

Harrington Public School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

We are now entering Week 7 and are in the countdown to the end of year. There are a lot of requirements for the school at the moment in particular for Mrs Wood with the end of year Financial Report due so please be considerate of this when contacting the front office. Mrs Wood has been unwell and has been tag teaming with Mrs Milwain to get the end of year roll over done. The next 2 weeks will be incredibly busy and a little stressed as the end of November draws closer. We also have our School Plan and Annual School Report, Student School Reports and a multitude of other compliance issues which need to be finalised, and we thank all of our families for their understanding at the moment and in particular I would like to thank staff who have been helping so willingly to get everything done.

Be aware as the year draws to its end that we have a lot of very tired children (and staff) so it is a time to be vigilant with sleep and eating well. Little tempers flare easily and all students have a shorter fuse, so regular bed times - even earlier if possible, lots of healthy meals and drinking lots of water.



Quote for the week:

REMEMBRANCE DAY – CHOIR AND SCHOOL LEADERS

On Friday 11 November it was Remembrance Day which we marked at school by a brief assembly in the morning and then followed by the participation of our School Captains, Vice-Captains and Choir at the town Remembrance Day service. We are very privileged to have a warm and endearing

relationship with our local RSL and that they include our students in these commemorative events. The feedback from the community was exceptional with a few community members actually ringing the school to let us know how impressed they were at our student's manners and skill. Well done team!

HARRINGTON SCHOOL FAIR AND MARKET DAY – SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER

On Sunday 13 November we held our Almost Summer Fair and Community Markets which was a huge success. We would like to thank all of the families that came along on the day or helped at the stalls and activities. We raised around \$3,450 towards our school fundraising kitty which is used annually to subsidise a variety of excursions.

I would also like to thank all of the staff who gave up their (family and report writing) time to come and help out. I rely heavily on their good will and commitment to our school at this time of the year and they have all excelled as they always do.

SWIM SCHOOL TERM 4 – THANK YOU

Our Intensive Swimming School (SSS) was another success in providing, not only the Department of Education expectation, but an opportunity for our target group of children to increase their skills from where they started at the beginning of the week. I would like to personally thank the group of parents that helped out by travelling, supervising and teaching that week but I would also like to acknowledge the effort of Mrs Amy Moore in getting it all organised. Also a thank you for the commitment of our staff, both teaching and support, to help out and supervise over the week.

PRINCIPALS PRIVILEGE BREAKFAST

We held our second semester Principals Privilege Breakfast this morning for all the hard working students who received Principals Awards over the second half of the year. I hope

they enjoyed a good ol' Canadian Pancake Breakfast cooked with love 😊.

2017 ANNUAL CALENDAR AND CLASSROOM REQUIREMENTS

Included with this newsletter and the following newsletters in Week 9 & 11 is an outline of events for each term of 2017 and approximate costing. Please have a look and start to add these dates and activities to your calendars. We are hoping this assists our families to plan costs and payments for the larger events.

We will also include a class and teacher outline for 2017 in the Week 9 & 11 newsletters. Please understand that a lot of time and effort has gone into organising 2017 and we hope our families appreciate that our students are priority in everything we have organised. Class structures and teacher allocations have been organised to achieve a continuation of the amazing growth we have seen this year.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

We are finalising decisions about classes and staffing over the next few weeks so it is extremely important we know of any new students coming to Harrington Public School or students planning to leave. Please contact your class teacher or the front office with these details ASAP. We are looking to encourage all our local students to attend Harrington Public School so if we can assist anyone, provide a tour of the school and its facilities please let us know. Don't forget we have access to **Before and after School Care** through Jabiru which makes it easier for our families. Enrolment Expression of Interest applications can be collected from the front office.

Please remember that our school will do everything we can to make it a welcoming and family oriented environment for your children. If you have any concerns please let us know so we can work together to improve whatever we need to.

BUSH FIRE LOCK DOWN AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES

As we are well and truly moving into the hotter weather with the increased threat of fires we would like to briefly run through our evacuation and lockdown procedures.

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

the situation 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 comment put on **Facebook** to let parents know we have evacuated to that off-site assembly point.

Bushfire Lockdown or Shelter

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 enough time to evacuate. We move all children to the K-2 classrooms which have been built fire proof for sheltering situations and have provisions in place for such circumstances. If we move into a Lockdown/Shelter situation 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 comment put on **Facebook** to let parents know we are in Lockdown.

After the fire has passed or has been made safe enough to evacuate by the local Fire Service we will evacuate to the Break Wall and follow the above procedures.

