

# Harrington Public School Newsletter

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PERSONAL BEST

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## MESSAGE FROM LISA

It truly is hard to believe that we are about to start Term 4 which means Christmas is just around the corner! On reflection we have achieved a great deal already throughout 2017, with increasingly future based learning occurring in our classrooms and BYOD available for students to use technology to support robotics and coding. We are also about to use our first MAKER SPACE trolleys during breaks and class time to encourage creativity and problem solving in our students.

Learning has become increasingly individualised with all students demonstrating growth across all areas. They have also become more involved in setting their own learning goals and really identifying what they need to do to succeed at whatever task they undertake.

This term is also the term where we develop our new plans for 2018 and beyond. We will be sending home two different surveys for families to complete to provide us with feedback on what has improved and areas for future focus. We have had a major focus on improving the general feel and culture of our school and now hope that everyone involved in our school community feels the warmth and pride in Harrington Public School that we do.

It is also the final term for our Year 6 students and will involve a lot of mixed feelings for them and us. We will hold a celebration for them at the end of the term both during our Presentation Assembly and their Year 6 Farewell to let them know how much they are cherished.

We really look forward to another engaging and momentous term which will no doubt fly by as quickly as the first three have. Hold on and enjoy the ride!

## PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Our four students participated in the Premiers Spelling Bee on Monday 18th September. Congratulations to Indi, Darcy, Gemma and Tia for their excellent efforts to make it through a number of rounds on the day.

## QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

*We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.*

*Abraham Lincoln*



## K-2 EXCURSION TO TIMBERTOWN

Our final major excursion for 2017 was a huge success with our Kindergarten to Year 2 students enjoying a trip back in time. Students had a ride on the steam train, horse-drawn wagon, played tug-o-war with bullocks, panned for gold and many more 'yester-year' experiences.

Congratulations to all of our beautiful students who displayed exemplary behaviour - rising, as always, to meet our high expectations. Thank you also to parents who assisted on the day and our wonderful staff for all of their efforts.

## SCHOOL VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

This term the Positive Behaviour for Learning focus will be *Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best*

**Week 1&2- Respect & Personal Best Setting:** All settings – Behaviour for Casual Teachers

**Week 3&4- Responsibility & Personal Best Setting:** All settings – Passive morning play before 8.30am



**TERM 4 CALENDAR****Week 1**

Friday, October 13	Kinder 2018 Orientation & Parent Info session 9.30am-11.00am
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**Week 2**

Friday, October 20	Assembly 2.00-3.00pm
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**Week 3**

Monday, October 23	P&C Meeting 6.00pm
Wednesday, October 25	Grandparents High Tea
Friday, October 27	Kinder 2018 Orientation 9.30am-11.30am

**TERM 3 EVENTS & NOTICES****MESSAGES FROM THE TEAM****Assembly**

It is now Term Four which is incredibly hard to believe! We have a shortened assembly roster for this term as we finish assemblies in Week 6 so as to practice for the end of year Christmas Concert. Our first assembly for this term will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, Week 2 and will be hosted by both Green and Blue classrooms.

**WHAT'S COMING UP****Bush Fire Lock Down and Evacuation Procedure Reminder**

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

**Evacuation**

This procedure is the same for any need to evacuate the school. We assemble at the back double gates on Coode Street (*near the play equipment*). At this point we either monitor the situation or walk the children to the reserve near the break wall and will alert parents to pick up children from there. An alert will go out on Skoolbag and Facebook to let parents know we have evacuated to that off-site assembly point.

**Bushfire Shelter or Lockdown**

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 time to evacuate. We move all children to the K-2 classrooms which have been built to be fire proof for a sheltering situation and have provisions in place for such a situation. If we move into a shelter/lockdown 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 Facebook to let parents know we are in lockdown.

After the fire has passed or the situation has been made safe enough to evacuate by local fire services we evacuate to the break wall and follow the previous procedures.

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

**Kindergarten Orientation and Parent Session**

Our first formal Kindergarten Orientation is happening in Week 1 of this term. This will involve the students staying at school from 9.30-11.00am with Mrs Burrows. We will also be holding the Parent Information session from 9.30am. We invite all our parents to come along and hear presentations about starting school, P & C, Canteen, the Cancer Council will run a short healthy eating session and Commonwealth Bank comes along to talk about School Banking.

