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 With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our
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Issue 7 – Term 2 – Week 3

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MESSAGE FROM LISA

The first few weeks of this term, though very hectic, have been very affirming and rewarding for our school. We have had a number of visitors from other schools interested in *Future Learning Environments* and contemporary and rigorous teaching and learning. They have visited all of our classrooms, music, technology and library and witnessed our students motivated, appropriately challenged and thriving. It has been very rewarding for our staff who have put in a lot of hard work to provide students with the amazing learning opportunities they have while taking on new things, such as Future Learning Focus, to make sure our students are receiving the best possible education to connect them to their future.

We also have a group of students taking part in a Learning Maps project with the Macleay Valley Schools and the University of Auckland. This is taking our school focus on goal setting to a new level and working with our students to take complete control of their learning, their habits and their directions. Mrs Woody and I attended meetings and project sessions in Crescent Head last week and are very excited to see where we take our project next. Starting this week all students in Blue and Green room will be involved, plus the few Year 3 project students. Stay tuned to see how this project continues to improve learning at our school as we look to include K-6 in 2018.

Mr Taylor and I also participated in a focus group on Wednesday due to the excellent work we are doing in regards to Student Wellbeing, PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning – our school values) and school culture. Our school has attracted the interest of the Regional and State PBL team and we are now getting involved in a project with them to further enhance our wellbeing and PBL work and then share with other schools. We look forward to the Expo in October which will be held in Taree this year. We will be featuring as a focus school and our Junior PBL team will be presenting as well. So watch out for developments in this area as well.

As you can see it has been a huge few weeks but very positive and empowering for our amazing school and community. I look forward to being able to keep you informed on how the school is participating in both Learning Maps and PBL Projects and the positive impact it will continue to have on our learning community.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

“Feelings of worth can flourish only in an atmosphere where individual differences are appreciated, mistakes are tolerated, communication is open, and rules are flexible – the kind of atmosphere that is found in a nurturing family.”

Virginia Satir

NATIONAL DISABILITY DATA COLLECTION



All schools have now been required to participate in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability, learning/behaviour adjustment or special needs.

They will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability or learning difficulties who need adjustments or support. Better data will help the Government plan for students with special needs.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here: <http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>.

Staff have been and will continue to contact parents of students who meet the criteria for inclusion either through

disability or learning need. Please inform the teacher when they contact you if you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

SCHOOL VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

Each week classes explore what these look like and what behaviour is expected of them to meet these goals.

Week 3- Responsibility-All Teaching & Learning Spaces >Looking after property

Week 4- Responsibility-Playground> Using equipment in the playground correctly

TERM 2 CALENDAR

Week 3

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

Week 4

Monday, May 15	PSSA Netball knockout
Wednesday, May 17	Debating Workshop
Friday, May 19	Jump Rope for Heart Assembly

Week 5

Monday, May 22	School photos
Tuesday, May 23	Science & Engineering Workshop for parents
Wednesday, May 24	Cancer Council Fruit & Veg Workshop 9.30am
Thursday, May 25	Multicultural Banquet Day
Friday, May 26	PSSA Touch Knockout (Boys – Laurieton)

TERM 2 EVENTS & NOTICES

PAYMENTS FOR MAJOR EXCURSIONS

Major excursions for Years 3-4 and Year 5- 6 are coming up quickly. Please do not forget to make regular payments so that your schedule is easier and you are not left with a large amount at the end.

School excursions are an extremely important part of the school curriculum not only academically but socially as well. Though your child may be nervous I promise you the experience will be very beneficial for their confidence, independence and self-esteem. We organise our excursions to keep them very busy so there is limited home sickness and a lot of fun.

If you are having difficulty making payments or would like some financial assistance to make sure your child can attend please contact the front office. We will do everything we can to make sure every child is given the opportunity to attend.

Year 3-4 Excursion: Adventure Land Monday, 7th August – Wednesday 9th August, 2017

5-6 Excursion: Canberra and the Snowfields, Sunday 13th August –Thursday 17th August, 2017.

Year K- 2 Excursion: Timbertown Colonial Village Thursday, 21st September, 2017 (notes with subsidised costs for this excursion will come out early in Term 3).

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 was hosted by our senior class, the Green Room who did some very funny drama skits. Our next assembly will be hosted by the Blue Room.

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.

