over 2018. It was a privilege to take these students away; they were enthusiastic, incredibly well behaved and willing to participate in everything.

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

THE BEST PREPARATION FOR
TOMORROW
IS DOING YOUR BEST TODAY.

H. Jackson Brown Jnr

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 7 'Walk to the COLA or gate with teachers' – Setting: Leaving & entering school

Week 8 'Wait quietly for your teacher' – Setting: Lining up

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



TERM 1 CALENDAR

Week 8

Monday, March 19	P&C Meeting 6.00pm
Wednesday, March 21	Variety Jet Trek lunch <i>Volunteers needed at Crowdy Head Beach</i>

Week 9

Wednesday, March 28	Open Classrooms & Easter Hat Parade 10.00am-11.30am
Thursday, March 29	Easter Day Out to Majestic Cinemas, Port Macquarie
Friday, March 30	Good Friday

TERM 1 EVENTS & NOTICES

SECOND NOTICE
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 off 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.

CROSS COUNTRY 2018

On Friday, 9th March, Harrington PS ran our annual school Cross Country event. The weather gods were on my side as we got all the events completed. The 8/9s were a little concerned as the rain began to fall just as their race was about to start, however, it quickly subsided and the race was on!

The participating students demonstrated sportsmanship and determination to succeed. It was a great morning.

Thank you to the families and friends who came and cheered the students on and our leaders for helping set up, pack away, and supervise so efficiently. Students with the top four results who are 8 years and over have qualified for the Zone Cross Country which will be held at Wingham Sporting Complex, **Friday 4th May 2018**. Permission notes have been sent home.

Mrs Woodward

2018 Cross Country Results	
Boys	Girls
6 Years	6 Years
Kobi	Aviana
Jack G	Chanelle
Noah M	Gracie
7 Years	7 Years
Lucas F	Hailee
Isaac W	Lily W
Finn L	Lilyana
Cross Country Qualifiers	
Boys	Girls
8/9 Years	8/9 Years
Riley W	Tia
Bailey M	Emily B-D
Mavrick	Mia W
Myles	Nevaeh
10 Years	10 Years
Lewis W	Lili P
Noah L	Shaylee
Connor	Isabella B
Finlay	Breanna
11 Years	11 Years
Brody	Gemma
Jake M	
Brayden	
12/13 Years	12/13 Years
Mitch	Charli V
Brendon	Iris
Shannon	Megan
	Mia S

WHAT'S COMING UP

Bullying! No Way!– Superhero Day Thursday, 15 March

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 decided that having a Superhero Day would be a great way to affirm that we are all super-special in our own way!

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

Please remember to bring in the EOI and deposit for your child's major excursion in 2018. It is much easier to start paying it off early. Remember that if you need financial assistance please contact the front office and let us know.

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

Easter Hat Parade and Open Classrooms

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 been sent home. Please let us know if you have extras 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



The Sausage Sandwich lunch is being organised by the P&C
An order form is attached, please return ASAP – thanks ☺

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 we have begun our fortnightly Peer Clubs. Peer referees have also started in

the playground and our 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

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The **Sporting Schools Program Term 2** will commence **Wednesday, 2nd May 2018, 3-4pm** and run for 10 weeks. Students will be learning Monday- Soccer and Wednesday- Netball skills. Numbers are limited so please ensure you return your child's permission slip ASAP. It will be a *First In* basis. Students will need to bring their own afternoon tea. Parents will be notified if your child **is not** able to participate in the program.

Could parents please discuss afternoon pick up arrangements with your child.



Sporting Schools - Permission Slip Term 2, 2018

I give permission for my child/children: _____

Please tick which Sporting Schools Program you would like to attend: (you may only select 1 sport)

- ☐ Monday afternoons, starting 7th May - soccer, 3 - 4pm.
- ☐ Wednesday afternoons, starting 2nd May - netball, 3 - 4pm.

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date: _____

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!

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.



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.



Envelopes are being sent home today for the **STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2018.**



All donations support the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House from schools across NSW and the ACT. Complete your details on the donation envelope for your chance to win a \$4,000 holiday.

All entries must be returned to school by **Friday 18 May 2018.**