This is an outline of the Kindergarten Orientation Sessions for Term 4:

Week 1: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30-11.00 (+ Parent session in Library)

Week 3: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30 – 11.30

Week 5: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30 – 12.00

**Grandparents Day High Tea - Save the Date**

We invite all our families to save the date of Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October for our Grandparents High Tea. Mrs Moore is organising some wonderful events for this day to align with our High Tea, as more information will come out closer to the day. We ask for donations for our High Tea that day which families can send in on the morning of the event. We would also love to see some labelled serving platters to help serve up our tasty treats!

***Harrington's Got Talent- Save the Date***

Mrs Moore is organising Harrington's Got Talent – one of our school's favourite annual events. We will be holding it at the Harrington Community Centre this year on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October from roughly 9.30am. Mrs Moore will send home more details closer to this date so that families can organise to be there.

***Swim School Term 4 – Save the dates***

During Week 5 of Term 4 (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov-Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov) 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 Schools cater for non- swimmers through to stroke correction. We will be inviting some non-swimmers from Years 4 and 5 to join in also.

Notes have been sent home to participating families. Please return these as soon as possible with payments of \$17.50 per student. Thank you ☺

***Our Christmas Concert-Save the date***

Please save the date for our annual Christmas Concert which is a fantastic experience for all of our students and we aim to have all students involved in some capacity.

This year the Concert is called *Christmas Around the World* and will be held at the Harrington Community Centre-Harrington Waters on Wednesday evening 29<sup>th</sup> November. All students will be expected to arrive by 5.30pm for the concert to start at 6.00pm sharp.

***Annual Presentation Day assembly- save the date***

This year we are holding the Presentation Day assembly at the Harrington Community Centre-Harrington waters on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The Assembly will aim to start at 9.30 am with all families invited back to school for lunch.

***Big Day Out-Save the date***

We will be holding our final celebration on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December with a trip for all of our students to Port Macquarie Majestic Cinemas to see a movie together and then have a picnic on the Town Green. We subsidise the cost of this event by \$10 which means the overall cost is \$15.00 per student. We will send a note home in a few weeks when we have details of what movie we are booking in to see and exact times etc.

**Gratitude Project 2017**

Last year we ran our first Gratitude Project as part of our school focus on Wellbeing and Values Education. This year, though each class has a gratitude focus as part of their PBL, Sharing Circle and check-ins we are going to run a daily project from Weeks 2-6.

As we did last year we will host a Facebook group through Messenger as part of the Project. I will be posting a message asking for people who would like to be involved this week. Please respond and I will invite you into our group for 4 weeks.

This group focuses on posting a daily gratitude – it can be something that you value daily or something that has popped into your mind. It's a wonderful way to refocus on what is important in our lives – you will be amazed at the results when you practice gratitude daily and it's also a great chance to participate in something similar to what your children are doing at school.

**PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)**

This term our Junior PBL team have focused on key issues around the school and have written lessons for all students and staff to cover these areas, the PBL focus for this term will run for two weeks. Our school will also be involved in a PBL Expo in Week 3 of this term which will be hosted in Taree this year on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we will be holding a static display but have also been asked to put a presentation together for the day. 4 members of the Junior PBL team will present this on the day and we will know more details of times and venue closer to event.

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 with a teacher there to supervise only.



**SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

The Sporting Schools Program for Term 4 will commence Week 2. It will start Monday afternoon 16<sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 3-4pm and run for 9 weeks. Students will be learning Monday- Basketball and Wednesday- Cricket skills. Numbers are limited, so please ensure you return your child's permission slip ASAP. It will be a *First In* basis. Students will need to bring their own afternoon tea. Parents will be notified if your child is not able to participate in the program.

Could parents please discuss afternoon pick up arrangements with your child.✂

**Sporting Schools - Permission Slip Term 4, 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)

☐ Monday afternoons, starting October 16th - Basketball, 3 - 4pm.

☐ Wednesday afternoons, starting October 18th - Cricket, 3 - 4pm.

Parent/Carer signature: ..... Date: .....

## Timbertown Excursion written by Kindergarten

**Lucas Farnsworth**

How we got to Timbertown. We got there by bus. I had fun at Timbertown and my friends.  
I went on the horse carriage. I liked the bullock show and I liked pulling the bullocks.  
How we got home. We caught the bus.

**Riley Bakewell**

Yesterday I went to the Timbertown train but I was scared on the train. I liked the bullocks.

**Lily Wells**

Yesterday on Thursday I went to Timbertown. When I went to Timbertown I caught the bus. At Timbertown I went on a wobbly train and I pulled the bullocks and the girls won.  
We found gold. I went on a horse and carriage.  
I went back on the bus back to school.

