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 With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our
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MESSAGE FROM LISA

Welcome back from our autumn and Easter break. I’m sure an abundance of chocolate was consumed by all but I can sincerely assure you all staff are back on deck ready to provide your awesome children with high quality teaching and experiences they will never forget.

Over Term 2 each year we have a multicultural world focus in all classrooms which we affectionately refer to as **Around the World in 50 days**. This involves a varied focus in each room dependant on age, syllabus expectation and relevance. We try to challenge the student’s understanding of the world around them and assist them to have broader views and appreciation for cultures, foods, geography (both human and physical), history and perspectives. It is a really engaging topic and brings with it a lot of enthusiasm from our students. Keep an eye on Facebook for what’s happening in the classroom and we’ll invite families in towards the end of the term to take in what their children have learnt.

With autumn comes the cooler weather, though it has been beautiful over the break it will inevitably come! Please be conscious of colds and flu’s and other nasty bugs that tend to increase their presence at this time. We fully understand that it is difficult to keep your child home if they are showing signs of being unwell due to work or family arrangements: most of our staff are working parents as well and have the same issues with their own children. Regardless of the difficulty in taking time we ask, very sincerely, on behalf of staff and our other families, that you do take the time if your child is sick. These bugs spread very quickly and often spread through the whole class and teacher then the whole school. We have had students coughing, vomiting or feverish in our sick bay with symptoms that must have been present before they came to school, so please be conscious of the impact it will have on everyone else if you send them when they are unwell. Spreading of germs is not the only concern we have, our students get quite distressed and upset at school when unwell and just want to be at home with their family when they feel that bad.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“I keep turning over new leaves, and spoiling them, as I used to spoil my copybooks; and I make so many beginnings there never will be an end.” *Jo March*

Louisa May Alcott, **Little Women**

**ANZAC MEMORIAL SERVICE & MARCH
 EXHIBITION OF ANZAC ARTWORK & WRITING**

We had an amazing turn out of students and families at the town ANZAC March and Service yesterday, 25th April, 2017. Our Captains Darcy and Chelsea, Vice-Captains Cooper and Indi plus our wonderful School Choir represented our school with pride and finesse. It is always an honour to stand tall with the students, staff and family of this school community and see the empathy, compassion and hearts of our students from Kindergarten through to Year 6. Our Student Leaders and their families continued their representation at the memorial lunch with local RSL, Women’s Auxiliary and Day View Club members plus RAF representatives and leaders.

Over the weekend you may have had the opportunity to look at and read some of the prepared work from our K-6 students for ANZAC Day. They created works that represented what ANZAC Day means to them and were able to capture these feelings beautifully. I know the RSL members were moved and grateful for their interpretations and entries. Winners of the competition will be announced at the School Service and will be included in the next newsletter.

SCHOOL VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

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

Week 1- Responsibility-All Settings> Revision

Week 2- Responsibility-All Settings> Understanding what Responsibility means



TERM 2 CALENDAR

Week 1

Friday, April 28	Zone Cross Country
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Week 2

Monday, May 1	P&C meeting 6.00pm
Friday, May 5	Assembly

Week 3

Monday, May 8	Touch trials
Tues, Wed, Thurs	NAPLAN
9 th , 10 th , 11 th May	Years 3 & 5
Friday, May 12	Mother's Day Stall

TERM 2 EVENTS & NOTICES

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS



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

During Term 2 we will be holding our assemblies from 2.00pm-3.00pm on Friday afternoons of our even weeks starting in Week 2. Our first assembly for this term will be hosted by our senior class, the Green Room. Congratulations to the Rainbow Room and Yellow Room for their combined entertainment at the last assembly of Term

1 which coincided with the last day of school. What an inspiring way to end the term.

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**.

Please note that Harrington's Got Talent Awards don't count towards the overall award tally for each level.

SCHOOL ANZAC ASSEMBLY

We held our school ANZAC Service on **Wednesday 26th April** from 2-3pm. Thank you to our special guests for attending, Paul Pannowitz, Neil Gibson, Jeff Freeland, Rod Green and especially our elderly war veteran Pat Gillogly. We would also like to thank 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.

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 28th April is the Zone Cross Country. Good luck to the 11 students who were successful in making Zone at Wingham. Mr Mander will be attending.

