

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

Wow, the last week of Term 1 has finally arrived! It has been a long term for everyone and though we had the Easter long weekend, I'm sure we have some tired little people – at home and at school. We certainly have some tired staff! We have had an amazing term with lots of exciting activities and events. The activities and opportunities have included swimming carnivals, the cross country, all the PSSA sports trials, Kindergarten starting their first year of school, Parent Teacher Table Talks, the Welcome Back Breakfast, the Halogen Young Leaders Conference, Bullying No way Day, Easter Hat Parade, the Easter Big Day Out, and finishing off with our Colour Fun Day ... no wonder we're all exhausted!!! We have an inspiring staff who give up so much of their time and effort to make sure your children get the best opportunities and care that can be provided. Please make sure you give them a pat on the back at some point as teaching can be a thankless job at times and your support for what they do is always a pleasure to witness and hear.

Here is my usual holiday reminder to have a safe break, remember to touch base with stranger danger talks and keep an eye on your loved ones. It would also be great to have no broken bones over the holidays though I know it is inevitable that some may happen! Travel safely, don't speed, take rest breaks and come home to us all safe and sound!



QUOTE FOR THE MOMENT

TAKE CHANCES. MAKE MISTAKES.
THAT'S HOW YOU GROW. PAIN
NOURISHES YOUR COURAGE. YOU
HAVE TO FAIL IN ORDER TO PRACTICE
BEING BRAVE

Mary Tyler Moore



Bodyguard

When using technology, it's best to look out for scams, illegal activities and, more importantly, protect your privacy. Here are some tips to help make sure your privacy stays safe.

Computer health checks

- There are a few other things to be aware of if you want to keep your computer or phone in good shape, so that it's quick to use and always available when you need it (and doesn't keep costing you or your parents heaps of money to fix).
- Always use anti-virus software, run regular scans and ensure you download updates.
- Back up everything on your computer once a month or so, so that even if you get a virus or your computer breaks down, you don't lose your stuff.

If you do think you've been hit by a virus or Trojan:

- Disconnect from the internet immediately (turn off your modem, if you have to).
- Run your anti-virus software; and if you think the virus is still there, take your computer to a computer repair shop right away.
- It's also worth deleting spam texts and emails immediately (or put them into your spam folder) without opening them or replying. As well as taking up memory space, some spam texts and emails contain viruses that could wipe out everything on your computer or phone.

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.

To date we have had 17% of families pay their fees - thank you to those families who have paid, we are aiming to beat last year's total of 33% 😊.

A reminder to families to please, when possible, make payments to the office in the mornings as this assists us with our banking. Correct money is also much appreciated



TERM 1&2 CALENDAR

Week 11

Thursday, April 12	Colour Fun Day
Friday, March 30	Last day of Term 1

TERM 2 – Week 1

Monday, April 30	Staff Development Day
Tuesday, May 1	First day of Term 2 Students return
	ANZAC School Service 2-3pm

TERM 2 EVENTS & NOTICES

Bush Fire Lock Down and Evacuation Procedure Reminder

To keep everyone informed we would like to briefly run through our evacuation and lockdown procedures with families.

1. Evacuation

This procedure is the same for any need to evacuate the school. We assemble at the back double gates on Coode Street (*near play equipment*). At this point

we either monitor or walk the children to the reserve near the break wall and will ask parents to pick up children from there. An alert will go out on **Skoolbag** and a comment put on **Facebook** to let parents know we have evacuated to that off-site assembly point.

2. Bushfire Shelter or Lockdown

In extreme circumstances we may need to move into a Lockdown or Shelter situation; these are times when we are notified that we do not have time to evacuate. We move all children to the K-2 classrooms which have been built fire proof for a sheltering situation and have provisions in place. If we move into a shelter/Lockdown due to Bushfires we cannot let the students or staff leave the building, any parents arriving attempting to pick up their children will be brought into the room with us. An alert will go out on **Skoolbag** and a comment put on **Facebook** to let parents know we are in Lockdown.

After the fire has passed or has been deemed safe enough to evacuate by the local Fire Service we evacuate to the break wall and follow the above procedures.

We thank you for the time you have taken to read through this outline as it is important to keep everyone informed of what will happen in times of emergency.

Mozzies

At the moment we are experiencing some major issues with mozzies and insects. We ask families who are concerned to provide a roll on or pump-spray insect deterrent in their bags and apply it before they come to school.

