

# Harrington Public School Newsletter

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## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Welcome back everyone to Term 4. Hard to believe it is only 10 weeks and we will be looking straight at Christmas! Term 4 is always a busy term with lots of activities and preparation for end of year events. We will be working hard and putting in all of our efforts to end the year with a bang both academically and culturally.

We are very blessed to have the amazing school that we do and I pinch myself daily in gratitude for all the hard work of my staff and community. We have a brilliant bunch of volunteers and families that help us out continually and for that I will be always grateful. It means our school can continue its feeling of love and inclusion for everyone involved.

Speaking of gratitude, we have this week started our first annual Gratitude Project for students, staff and interested family and community members. This is a project to explore gratitude. To help move away from any negative focus or attitudes into a more positive and enriching outlook. If you are a parent, family or community member and you would like to join please see our School Facebook page and add your name in the comment section so I can invite you to the project. It involves finding a positive gratitude for each day and posting it to share with our group. Students are working on this in their classrooms and all school staff are involved on their own Gratitude Graffiti Wall. Lots of fun with a mentally healthy benefit as well.

### Thought for the Week

*"Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude."* **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



## THANKYOU

Over the holidays we had a wonderful family come in and build our sandpit for the creative play space. We would like to send a huge THANKYOU and group hug to Darryl Collison and Megan and Scott Saunders for their time effort and expertise. They are a family always willing to give up time for our school and we GREATLY appreciate it!

I would like to take the opportunity to also thank Brendon Pieschel for his kind donation of fishing rods to our school. As you are all aware there is a slight obsession in our school community with fishing and Brendan's donation has expanded the opportunity to more students who don't have their own rods. We would also like to thank Craig at the Harrington Bait Shop for donating ongoing time, support and effort to fix up the rods and support our school in so many ways. We've put together a thank you for Craig that we'll get some children to drop in this week.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

## ICAS MATHS ASSESSMENT RESULTS 2016

Congratulations to the 10 students that sat the ICAS Mathematics assessment last term. We had Megan, Chelsea, Matthew and Ella receiving Participation Awards, Indi and Mitch receiving Merit Awards and Gemma, Darcy and Makayla receiving Credit Awards. What a great effort from these students for participating in the test as it is designed for top students in the state and extremely hard. We're proud of your efforts team. We are looking forward to more students joining in next year. It's a great opportunity for students to get used to taking assessments under test situations.

## YEAR SIX FAREWELL FUNDRAISER

Year Six held their first fundraising event on Wednesday 21 September. They opted for an out of uniform day where students were encouraged to dress in Footy Team Colours

and they also ran a cake stall. The students raised \$214.50 towards their end of year farewell.

### CWA VISIT WITH CLASS 4-5 - COUNTRY OF STUDY MONGOLIA

On Monday 12 September we had a number of our local CWA ladies visit for afternoon tea and a session of learning about Mongolia with our 4-5 Class. The afternoon was a fantastic success with everyone involved learning something new. We would like to thank the generous donation of \$100 from the local CWA which we will use towards prizes for our end of year Presentation Day Assembly.

### HARRINGTON SCHOOL FAIR AND MARKET DAY - SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

We will be holding our annual **School Fair and Community Market Day on Sunday 13 November, 2016 from 8:00am - 1:00pm**. This is a great fundraiser for our school and a wonderful, fun-filled event for our whole community.

Mrs Woodward is currently organising stall holders and donations for the Auction. If you know of anyone that may be interested in holding a stall please contact her so she can organise insurance etc.

We are now selling Harrington Helping Hands which can be pre-purchased and will include a Show Bag, sausage sandwich, photo booth ticket and ticket to Side Show Alley. A note will be going home this week with further details and a return payment slip for the amount of Helping Hands you would like.

As you can probably guess we will have a Show Bag Stall with a variety of cool bags for sale and photo booth that we are hoping to have sponsored by some major businesses in town. Mr Taylor and our seniors will be co-ordinating Side Show Alley with a Wet Sponge Shot Stall and a number of other minute to win it style games. I may be a little wet on the day I'm thinking...There will be face painting, a Cake and Bake Stall, a Trash & Treasure Stall and much more than you could imagine.