Run like the wind!!! *Mrs Woodward*

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.

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 there will be more available this year. The stall will be co-ordinated by School Leaders and Junior PBL Team members.

STEM PARENT WORKSHOPS

We will be holding our first parent workshop/get-together in a few weeks to have a look at and experiment with the new technology devices that we have introduced into classrooms, peer clubs, library and Tech Club (Mrs Eggins) this term.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and has seen a huge increase in focus over the past few years. Though we have always covered these areas we have introduced a more contemporary process in classes that align to something called *Maker Spaces* where the students are encouraged to get more hands on and use greater problem solving skills, even from Kindergarten.

During the workshops each classroom will be set up with examples of STEM activities and the robotics/coding materials available for each class. The teachers will assist parents to get involved and play with the materials the students are using.

When: **Wednesday 17th May, 2017** from 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Where: COLA for a 15 minute orientation then free movement between classrooms and activities.

A note will be sent home over the next week to gain an indication of how many parents/carers/grandparents are interested in coming along. There are no number restrictions we would just like to know how much needs to be set up.

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** from 10.30am.

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. A note will be sent home soon with further details.

MULTICULTURAL BANQUET

We are holding our annual Multicultural Banquet on **Thursday 25th May**. This is a little earlier than when we held it previously but felt it may be easier to manage earlier in the term.

This banquet is an opportunity for each class to embrace one country or group of countries and research, prepare and serve foods plus dress up in colours or clothes representative of the culture they have chosen. Each class teacher will send home a note which outlines the country, the colours or type of dress from that country and provide a return slip with a request for \$10 per child to cover the purchasing of food, plates etc. for the children to prepare.

All the prepared food is then placed on a massive sharing table and the whole school gets to taste food from each country and learn a little about each culture.

TERM 2 MULTICULTURAL SPEAKING PERSPECTIVES – K-6

This term we have a whole school focus on Public Speaking. Next week all of our students will receive an information booklet explaining what topics each class can choose from and offering some helpful hints. We have the chance this year to expand the opportunities for four students from Year 3-6 to compete at a Small School and at a Zone level.

Multicultural Public Speaking Perspectives is a whole school activity and will be mandatory for all students to participate at a class level. Please be aware that we understand that this will be an intimidating activity for some of our students and they will be supported to have a go in a safe and supportive way. All our staff care about your children and will not push them past their capacity but will nurture and encourage them to have a go. Public Speaking skills are incredibly

important and easier to conquer when younger rather than older as many of you fully appreciate.

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE

Thank you to all those families who have supported the school and paid their annual school contribution payments. If you haven't yet we ask that you please make payments ASAP. These funds are a crucial part of purchasing school and classrooms supplies. So far we have had 29% of families pay their contributions.

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.

CANCER COUNCIL WORKSHOP

We hosted the ladies from Cancer Council last year at our Parent Transition session for Kindergarten 2017. They were very skilled and enthusiastic and would like to run a general session for our families covering simple ways to save time and money making healthy meals and learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters.

This session is open to all families, carers and community members that may be interested. A reply slip features on the flyer attached to this newsletter. Please return or pass on to someone you feel may be interested in attending.

When: **Wednesday 24th May, 2017**

Where: Harrington Public School Library

Time: 9.30 start – tea, coffee supplied

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 Two 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 also with a teacher there as supervision only. Peer Clubs for Term 1 were very successful and demonstrated the skills of our team to co-ordinate and lead groups of their peers in lots of fun activities and also in modelling appropriate behaviour expectations and values. We look to get better and better in Term 2.

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

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.



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: _____



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



**Eat It To
Beat It** 

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

Completing and returning this slip to the school front office.

Your name:

Your contact number or email:

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.

CAMP PAYMENT REMINDER

Students in years 3/4 and 5/6 who are attending camps are reminded that all payments must be received by the beginning of Term 3.



PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#).

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions and excursions. **Please note that there is a minimum payment of \$10.** There is also a category called 'Other'. This is to cover items not covered in the previous headings; 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a Payment](#) you must enter:

- The student's name, and class reference, OR
- The student's name and date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number (SRN) and invoice number if you are aware of them – these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before it is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the online payment process please contact the school administration office.

P & C EVENTS



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 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.

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.