

Moving Forward Together

With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our  
PERSONAL BEST

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Principal's Report

We had some very successful Parent Information Sessions with lots of families able to attend and participate in discussion about the current things that are happening at our school as well as future directions we would like to take.

We tried hard to make these sessions 'a little different' by hosting them as a more relaxed discussion rather than a presentation at our families.

We had a lot of fantastic feedback that those involved felt they heard a lot of new things and left feeling better informed about what was happening in the classrooms. I was unable to make it to the Kindergarten session as the Year 1-3 session ran longer than we expected (lots of great conversation happening!) but I know Mrs Burrows was able to work with our new Kinder parents on what was happening with their children at school.

We put out some dot surveys on the night which indicated that a lot of our community feel happy, safe and supported at Harrington Public School, that we still need to do a little work on presentation but overall everyone is feeling very positive.

We have identified three different areas to provide workshops for families. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) is an area of huge interest to our families and this has eventuated in a Technology Workshop being developed for next term. We will also run a workshop for families on Cyber-safety and Literacy & Numeracy. We will aim to make these workshops fun, informal and engaging for everyone involved.



## SCHOOL VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

Focus for this two week period: *Each week classes explore what these look like and what behaviour is expected of them to meet these goals.*

**Week 9- Personal Best- Setting>Lining up & Playground:  
Wait quietly for your teachers**

**Week 10- Personal Best- Setting> Office: Clearly explained  
what you need**

## 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 on Tuesdays. We would like to encourage as many of our students as possible to bank as saving is a great skill to learn.

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

"For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness."

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

## FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS - ANAPHYLAXIS



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.**

## ASSEMBLY

Don't forget if you have tallied 10 awards please bring them in so we organise your Gold Awards. 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**.

There will be a change of date for the final assembly this term from **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. This is so all staff can be present (*mainly me as I hate missing them*). Time will be the same 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

## DAD'S DAY OUT!

A note went home this week to invite all the blokes in our student's lives to a fun afternoon on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm – 7pm at Harrington Waters Golf Course. Dads, male carers, grandfathers, pops and uncles are all welcome!

The cost will be \$10 (depending on numbers). The plan is for a round of golf followed by a round at the bar!

Return the slip or contact the office by Friday 24 March if you would like to join us.

## FIRE DRILL & EVACUATION PROCEDURES

We will be holding a Fire and Evacuation Drill over the next week as part of our WHS review cycle for this year. An evacuation drill is used in times when students, staff and community members need to be moved out of buildings and covered areas to a safe place due an impending 'dangerous or compromising situation'. This could be a fire, a bomb threat, gas leak etc.

The drill or alarm is sounded by a continual bell and notice over the loud speaker. We then move all students and adults to the assembly point which is now found at the bottom double gates on Coode St (*near the playground and old sandpit*).

## OUR LIBRARY BOOKS NEED YOUR HELP!



Our school library needs urgent help covering books. Please contact the office if you can spare some time to help us cover all of the amazing new and donated books we have waiting to go onto the library

shelves.

## TERM 1, CALENDAR

### Week 10

Mon 27 – Wed 29 March	Life Education Van
Wednesday, March 29	Visiting Author Aleesah Darlison
Thursday, March 30	Small Schools Cross Country
	Dad's Day Out 4pm-7pm Harrington Waters Golf
Friday, March 31	PBL Fundraiser Girl's Night Out!

### Week 11

Thursday, April 6	Easter Hat Parade
Friday, April 7	Final Assembly & ANZAC Service

## TERM 1 EVENTS & NOTICES

### SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE, FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017

We are holding our school ANZAC Service Friday 7th April between 2-3pm. We have some special guests attending, Paul Pannowitz, Neil Gibson, Mike Kelly and possibly a member of the Women's Day View Club. We would also like to thank in advance Mrs Gay Collison for once again creating the wreaths for the school and town ANZAC services – she is an incredibly valued member of our school community. We welcome all family and community members to attend this school service if they would like to.

### ANZAC DAY MARCH & TOWN SERVICE

We have once again been invited to March alongside veterans and current Army, Air Force and Naval personnel at our town ANZAC March. This is an incredibly important event for our children to be involved in, assisting them to appreciate and embrace our past and the efforts of all that have gone before us.

Our School Captains and Vice Captains will be a part of the service and our School Choir is singing a medley of songs starting with 'I am Australian' during the service. We ask that as many of our school community be at the march, to stand tall and proud with us on the day. All students participating in the March will be provided with a thankyou Sausage Sizzle

during the next week at school. Our focus across the whole school during week one will be our ANZAC heritage.

