

# Harrington Public School Newsletter

Moving Forward Together

With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our  
PERSONAL BEST

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## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



This is our final newsletter for 2017 and an opportunity to reflect and be grateful for all that we have achieved in 2016. It has been a busy and successful year with our students exceeding all expectations. That have shone in all activities academic, sporting or cultural and made our school very proud.

I would like to thank my hard working and extremely dedicated staff for this year. Our focus was building a greater sense of teamwork and a united approach to everything we have done and I feel we have achieved this 200%. They have brought a lot of new teaching and classroom arrangements into our learning environment with gusto and everyone in our school is benefitting. It will be exciting to see what can happen next year!

Next year will be an even better year I am sure with a lot of new and exciting things on the horizon.

Please have a safe and restful break over the coming holidays. Celebrate Christmas and the New Year in whatever way your family holds dear and find happiness in the season. From my family to yours have a very merry and safe Christmas and I look forward to our new year together in 2017.

Students start back at school on Monday 30 January and our new Kindergarten students have their first day on Thursday 2 February.

## THANK YOU MESSAGES!

Obviously at this time of year there is an abundance of thank you's that need to be given but I would like to add in a few extra and important ones. Thank you to the lovely Mr Steve Galante who has been busy building pigeon holes for the

canteen and staff room. They look fantastic and have made these areas look even more professional.

I would also like to thank the representatives from the RSL and CWA for attending our Presentation Day Award Assembly and their kind donation towards the prizes presented.

### Quote for the week

"Christmas gift suggestions: to your enemy: forgiveness, to an opponent: tolerance, to a friend: your heart, to a customer: service, to all: charity, to every child: a good example, to yourself: respect." ~ Oren Arnold

## PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to everyone who received awards at our Presentation Assembly.

Our school Leadership Team for 2017:

Captains: Darcy and Chelsea.

Vice Captains: Cooper and Indiana.

Sporting House Captains:

Pelicans: Makayla

Seagulls: Max and Catherine.



## CLASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017

In 2017 we are privileged to be able to offer the same class arrangements that we offered in 2016. The only change will be to class names. We do run composite grades which enhance the learning of all our students. We have two split grades in 2017 with Year 2 and Year 5 grades being split across 2 classes. The more independent and capable students will be placed in the higher graded class group for an extension focus. Final class arrangements for students will not be completed till the start of next year due to some possible new enrolments at that time.

## TEACHING STAFF

Kindergarten - **Rainbow Room**: Mrs Andrea Burrows

Year 1-2 - **Yellow Room**: Ms Courtney O'Bryan

Year 2/3/4 - **Purple Room**: Ms Jenna King

Year 4/5 - **Blue Room**: Mrs Renai Woodward (Assistant Principal)

Year 5/6 - **Green Room**: Mr Jason Taylor

K-2 Learning & Support/Library/Technology: Mrs Amy Moore

Music/RFF: Mr Will Mander

RFF/3-6 Learning & Support/Gifted and Talented: Mrs Monica Eggins

## SUPPORT STAFF

Ms Alex Smith

Ms Dee Rowe

Mrs Sharon Kelly

Chaplain Mark Smith

## ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

To be able to make the final class arrangements for next year 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.

## 2017 ANNUAL CALENDAR AND CLASSROOM REQUIREMENTS

Included with this newsletter is an outline of events for each Term of 2017 and the approximate costing for a variety of events. Please have a look and start to add these dates and activities to your calendars. We are hoping that this assists our families to plan costs and payments for the larger events.

## CLASSROOM REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017

### Years 1-2

Plastic A4 Case or Envelope (preferably zip lock) for Home Reading

A4 Lined Exercise book to be nicely covered & labelled for Homework Book

2 Glue sticks to contribute to class collection

Drink Bottle, School Hat, Library Bag - labelled

### Years 3-6

Pencil Case

Coloured pencils

2 blue pens, 2 red pens

2 HB lead pencils

30cm Ruler, Sharpener, Rubber

Plastic A4 Case or Envelope (preferably zip lock) for Home Reading

A4 Lined Exercise book to be nicely covered & labelled for Homework Book

2 Glue sticks to contribute to class collection

Extras – Textas, highlighter

Drink Bottle, School Hat, Library Bag - labelled

**TERM 4 EVENTS****YEAR 6 FAREWELL**

The big night for our Class of 2016 will be held this **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 have been invited to attend the final part of the evening from 7:30pm for some dancing, fun times and photographs.

**K - 6 BIG DAY OUT - DATE CHANGE**

As part of our school values and PBL programs across the school we will be holding our annual Big Day Out on Wednesday 14 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 9**

Thursday, December 8	Chatham High Orientation Year 6 Farewell
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**Week 10**

Monday, December 12	P&C Dinner
Tuesday, December 13	Combined Church Service
Wednesday, December 14	Big Day Out
Friday, December 16	Last Day 2016!

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FRIDAY****- 16 DECEMBER.****STUDENTS RETURN MONDAY****- 30 JANUARY****KINDERS THURSDAY -****2 FEBRUARY****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

**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

Our P & C will be co-hosting our Welcome Back Breakfast at the beginning of next year just prior to the AGM. Our first meeting of 2017 will be on Monday 20 February from 6:00pm in the school staffroom.

### 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 form has been sent home.

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.

## KIDS FISHING WORKSHOP

**Dunbogan**

10.00am – 2.00pm on  
Thursday 19 January 2017

Give your child the opportunity to learn to fish during the school holidays. The day involves fishing techniques such as knots and rigging as well as casting, bag/size limits and ethical fishing practices. The workshop is designed for kids aged 8-14 years.

\$40 per child

Numbers are limited to a maximum of 25 and bookings are essential.

Fee includes rod and reel, shirt, hat, tackle kit and show bag for the kids to take home. The workshop is led by experienced staff and volunteers from NSW DPI - Fisheries Division. Full supervision is provided on the day.

Transport is the responsibility of parents. Remember to slip, stop and slap and to prepare for inclement weather if the need arises.

For Bookings call/email:

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 Hunter Fisheries Office  
 P: 02 4980 9204  
 M: 0408 609 332  
 E: [jamie.burns@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jamie.burns@dpi.nsw.gov.au)

Venue:

Dunbogan Reserve  
 Intersection of The Boulevard and Camden Head Road, Dunbogan