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

TERM 4 EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA – TOMORROW!

Tomorrow is our annual Volunteers Morning Tea which is our way of saying thank you to the many parents, grandparents and community members that so willingly help us out every year. The morning tea will run from 10:30 - 11:30am.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - SAVING CHRISTMAS

This will be a whole school production with a main cast plus 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 1½ 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 Club Harrington from 12:00 - 1:30pm 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.

We would like to ask families to contribute a plate of goodies for the afternoon tea. Similar to what we did for Grandparents High Tea. Please send them in to school on the Monday morning. (Can whoever made the caramel tarts for Grandparents Day pretty please make them again they were divine!)

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. A note with final times and venue will be going home this week.

K - 6 BIG DAY OUT

As part of our school values and PBL programs across the school we will be holding our annual Big Day Out on Thursday 15 December 2016. This is a fun day where the whole school jump on board buses and travel to Port Macquarie to go to Majestic Cinema for a movie and then a picnic and play at the Town Green before returning home for bell time. To be eligible to attend students must not be on a red behaviour card.

This year we will be seeing The Secret Life of Pets.

This is a really great opportunity for all students, staff and School Learning Support Officers to spend time with students out of school and in a relaxed atmosphere. The cost for this excursion is \$15.00 which includes movie ticket and bus. The full cost is subsidised by the school out of our Wellbeing funds to make it as cheap as possible. Please return your permission notes and payments to the office as soon as possible.

CALENDAR -

TERM 4, COMING EVENTS

Week 7

Thursday, November 24	Volunteers Morning Tea 10:30am
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Week 8

Wednesday, November 30	Christmas Concert
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Week 9

Monday, December 5	Presentation Day
Thursday, December 8	Chatham High Orientation Year 6 Farewell

Week 10

Monday, December 12	P&C Dinner
Thursday, December 15	Big Day Out

SCHOOL PAYMENTS/SCHOOL EFTPOS

The school's financial year finishes on the 30 November each year. Due to the processes required for the finalising of the financial period, **we are unable to receive payments at the front office on Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December**. Thank you for your patience on these days.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF ZONE AND PROCESSES

Our pick up and drop off zones have now been 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.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FRIDAY –
16 DECEMBER**

PBL: FOCUS FOR THIS TWO WEEK PERIOD

In Term 4 we have collectively decided between 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 7- Respect- Setting> Playground: Speak politely to about others during breaks.

Week 8- Responsibility – Setting> Playground: Owning my actions in the playground.

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.

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.

BOOK CLUB REMINDER

Don't forget to have your Scholastic Book orders in to the office by this Friday.

ASSEMBLY

In Term Four we only hold 3 assemblies on Friday of Week 2, 4 and 6 as these final weeks will be used to prepare for our Annual Christmas Concert. What a fantastic effort the K-3 classes did last week, our last assembly was truly EXCEPTIONAL! Congratulations also to students who received awards.

K	Principal Awards
Makayla	Charlie
Aaleyah	Zandakr
Luke	Tamara
Travis	Megan
Lucas - PBL	Kirrah
1/2	Best Mannered Class
Bailey	
Isabelle	
Mia	
Shaylee	
Aidan - PBL	
2/3/4	Music Awards
Tia	Rosa
Braydan	Zariah
Connor	Charli
Riley	
Courtney - PBL	
4/5	Supers Star Of The Week
Brendan	Luke S
Maddy	Pearl
Katelin	Jasmine
Karisa	
Maddy - PBL	
5/6	Gold Award
Matthew	Charlie
Adam	Ella – Rose
Ella	
Ty	
Alice - 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.

We have now finalised a classification for a student to become a **Diamond Student**. Once a student has received their 5 Gold Awards, Honour Students Certificate and badge they need to collect another 25 awards, submit them all together and then receive Diamond Status. I can't wait to be

able to give our first one out as I know we have a few students that will come very close over the next 6 to 12 months.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you everyone for your support in the library this year. I have had a wonderful time in my new role and have been having some fun getting things organised for next year! Here are a few:

- Many more new books have been purchased for our library to borrow
- We will be looking for Library Monitors and Computer Technicians for important roles next year
- **PLEASE return any books that you have borrowed and found to the library**
- If you have any books that you borrowed and have lost, please let Mrs Moore know and it will be cleared for borrowing next year
- We will have some lovely library bags to purchase from the library to take home and use for borrowing at the beginning of next year
- Mrs Kirkland has purchased some beautiful new chairs and seats to make our new flexible seating comfortable and fun
- Next year we will have a Reading Nook set up in the library to help encourage students to come and read. We will also be starting a new **Reading Reward System** for students to keep reading and be rewarded for it with prizes and other things
- PLEASE COME IN AND SAY HI!