ANZAC SERVICE & MARCH SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We were able to hold our Sausage Sizzle yesterday (Tuesday) for those students who attended the march this year as a way to say thank you for their efforts in coming. This year we had a record breaking number of **57 students and 7 staff** attend. A big thank you to everyone who made the effort, it made a very positive impression on our local community.

KNOCKOUT SPORTS COMPETITIONS

This year we have entered Harrington PS into the knockout soccer, netball and touch football competitions. Although we are classified as a Small School, for knockout competitions we are not, as our school numbers are over 100 students. Our team plays against larger schools in the North Coast region. Each round we play one game which we must win to progress to the next level.



On Thursday 4th May I had the pleasure of taking our boys and girls soccer teams to Moorland soccer fields to play Kendall PS. Both teams should be congratulated for their sportsmanship and 'Have A Go' attitude. The students played with enthusiasm and dedication to succeed! This resulted in both teams taking the win: Girls 4-1 & Boys 9-1. I even did a victory dance!!! Both teams are now off to play North Haven in late May. I will confirm the date as soon as it has been agreed with their coach.



PSSA Touch Footy

On Monday 8th May, Blair, Mitch and Darcy went to the

PSSA Touch Football Trials. The boys should be commended for their determination and team spirit.

PSSA HOCKEY NEWS



A huge congratulations to Mia who was successful in making the PSSA Zone Hockey team!

On Friday 5th May she travelled to Newcastle to try out for the Hunter team. By all reports Mia had an outstanding game and demonstrated excellence drill skills – so much so that she has been select in the **PSSA State team!**

Mia and her family will now travel to Sydney at the beginning of Term 3. Great work Mia!

CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

Unfortunately due to the continual bad weather and course conditions the Small Schools Cross Country was unable to be held at Hannam Vale. Many schools were experiencing the same difficulties. It was decided through the Small Schools sporting bodies that students who were successful for Zone Cross Country in 2016 were eligible for the 2017 Zone Cross Country.

On Friday 28th April, Riley, Connor, Gemma, Jake M, Brody, Charli, Mia, Darcy, Seth and Catherine went to Zone Cross Country in Wingham. By all reports the students demonstrated sportsmanship and did Harrington PS proud! A huge congratulation goes to Gemma who placed 1st, 'smashing it' as I was informed from fellow spectators. Charli, who also shone, placed 4th with her speed. Charli and Gemma are now off to Hunter Cross Country, June 2nd. We wish you all best!!!



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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our School Photos are on **Monday 22nd May**. A note went home this week detailing the arrangements with MSP Photography Please contact the school if you have **not** received an envelope or if you would like a Sibling Photo envelope sent home.

Even if you are not purchasing photographs the envelopes must be returned to the school. Thank you.

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.

FORTNIGHTLY ASSEMBLY AWARDS – WEEK 2

Rainbow

Melanah
Lilyana
Dakota
Boyde
Taj – PBL

Principal Awards

Kobi
Chevy
Bailey
Charli
Nick

Yellow

Aidan
Luke
Charlie
Blade
Pearl – PBL

Best Mannered Class

Purple

Purple

Keiara
Zariah
Bonnie
Kale
Mia – PBL

Music Awards

Melanah
Darcy
Eli

Blue

Lilly
Callen
Brendon
Mia
Jannah & Keira – PBL

Super Star Of The Class

Alice

Green

Iris
Seth
Tasha
Wil
Cooper – PBL

Gold Award

Gemma (40 & 50)

Honour Student

Gemma

A huge congratulations to **Makayla S** – our first student to reach **Diamond Status** at the end of Term 1!
Great work Makayla – you set a wonderful example to the rest of the school.

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 has sent home a note which outlines the country, the colours or type of dress from that country and provides a return slip with a request for \$5-\$8 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.



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- 🍌 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 register online at www.cancercouncil.org.au/eatittobeatit/register



MULTICULTURAL SPEAKING PERSPECTIVES – K-6

This term we have a whole school focus on Public Speaking. Students have received 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 30% 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.

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.

SCIENCE FAIR TERM 3 – SAVE THE DATE!

As a celebration for Education week we will be holding our 3rd Annual Science Fair on **Friday 4th August**. Last year was very successful so we are looking forward to what our Little Scientists are going to come up with this year. An information Booklet with dates, times and general suggestions for K-6 Science projects will be coming home in Week 4 this term which will give students (and families)

time to get stuck into their Science Fair projects.

GYMNASTICS TERM 3 – SAVE THE DATE!