If you would like to assist in the organisation or help on the day or leading up to the event please let us know as all support would be greatly appreciated.

### KINDERGARTEN 2017 TRANSITION EVENTS -

Our transition events in Term 4 are more formal, where students will be spending mornings participating in more

school like activities and staying over some lunch breaks at school. We have 3 events in Term 4:

#### Friday 14 October 9:30 - 11:00

Parent Information Session and morning tea in the Library

Kinders will meet their Buddy's for 2017.

#### Friday, 28 October 9:30 - 11:30

#### Friday, 11 November 9:30 - 12:00.

### CALENDAR -

#### TERM 4, COMING EVENTS

##### Week 1

Thursday, October 13	Cricket Gala Day
Friday, October 14	Kinder 2017 Transition, Parent Session

##### Week 2

Friday, October 21	Whole School Assembly - Music
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##### Week 3

Monday, October 24	P & C Meeting
Tuesday, October 25	Grandparent's & Carer's High Tea
Wednesday, October 26	Harrington's Got talent
Friday, October 28	Kinder 2017 Transition,

##### Week 4

Friday, November 4	Whole School Assembly - 5/6 & 4/5 Class Items
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### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Don't forget orders for Issue 7 are due back to the school office by Thursday 27 October. Please have correct money if paying by cash.

## TERM 4 EVENTS

Term 4 is always busy with lots of events. We are trialling something different for the end of year presentations and concerts and hope that by giving lots of notice families can work around these changes.

### APPLICATIONS FOR CAPTAINS, VICE CAPTAINS AND SPORT CAPTAINS 2017

Applications for Student Leadership positions will be provided to Year 5 students who feel they would like to put themselves forward to run for Captain, Vice-Captain or Sport Captain for 2017. Our Student Leadership now involves eight high level student leadership positions that include 2 Captains, 2 Vice Captains and 2 Sport Captains for Sport Houses. We would also like to increase the importance of Sport Captains by embedding a process of application, speeches and voting for them also.

**Applications are available from Mrs Kirkland from Monday 24 October, 2016.**

Once the applications have been completed and handed back to the front office, staff will match the applications against behaviour records to check all candidates meet the high standards expected of our student leaders then these students will be notified they are eligible to present a speech to the school on **Monday, 21 November** at 9:30. All parents are welcome to attend this Speech Assembly.

If students are running for both Captain/Vice Captain and Sport Captain they will need to present a Captain's speech and a Sport Captain's speech on the day, (2 speeches).

We look forward to increasing the roles these students play in our school and community during 2016. Good luck to all our applicants.

### GRANDPARENT'S AND CARER'S HIGH TEA

Our Grandparent's High Tea in 2015 was a phenomenal success with a large number of visitors arriving to share the afternoon with us. We look forward to an equally elegant affair this year. We will be holding our Grandparent's and Carer's High Tea on **Tuesday 25 October** which is actually International Grandparents Day. We ask you for kind donations of food for our High Tea, these could be cakes, biscuits, slices, cupcakes etc. anything that is easy to serve up as our children become the waiters and carers for the afternoon. All donations can be sent in to the school kitchen on arrival that day.

## HARRINGTON'S GOT TALENT

Mrs Moore is busily organising and co-ordinating this year's Harrington's Got Talent. Many students have been rehearsing already and it looks like we are going to have a lot of fun and talented entries this year.

Harrington's Got Talent will be held at Club Harrington, **Wednesday 26 October** starting at 10:30. We look forward to a huge audience who have to be ready for some high quality entertainment.

Please contact Mrs Moore for further details and we'll keep you posted in the Newsletter, on Facebook and Skoolbag.

## SWIM SCHOOL

During Week 5 our Year 2 and 3 students will participate in an Intensive Swim School to increase their swimming skills and participate in recognised swim safety programs. The Intensive Swimming School caters for non-swimmers through to stroke correction. We will be inviting some non-swimmers from Years 4 and 5 to also join in.

Notes outlining costs and times will be sent out to the students involved this week. The Swim School will run during Week 5 from **Monday 7 November to Friday 11 November**.

## VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

On **Friday 25 November** we will be holding our annual Volunteers Morning Tea which is our way of saying thank you to the many parents, grandparents and community members that so willingly to help us out every year. The morning tea will run from 10:30 - 11:30am. We will be sending invites out to all our volunteers very soon.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT – SAVING CHRISTMAS

This will be a whole school production with a main cast and each class participating in various scenes. We will also have some students involved as the stage crew.

The show will be performed at the Harrington Waters Community Hall next to the Library on **Wednesday 30 November**. The show will start at 6:00pm but all students will be required back stage at 5:30pm. The approximate running time will be 1 ½ hours. (Depending on how quickly they talk...) Notes outlining costume requirements etc. will be sent out closer to the time.

## PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AND AFTERNOON TEA

We will be holding our **Presentation Assembly** during the day on **Monday 5 December**. The assembly will be held at the Club Harrington from 12:00 - 1:30 with a special afternoon tea to be held at the school afterwards. At this afternoon tea the school will present their farewells to Year 6. All families are invited.

## YEAR 6 FAREWELL

The big night for our Class of 2016 will be held on **Thursday 8 December** from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. The meal will be a celebration dinner with Year 6 students and staff from the school. Parents will be invited to attend the final part of the evening from 7:30pm for some dancing, fun times and photographs. Final times and venue will be notified closer to date.

## KIDSMATTER FOCUS - GRATITUDE PROJECT

This year part of our school focus has been on providing circle or sharing time for all our students in class each day. We will be looking to expand that next year with daily check-ins when they start the day and a gratitude session at the end of the day to focus on the positive achievements they have had that day at school. As mentioned in my introduction to this newsletter we are going to run a **Gratitude Project for 21 Days** which started on the first day of this term. This involves each classroom and our staff room having a Gratitude Graffiti Wall where students and staff post something they are grateful for every day. This will lead us into 2017 where we will aim for it to be part of our daily practice. We would like to invite parents and families to participate as well through our Facebook page. In this group we will ask our family and community members to post something they are grateful for each day - could be a quote, photo, message etc.

We hope that many will embrace this and help us to make our school a VERY mentally healthy environment for all involved here.



## PICK UP AND DROP OFF ZONE AND PROCESSES

I have been working with council to set up a **Drop Off** and **Pick Up** zone at the front of the school which has now been

approved. Counsellor Richard Wheatley has been very helpful and is organising this for us. We have the go ahead to paint lines on the road to indicate the zone for dropping off and no parking. By October, this will be finalised with signs stating it is a no parking zone between 8:00 - 9:30 in the morning and 2:30 - 3:30 in the afternoon.

If you need to park and leave your car, please park on the opposite side of the road and use the crossing or park in Coode Street.

## ASSEMBLY

In Term Four we only hold 3 assemblies on Friday for Week 2, 4 and 6 as the final weeks will be used to prepare for our Annual Christmas Concert. Week 2 will be music presentations from various groups, Week 4 will be a joint presentation from Class 5-6 and Class 4-5 and the final assembly in Week 6 will include Kindergarten, Class 1-2 and Class 2-3. Congratulations to the award winners.

<b>K</b>	<b>Principal Awards</b>
Nevaeh	Makayla L
Luke	Aidan
Tahli	Connor M
Travis	Adam H
Aaleyah - PBL	Bailey C
<b>1/2</b>	<b>Best Mannered Class</b>
Pearl	1/2
James	
Chevy	
Zandahr	
Bailey - PBL	
<b>2/3/4</b>	<b>Music Awards</b>
Finlay	Tynesha
Seth	Tamara
Isaac	Brayden W
Callen	
Declan - PBL	
<b>4/5</b>	<b>Super Star Of The Week</b>
Makayla	Lucas P
Iris	
Jannah	
Karisa	
Brody - PBL	
<b>5/6</b>	<b>Gold Award</b>
Bradley	Mira -Lee
Kai	
Jordan	
Kirrah	
Ella - PBL	



Don't forget if you have tallied 10 awards please bring them in so we organise your Gold Awards. For every 10 awards your child is eligible for they will receive a Gold Award, once they have received 50 Awards (5 Gold) they will become an Honour Student

### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Just a reminder that it is a requirement of our school as well as our school policy endorsed by the P & C that our students wear their uniform to school each day. They have a weekday and a sports day/representative uniform. It is expected that students will wear school jumpers or red jumpers if purchased somewhere else and a school hat. Lately different jumpers and hats have been sneaking in, particularly with some of our senior students which aren't setting a good example for younger students. Please discuss this with your child/children as we will be coming down a lot harder on the uniform in the coming weeks.