Wishing everyone a calm and settled end of term,

Mrs Moore

UPDATE DETAILS AND NEW APPLICATION FOR BUS TRAVEL IN 2017

As you will be aware the application process for subsidised travel was changed mid - 2016. This is a brief guide for parents/guardians with students starting school, changing school, repeating or transitioning from year 2 to 3 and year 6 to 7 in 2017.

The government web site is set up in such a way that if parents/guardians do not update their student's details by 31st Dec 2016 they will lose all their current details. As a result of this they will then be required to complete a new application for travel on line for 2017 (applicable for all year 2 to 3, year 6 to 7 students as well as any year 12 students that may repeat in 2017).

Please read the following to prevent this from happening. (Note: students can only "Update Details" if they have a current 2016 Bus Pass, otherwise "Apply now for a travel pass").

Get online

☞ Search for **Eggin's Comfort Coaches**

☞ click on "School Buses" tab

☞ "Apply for a school bus pass"

☞ and then either "Apply now for a travel pass" or "Update Details"

or

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/schoolTravelPasses>

All new enrolments for 2017 can now be completed

☞ "Apply now for a travel pass"

☞ "Apply Now"

☞ New application

☞ Select year student will be enrolled in (K-12)

☞ Select the year travel will commence (in this case 2017)

☞ Print application and return to school

All students transitioning from 2 to 3, 6 to 7 (or if a student is repeating any year)

☞ "Update Details"

☞ "Update Student Details"

☞ Change the students year they will be in in 2017 (i.e. 3, 7 or repeat the same)

☞ Select the year travel will commence (in this case 2017)

☞ Print application and return to school

All year 6 Students currently enrolled at MVAC and Taree Christian College will be required to update details for year 7 in 2017 even if they are remaining at their current school.

For students changing schools or address they can also update details

☞ "Update Details"

☞ "Update Student Details"

☞ Change the students year they will be in in 2017 (i.e. 7 or other relative details address etc.)

☞ Select the year travel will commence (in this case 2017)

☞ Print application and return to school they will be enrolled in, in 2017 (i.e. Taree High School, St Clares etc.)

I also welcome any parent/guardian or other member of the community to contact me should they require any assistance with the application process/renewal or require any bus travel information.

Please Note: At this stage to update student details you *DO NOT* require a Student Id or Opal Card number

Thankyou

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P & C Meeting

We held our final P & C meeting last Monday evening. Thank you to the group of hardworking parents who have supported our school throughout 2016. We look forward to ongoing strength, support and teamwork from our P & C next year. We will be co-hosting our Welcome Back Breakfast at the beginning of next year just prior to the AGM and our first meeting of 2017 will be on Monday 20 February from 6:00pm in the school staffroom.

A Huge P & C Thank You

We would like to send a very warm thank you to all the families that donated time, organisation and set up skills, yummy baking and treats for the School Fair and Markets. We were really proud of everything that was supplied and what we achieved on the day!



Christmas Disco - Saturday 10 December 2016

We will be holding a Christmas Disco at the Harrington Hall on **Saturday evening 10 December from 5:00 - 8:30pm**. Entry will be \$5 per person or a family ticket for \$15 the canteen will be organising pre-purchased Sizzle Packs which will include a sausage sandwich, drink and lolly bag. An order for has been sent home today.

So we encourage everyone to come along dressed in their Christmas best...oh and there may be a visit from a special visitor around 7:30...I wonder who?

New Year's Day Fireworks

We are asking for volunteers to help collect donations on the Harrington Fireworks night. Please keep an eye out for a note coming home that will provide an opportunity for people to volunteer and hour or two of their time. This is a great fundraiser for the school and all help is greatly appreciated. Details will also be posted on Facebook about time and places for volunteers to collect with the money tins.

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE SILLY SEASON

The Harrington Public School P&C are hosting a Christmas themed disco party and we would love to see you all there!!

We will be cooking a yummy sausage sizzle selling lollies, soft drinks and water .

Raffle tickets will be available on the evening with some lovely prizes to be won.

A special guest appearance will take place at 7.30pm!!

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER
HARRINGTON HALL cnr Pilot & Beach at
5PM-8.30PM
ENTRY FEE: \$5/CHILD
\$15/FAMILY

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