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 With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Principal's Report

We are now in our final week of Term One and, as always, it is mind blowing how quickly it has come along. We've seen our new little Kindergarten students settle in and become part of the school fabric and welcomed some other new students into our school community. We have also had a lot of fun events whilst keeping our heads down and completing some high quality work. As always we have a very strong focus on independent ability with our students as we want them to become confident and self-driven learners which is just what they will need in this amazingly complex and technological 21st Century. Take the time to congratulate your kids over the break as we haven't had any children not make progress and their efforts should make you proud.

There has been some underlying concern with new parents about music etc. that students may be exposed to at school. Harrington Public prides itself on being a student wellbeing oriented school and we take all possible precautions to screen and provide appropriate materials for our students. It is also important to note that access to explicit materials cannot be obtained on school networks as we have blocks in place by the department. If you ever have any concerns please come up and see us so we can work through them together. There is a very supportive family network of parents, carers and volunteers that take a great deal of pride in our school and let us know if there are issues brewing or things they feel we should be aware of and we are very grateful for this as we like to address any concerns straight away. Please feel free to come up and see us at any time.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy break from school. Take the opportunity to connect with your wonderful children and rest up; Term Two is going to be awesome. Term Two is our annual Multicultural focus, where we travel around the world in 50 days. We will hold another multicultural feast and sharing table mid-term. Thank you also to our *Harrington Team Awesome* which

includes our teaching and support staff. They work very hard, give up a lot of their own time and cherish the students at this school wholeheartedly. I couldn't be more proud of the staff we have. Well done, everyone!

QUOTE FOR THE TERM



ATTENDANCE

We had a visit from the Home School Liaison Officer last Tuesday to check our attendance records and discuss any students with less than 85% attendance. We are very lucky to have such great communication with our families and we were able to explain the absences that fell below as many were illness and explained. See our reminder below for full advice regarding attendance expectations.

Just a friendly reminder that it is a legal requirement that your child attends school on all days the school is open. If they are unwell a note detailing illness must be presented within 3 days of absence or a reminder note will go home. After this time the absence will be noted as unexplained. Other absences will be listed as leave if the school feels the need for the absence is reasonable and meets Department guidelines.

All absences involving a holiday or trip of more than 3-4 days should be pre-organised with the Principal. If your child has more than 8 days of unexplained absences your class teacher will start making contact with you to work through these attendance concerns.

Please understand the school will be supportive of legitimate days absent, but your child's education is a number one priority for us and ensuring they are at school for the

maximum possible time is incredibly important. If there are concerns or issues we need to work through them together.

SCHOOL VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

Focus for the last week and first week of next term: *Each week classes explore what these look like and what behaviour is expected of them to meet these goals.*

Week 11- Personal Best-All Settings> review of term lessons

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

Our last assembly was hosted by Miss King's Purple Room and was creative and inspiring. Congratulations also to all students who received awards.

Don't forget if you have tallied 10 awards please bring them in so we can 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**.

The final assembly for this term will be **this Friday 7th April**.
The time remains the same 2.00pm -3.00pm.

FIRE DRILL & EVACUATION PROCEDURES

We held a Fire and Evacuation Drill last 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 to 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.

TERM 2, CALENDAR

Week 11

Thursday, April 6	Easter Hat Parade
Friday, April 7	Final Assembly & Last Day of Term 1

Autumn Break

Saturday 8 April to Sunday 23 April 2017

Monday, April 24	Staff Development Day No School
Tuesday, April 25	ANZAC DAY
Wednesday, April 26	Students return

Term 2, Week 1

Wednesday, April 26	Students return
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EASTER HAT PARADE



The Easter Hat Parade is a traditional, fun and creative component of our schools 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 6th 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 10.00am then spend lunch with your child after the Parade.

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

EXHIBITION OF ANZAC ARTWORK & WRITING

Families and friends are invited to view artwork and writing created by our students in commemoration of ANZAC Day. The exhibition is at the **Harrington Memorial Hall** on Pilot Street and will be available to view on the **22nd, 23rd and 24th April**. Entry is a gold coin donation and there will be a Ladies Auxiliary stall selling cakes and badges.

TERM 2 EVENTS & NOTICES

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: Tuesday 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.

SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE, WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017

We are holding our school ANZAC Service **Wednesday 26 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.

NAPLAN IN TERM 2

Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN assessment on **Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May**. This is an external assessment that takes place nation-wide and is used as a point in time reference of how schools and students are performing towards state and national averages.