### SCHOOL BANKING - TUESDAYS

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.

### PBL: FOCUS FOR THIS TWO WEEK PERIOD

#### PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Update

In Term 4 we have collectively decided staff and students that our focus for learning about positive behaviour will be the playground. It appears to consistently be the areas where most students experience difficulties so we will be using some class time to look at expected behaviours and to figure out what to do when things go wrong.

#### 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 1 – Respect - Setting> Playground:** Speaking and interacting appropriately with your peers when in the playground.

**Week 2 - Responsibility - Setting> Playground:** Speak to the Teacher on duty if you need help or know someone else that needs help.

### SCHOOL PAYMENTS/SCHOOL EFTPOS

**Could all payments please be made to the office in the morning to allow for banking.** The school has established an EFTPOS facility which is available for amounts of \$20 and over. Unfortunately we cannot accept payment over the phone.



#### P & C Meeting

Our P & C meeting was at 1:30pm on Tuesday 20 September in the library. Thank you to all the people who were able to make this earlier meeting. We decided at this meeting that we will have to return to Monday evenings as we were missing too many key members of our team. We will be holding our first P & C Meeting for Term 4 on **Monday 24 October from 6:00pm** in the staffroom. All members of our school community are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are looking to try some new events in 2017 and we need as many helping hands as possible.

#### Bunnings BBQ

The P & C will be hosting a Saturday BBQ on Saturday 15 October, 2016. Lee Stevens has been putting out a roster on Facebook and will be looking for families to donate time to support this event. If you are not on Facebook but would like to offer a timeslot please see Lee, drop her a short note through lunch orders or call the front office and leave a message. Even an hour of your time on this day will be valuable!

#### Cake Stall, Harrington School Fair and Market Day – Sunday 13 November

We are looking for families and community to bake up a storm and support our cake stall at the markets - it is always a favourite and sells out quickly. We would love you to make/bake something up and drop it to the stall on the Sunday morning or to some designated locations on the Saturday.

All food that is made needs to be packaged and labelled with the ingredients. Some great suggestions are items from our own childhood: toffees, toffee apples, chocolate crackles, cupcakes, coconut ice, melting moments, lamingtons,

weetbix slice, and any other slices, cakes, muffins, and biscuits.

### **Nearly Halloween Disco - Friday 29 October**

The P & C are looking for families that can help out at our Nearly Halloween Disco. Main areas where help is needed are: decorating throughout the day and pack up after the disco, running the BBQ or lolly stall, selling glow sticks, active supervision throughout the night. Keep an eye out for a support slip but save the date and have a think about how you could help out. More details will be coming out very soon - if we can't organise enough support it may need to be cancelled for this year.

### **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.

### **CHECK SKOOLBAG FOR:**

- Sporting Schools Program details
- Friday Sport Organisation
- Event details for each week
- Newsletters and copies of letters/flyers that have been sent home.

### **COMMUNITY DIARY**

#### **CROWDY HEAD SLSC NIPPERS**

Proficiency Day

**Sunday 16 October 2016**

Manning Aquatic Leisure Centre YMCA

Commencing

**10am** for U/6 and U/7's

**10:30am** for U/8, U/9, U/10's

**11am** for U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14's

All children are required to do a proficiency swim on this day.

Membership fee is \$50

Extra compulsory expenses are club caps \$20 and Hi Vis vest \$30

Eftpos available, all new members please bring birth certificates

#### **Age Manager Course**

Any parents or carers interested in becoming an age manager, the club is running a course Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October between 10am and 12pm at the clubhouse.

For further Information please contact: Adam Eady JAG President Ph. 0401 158 762



#### **MANNING VALE AFL 9s MIXED COMPETITION**

**WHERE:** Taree Recreation Centre, Manning River Drive, Chatham 2430

**WHEN:** Tuesday evenings

**DURATION:** 8 weeks starting on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**COST:** \$30 per player. **FAMILY OFFER:** Bring a family member along and the 2<sup>nd</sup> family member pays only \$15

Register at afl9s.com.au

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