Unfortunately we are not allowed aerosols at school.

Colour Fun Day – THIS THURSDAY, YAY!

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 must be in by Thursday morning for children to participate in the run. 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 11.30am-12.00pm

Colour Run: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

The Sausage Sandwich lunch is being organised by the P&C

WHAT'S COMING UP



ANZAC March and Town Service

We have been once again 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 and assists 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 two songs 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 date. 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 1 will be The ANZACs.

When: Wednesday 25th April, 2018

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.

ANZAC School Service

We are holding our school ANZAC service on **Tuesday 1st May** from 2-3pm. We have some special guests attending: Paul Pannowitz, Neil Gibson, Mike Kelly and possibly a member of the Harrington Evening View Club. We would also like to thank in advance Mrs Gai 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.

Mothers' Day stall

We will be organising a Mothers' Day stall 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.

When: Friday 11th May

Cost: \$3.00 or \$5 per gift

NAPLAN in Term 2

Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN assessment on Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May. This is an external assessment that takes place nationwide 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 students' 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. Accommodations or withdrawal is available.

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

Girls Night In- save the date



This year we will be hosting a Girls Night In for our Year 4 to 6 girls and mums. This will be a fun evening spent together discussing issues pertinent to girls of this age – we will look at hygiene, relationships and some fun makeup, nail, hair and skin tips.

We will have nibbles provided on the evening as well as some handouts. We invite all our girls to come along, mums are also welcome. More information will come home closer to the event.

When: Wednesday 23rd May

From 5.30-7.00pm

Where: Blue and Green rooms

What to Wear: Pyjamas (*fluffy slippers optional!*)

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☺

CROSS COUNTRY RECORDS

	Name	Year Held	Time
8/9 Yrs Girl	Gemma Eady-Muxlow	2016	8:18:00
8/9 Yrs Boy	Riley Williams	2018	8:55:37
10 Yrs Girl	Charli Vassalli	2016	8:26:00
10 Yrs Boy	Brendon Gibson	2016	9:00:00
11 Yrs Girl	Gemma Eady-Muxlow	2018	11:57:87
11 Yrs Boy	Ty Vassalli	2016	9:50:00
Senior Girl	Ella Rowe	2016	14:08:00
Senior Boy	Mitch Woodward	2018	11:53:34

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 now participating 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.

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 a 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

We had our March P & C meeting last Monday 19th March. We would like to thank everyone that was able to come along and help us with advice and decisions. The input of our school community is always important!

Our next P & C meeting is on **Monday 21st May, 2018** from 6.00pm in the staffroom. New members are always welcome!

PIE DRIVE- TERM TWO FUNDRAISING

In Term 2 the P & C are running a pie drive through Timbertown Pies. There is a huge choice of pies available, including meat, fruit and GF, small or family size – YUM! and they'll be delivered in time for the June long weekend.

Order forms will come home in Week 1 of next term and need to be returned to the office with payment by the **21st of May** so the orders can be put in and ready for the long weekend.

More information will come home with your order forms in the first week of Term 2.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT- CHANGE OF DATE

Our new date for The Girls night out is **Friday 18th May** and we will be gathering at Harrigan's from 6.00pm. Please come along and join us as it's a great informal opportunity to connect with the ladies in our community. You can accept the invitation on FB or return the slip that was sent home.

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 have also be put a notification in Tell Everybody 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

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.

*Golf News*

I would just like to say thank you to all the children who came to play golf on their sports day. It was a pleasure to have such well-mannered, thoughtful and encouraging students participate.

The golf club is now offering Junior Membership for \$35 for the year and \$3 to play a game. The children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a clinic on Tuesday 17th April at 11.30 to 1.30 for \$15 with professional Daniel Newton please let the club know if you are coming: phone 65560404.

Once again thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Jenny Fisher, Lady Captain

IT'S DISCO TIME AT BEATS

AND EVERYBODY'S WELCOME!!

WHERE: Harrington Function Centre. Caledonia Street, Harrington

WHEN: Friday the 13th April

TIME: 6pm-8.30pm

COST: \$5 per child entry – Come dressed in something starting with the letter "B"

Best dressed prizes to be won, fun games and lots of dancing!

Snack bar open on the night - PARENT SUPERVISION REQUIRED

Funds raised on the night going towards our much needed portable dance mirrors ☺