As highlighted in the annual calendar of events and payments that went out at the end of last year we have organised for an external organisation to work with Harrington Public School during Term Three to provide high quality gymnastics sessions for our K-6 students every week of Term Three.

The cost for the term is \$45.00 which includes 10 sessions. The students will get the opportunity to do activities on different apparatus that they would never be able to do in school unless we organised something like this. We feel it is an important part of the PDHPE curriculum that students often miss out on and is greatly beneficial for co-ordination and core strength. We hope you can support us in this activity. The notes for Gymnastics will go home in Week 5 which gives families plenty of time to pay it off. We ask that families **DON'T** pay weekly during Term Three as this makes it very difficult to pay the invoice for the activity when it needs to be paid. If all payments could be finalised by Week Three of Term three we would greatly appreciate it.

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)

THE MINIMUM AMOUNT FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS IS \$10.

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

Thank you to all those who attended our last P&C meeting. Our focus this year is 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 29th May** from 6.00pm in the staff room.

Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle was a great success. The P&C raised \$536.00 from the raffle. The Jellybean Counting Competition raised \$32.00.

Thank you to all families who donated and who bought raffle tickets. A special thank you to Sonja M who made an impressive Easter cake.

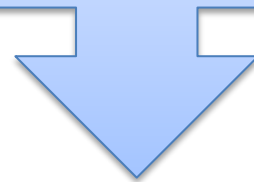
Bush Dance & BBQ – Save the date!

On **Saturday 24th June** we are holding our first Bush Dance and BBQ. This is an open event to the community where the P & C are organising a 2 course meal with entertainment and bush dancing from 4-8pm. Tickets will be available from a variety of venues as well as the School Front Office. Posters, Flyers etc. will be going out very soon.

We look forward to everyone supporting this awesome event and inviting friends and family to come along!

Please join us for this free workshop run by the Cancer Council.

Lots of great ideas for healthy meals – even for fussy eaters!






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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:



GLASSHOUSE SPROUTS

WEEKEND & HOLIDAY FUN for KIDS

ONLY \$5 PER CHILD

Kids (and their grown-ups) will love these creative mornings. Create an artwork, explore the gallery... and have some fun!

Saturday 11 March, 11am
 Saturday 8 April, 11am
 Saturday 13 May, 11am

BONUS HOLIDAY FUN DATES!
 Wednesday 12 April, 11am
 Wednesday 19 April, 11am

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL,
 call 6581 8888 or
www.glasshouse.org.au



Golf for girls
LAKESIDE LADIES GOLF

Lakeside
GOLF CLUB - CAMDEN

An introduction to
Golf for girls
7-14 years

Thursday 6th July 2017

An Opportunity to play Golf for girls 7-14 years

With the support of the Wests Campbelltown Group of clubs, Lakeside Management and Jack Newton Junior Golf, the Lakeside Ladies will provide a safe environment for girls aged 7 to 14 to learn the basic skills and etiquette of the game of golf.

The clinics are fun, accessible and a satisfying introduction to golf.

Girls are encouraged to further develop their golf though the Saturday afternoon golf clinics held regularly by professional, Jeff Mansfield at Lakeside Golf Club Camden.

How to register your child

Parent or guardian must complete the the Online Registration/Parental Consent Form available on our website www.lakesideladies.org and make payment by Direct Debit.

PAYING BY DIRECT DEBIT:

Account name: Camden Lakeside Country Club Lady Members
Account Details: BSB: 122 742 A/C 21755118
(Use Surname as reference)

Parents & Guardians

Are encouraged to stay, engage with others and enjoy the facilities of the club, including the bistro and bar.

Closing date for Entries

Thursday 22nd June 2017 or earlier if limit reached. **LIMIT OF 30 GIRLS PER CLINIC**

For further information contact Helen Lowe Phone: 0438 986 169 | Email: lakesidegirlsgolf@gmail.com
 Lakeside Golf Club Camden, 50 Raby Road, Catherine Field

CLINIC DETAILS

Registration: 9:30am

Day's Activities

Clinic: 10:00 to 11:00am

Fruit Break: 11:00 to 11:30am

Clinic: 11:30 to 12:30pm

Lunch: 12:45pm

Presentation & Closing: 1:15pm

ENTRY FEE

✓ **\$15 per day.** Includes activities, fruit, lunch, and lots of prizes.

WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ Sneakers or flat covered shoes are compulsory
- ✓ Hat or cap and sunscreen are compulsory
- ✓ Equipment will be supplied
- ✓ No Mobile Phones