**When:** Monday 25th April, 2017

**Meet:** Butcher shop on Beach Street at 10.30 am to March at 10.45

**Wear:** Full Sport/Representative uniform and please bring a hat/water bottle for the service.

#### VISITING AUTHOR TALKS AND WORKSHOP

Aleesah Darlison, inspiring author of children's books and short novels such as Puggle's Problem, Our Class Tiger, the Unicorn Riders and Totally Twins series will be our guest at the school on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. Aleesah will be running two sessions with K-2 and 3-6 and a group of students will be invited to attend a writer's workshop with her also.

To cover costs for Aleesah's visit and presentation there is a small cost of \$4.00 per student. A note has been sent home with further details of how it supports our curriculum and how it particularly supports our target of improving students writing across K-6.

#### DANCE GROUPS - FESTIVAL 2017

Expression of Interest notes went home last week looking for a commitment by families for students in the Dance Group to perform at the 2017 Southern Network Dance Festival.

The Dance Festival involves travelling to Kempsey this year so we need to have firm numbers for the groups to ensure we are ready for the date, **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**.

If you did not receive a note please get your child to pop in to the office to get a copy.

#### GIRLS NIGHT OUT – NEW DATE!!!



We are so sorry to have postponed last week's event but the weather was disastrous and we didn't want to be responsible for people being on the road in the terrible wind and rain. We have rescheduled to **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017** – with all other details exactly the same. We will start gathering at Harrigan's Irish Pub from 6.00pm. For a bit of fun this year's theme is....*Masquerade!* We look forward to seeing a lots of ladies on the night!

#### LIFE EDUCATION VAN – VERY SOON!

This year Happy Healthy Harold will be visiting us in the Life Education Van during Week 10 from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March through to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Each grade is allocated either an hour or hour and half session. A note for Life Education has been sent home; the cost is \$10 per student. Please return your notes ASAP as this is a really entertaining but important part of your child's annual learning.

#### EASTER HAT PARADE – SAVE THE DATE



The Easter Hat Parade is a traditional, fun and creative component of our school's annual calendar. All families

are invited to create an Easter hat or bonnet for their child/children to wear at the parade. In the past we have had some very exciting creations paraded on the day – staff included!

Our Easter Hat Parade is on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**. We will be holding the parade from 10.30am under the COLA. We would like to invite all of our families to attend Open Classrooms from 10.00 then spend lunch with your child after the parade.

The School Leaders will be selling Hot Cross Buns for \$2.00 and there will be complementary tea and coffee available during recess.

#### CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER – IN FULL SWING!

As you are aware we are currently in full swing of our annual Chocolate Drive for this year. This is one of our main fundraising events which we rely on to raise money to subsidise our school excursions so they are more affordable for our families. Over time we hope to build up this account to subsidise more opportunities for students.



This year we have ordered variety boxes of assorted chocolate bars plus the Freddo Variety box (my personal favourite). Boxes went out a few weeks ago and have been selling very quickly. Mrs Woodward is currently ordering another 10 boxes for those students who would like to sell more. We will let you know when they arrive. Once you have

sold your boxes please send the money packet back to the office.

### 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.

### SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE

Families please note that school fees are as follows:

1 student	\$20.00
2 students	\$25.00
3 students	\$30.00

Invoices have been sent home to families. Fees can be paid in the morning on any day.

### 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, 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 school domain.

### PBL – POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our Peer Club sessions for Term One are Dance with Chelsea and Gemma, Drama with Kirrah and Indi, Art with Jake and Sabella, Sport with Mitch and Hayden, Construction with Jennah and Alice, Gardening with Makayla and Nick, Technology with Max and Darcy and finally Science with Catherine and Cooper T.

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 as supervision only. This is an exciting development in our school leadership focus and we look forward to seeing how it develops.

### JUNIOR PBL UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

#### Fancy Dress – change of date!



Please note that due to the Small Schools Cross Country being held on 30<sup>th</sup> March we have had to move our PBL Fancy Dress Fundraiser to **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**. Students and STAFF are encouraged to come dressed in something related to Fairy-tales for a gold coin donation. They will also be holding an AMAZING cake stall across both breaks which will include an array of goodies to be purchased for 50c each.

#### Mother's Day Stall

Our Junior PBL Team and School Leaders are co-ordinating the Mother's Day Stall for 2017. Gifts have been purchased – very nice ones too I might add!! Wrapping will start to happen once the boxes arrive. We are holding our Mother's Day Stall on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 (Term 2, Week 3)**. Gifts will be available for \$5.00 and we have purchased extra this year for those students wanting to buy for carers, and grandparents also.