We ask that limited pressure and focus be put on these assessments to avoid unnecessary nervousness

and anxiety for students. The school is confident in all student's learning and that the students will participate to the best of their ability at this time. If you have a major concern about your child sitting the assessment please contact myself via the front office or make an appointment to pop in. Accommodation or withdrawal is available

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER – DRAWING TO A CLOSE!

As you are aware our annual Chocolate Drive for this year is drawing to a close. 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.

Please return all money and unsold chocolates to the office by the morning of Friday 7th April – our final day of school for Term 1.

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 for supervision only. Peer Clubs for Term 1 have been very successful and demonstrated the skills of our team to co-ordinate and lead groups of their peers in lots of fun activities as well as modelling appropriate behaviour expectations and values. Well done team!

JUNIOR PBL

The Junior PBL team held a Fancy Dress Day last Friday 31st March. Students and STAFF were encouraged to come dressed in something related to fairy-tales for a gold coin donation. They also held an AMAZING cake stall across both breaks which included an array of goodies too good to refuse! The Junior PBL team raised \$192.85 on the day.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

We will be organising a Mother's Day stall on **Friday 12 May** to celebrate the wonderful women in the lives of our students. Gifts will be available for students to purchase for \$3.00 or \$5.00 each. We realised last year that some students were keen to buy more than one gift so we have purchased more this year. The stall will be co-ordinated by School Leaders and Junior PBL Team members.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

This year Mrs Burrows is co-ordinating Jump Rope for Heart. This is a great and fun opportunity for our students that encourages fitness and Heart Health. We will be holding our Jump-Off on **Friday 19th May**.

We would like to assure all families that your child **will** be able to participate in Jump Rope for Heart whether they register for the fundraising or not. There is no pressure on families to fundraise; it will be purely a call for each family.

Please see note next term with further details.

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

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 – 30th May, 2017

English – 1st August, 2017

Mathematics – 22nd 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: _____

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Sporting Schools Program for Term 2 will once again take place on Mondays and Wednesdays, commencing in Week 2 on Monday 1st May and Wednesday 3rd May from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. The program will run for 9 weeks.

The sports for this term are soccer (Mondays) and netball skills (Wednesdays). Numbers are limited so please ensure you return your child's permission slip ASAP. Places in the program will be given on a first-in basis **however, priority for soccer will be given to students who were on the waiting list last term.** Students will need to bring their own afternoon tea. Parents will be notified if your child **is not** able to participate in the program.

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Sporting Schools - Permission Slip Term 2, 2017

I give permission for my child/children: _____

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

Soccer – Starting Monday 1st May 2017, 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Netball – Starting Wednesday 3rd May 2017, 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Number: _____

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY RUGBY CAMPS

Play and train with your rugby heroes!

CAMP WARATAH

- Boys and Girls aged 6-13 wanting to become #FutureTahs
- Automatically become a free NSW Waratahs junior member when you sign up for our camps
- New and existing players are welcome
- All skill levels are catered for
- Experience meeting a real life NSW Waratah
- Score yourself an awesome Camp Waratah participation pack
- Contacts for your local Rugby club if you're not already a junior player



Early bird specials close 27 March!

Date	Location	Duration	Price
18 April	Dubbo Victoria Park, Number 2 and 3 Ovals	1 day	\$95 (early bird special \$90)
18 April	Tamworth Farrer Agricultural Memorial School	1 day	\$95 (early bird special \$90)
19 April	Hunter Valley Maitland Blacks Rugby Club, Marcellin Oval	1 day	\$95 (early bird special \$90)
19 April	Wollongong Woonona Shamrocks Rugby Club	1 day	\$95 (early bird special \$90)
19 April	Central Coast Central Coast Grammar	1 day	\$95 (early bird special \$90)
19 April	Orange Orange Emus Rugby Club, Woodward Street	1 day	\$95 (early bird special \$90)
19 April	Lismore Lismore City Rugby Club	1 day	\$95 (early bird special \$90)
20 April	Coffs Harbour Coffs Harbour Rugby Club	1 day	\$95 (early bird special \$90)
20-21 April	North Sydney Saint Ignatius College, Riverview	1 day	\$95 (early bird special \$90)
		2 days	\$180 (early bird special \$170)

Register online: <http://www.nswrugby.com.au/camp>

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The simplest way
to improve the health of your family and save money

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Wednesday, 24th May

Time: 9:15 – 10:45am

Venue: Harrington Public School



Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- 🕒 Save time and money making healthy meals
- 👂 Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- 📖 Get a free recipe book simply by attending

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than **22/05/17** by:

Calling or visiting the school front office or online
www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register



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 1st May 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 been raffled at the Easter Hat Parade. We will list hamper winners in the first newsletter of next term.



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.

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.