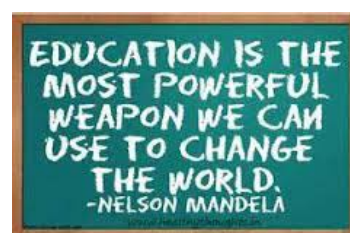
### STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2017

Each year over 1800 disadvantaged children attend Stewart House where they are able to take a much needed break from their circumstances and participate in educational and well being programs.



If you would like to support Stewart House please fill in your details on the envelope which went home recently, insert your donation of \$2 or more and return the sealed envelope to school.

Everyone who makes a donation goes into the draw to win a \$4,000 family holiday!



## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

We got it in! The rain finally held off long enough for us to hold our Cross Country on Tuesday 21 March.

The students were fantastic and showed great sportsmanship – cheering each other on.

A huge thank you to all the staff and parents who helped out on the day; it was greatly appreciated.

The Small Schools Cross Country will be held for students 8 to 12 years next **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> March** at Hannam Vale.

Notes will be sent home today to qualifying students.

Results are as follows:

Age	Boys	Girls
5 years	Kobi	Aviana
6 years	Lucas Finn Hayden	Aaleyah Lilyana Ella-Rose
7 years	Aidan Blake Lucas	Neveah Mya Ebony
8/9 years	Riley Connor Noah Kendall	Zariah Tia Lilly Mia
10 years	Jake Brody Brayden Isaac	Gemma
11 years	Brendon	Charli Mia Megan Lily
12 Years	Seth Max Darcy Nick	Catherine Karisa Alice Makayla

Please return all notes and \$5 PSSA Student Levy to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you,

**Renai Woodward**



*11 years girls off to cross country – well done Lilly, Megan, Mia and Charli!*

## ICAS – INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION & ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS

### COMPETITION DATES FOR 2017

Years 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 \$8.00 per exam entered. Students do not have to enter all tests. These tests are not compulsory but they are an excellent opportunity for your child to participate in a more formalised test and gains skills and confidence in this area

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 to school no later than **Friday 7th April, 2017**.

**Science – 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**English – 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017**

**Mathematics – 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017**

*( ✂ Please cut out and return to school with your fee)*

### ICAS 2017

My child \_\_\_\_\_ in Year \_\_\_\_\_

would like to sit for the following ICAS papers in 2017:

Science       English       Mathematics

I enclose \$8.00 per paper

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### P & C Meeting and AGM

We held our P & C meeting last Monday evening at 6.00pm. Thank you to all the members who were able to attend regardless of the weather. Please remember our focus this year will be on not just having active P & C Committee members but also having members via a mailing list to assist when necessary. If you are interested in becoming a mailing list member please contact the front office and leave the required details to be added on. A P & C membership is \$2.00 annually.

Our next P & C meeting is on Monday evening 20<sup>th</sup> March from 6.00pm in the staff room.

### P & C Easter Raffle – Don't Forget!!!

The P & C are running their annual Easter Raffle again this year. This is a huge event which has always amounted in a crazy number of hampers being raffled at the Easter Hat Parade. The hampers are created by donations from our families and carers. You can start sending in your donations now, they will be collected at the front office and a free raffle ticket will be given for each child that donates something. Tickets will be selling for 50c each of 3 for \$1.00 and will be coming home soon.



### P & C Reminders

A friendly reminder of the proper use of the drop off zone as there has been a police presence and we would not like to see anybody fined.

### No parking area sign

You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three meters of the vehicle. Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only. Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to five minutes

### Guessing Competition at Easter Hat Parade

We will also be holding a guessing competition. A jar of treats will be held at the canteen and students can make their guesses at the canteen also. I will need to confirm prices with you a little later as I have just sent out a memo requesting a

price change and I'm waiting for the members to get back to me.

### Canteen Notices

We are in urgent need of helpers on Mondays and Wednesdays. You don't need to help every Monday or Wednesday – you can help as little or as much as you want – once a week, once a fortnight or once a month but to continue to open 3 days a week we need more volunteers. No prior experience required – just helping hands.

From Monday 6 March the canteen orders will be placed at the front door of the canteen where the roller door will be opened from 8.15am for children/parents/carers to place and pay for orders.

Children paying with note of \$10 or higher please bring the order straight to the canteen where one of the canteen staff can help. This we feel will minimise any misunderstandings or loss of money.

Thanks, Canteen Staff.

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## Application for P&C membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be on the mailing list for the Harrington Public school P&C

I understand that my information will be used for P&C purposes only and otherwise kept confidential

I have enclosed my membership fee of \$2

Please return completed form to the front office with membership fee.