**Cruze Mamo**

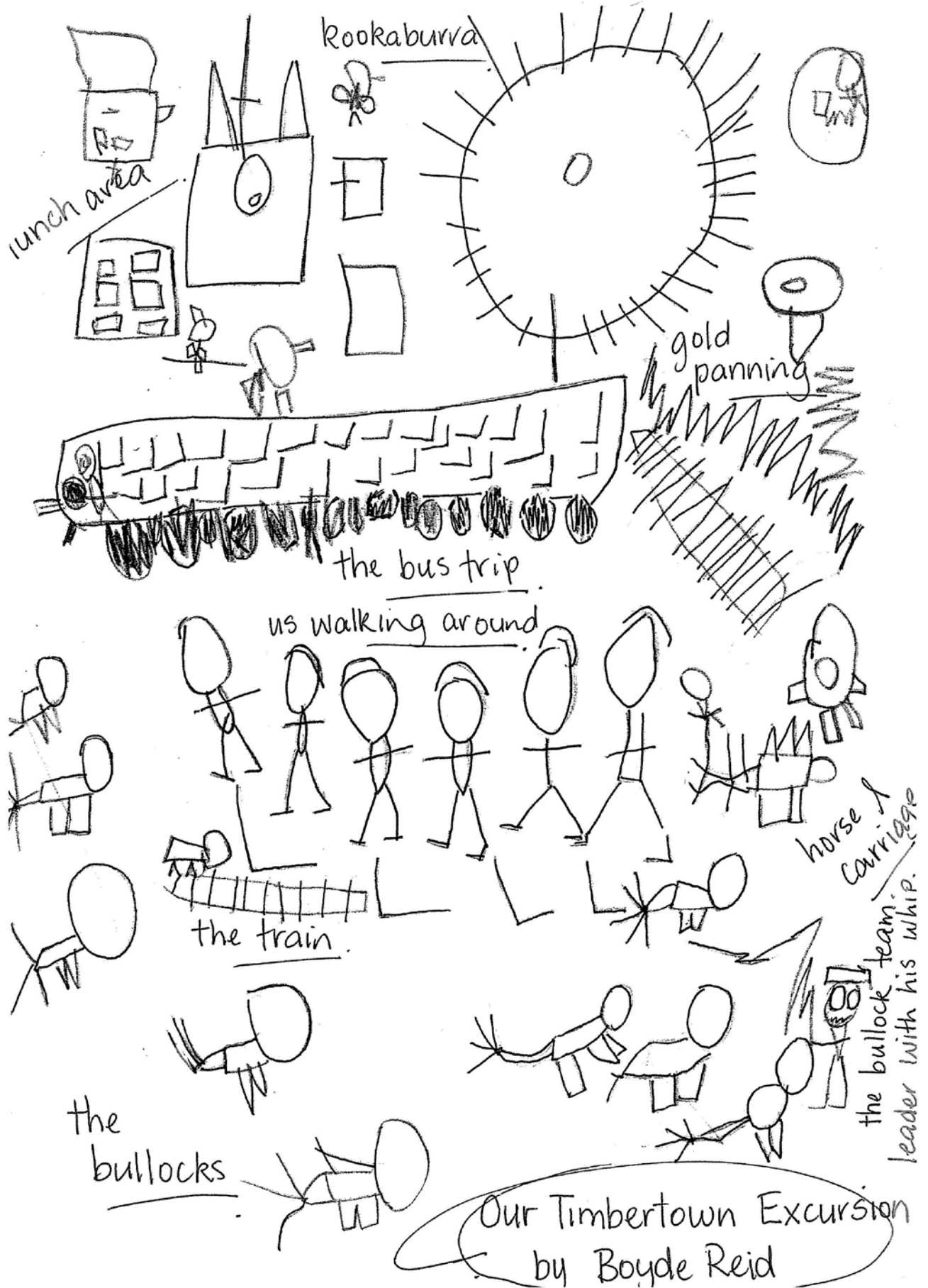
On Thursday I went to the train and it was a steam one and I went to the horse ride.  
I saw a church. I went in the jail and I went to the old house.

**Lilyana Wade**

Yesterday I went to Timbertown. We went on the bus to Timbertown. We went on the train. It was scary for me.  
We went on the horse carriage. We rang the bell. We went looking for gold but I did not find any. I pulled the bullocks. The girls won.

**Kobi Martin**

Yesterday we went to Timbertown. We went on the bus to get there.  
When we got there we went on the train. It was cool. I liked watching the bullocks.



## AWARDS

Don't forget if you have tallied 10 awards please bring them in so we can organise your Gold Awards. For 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 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 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.

## BYOD – BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

Classes are starting to participate in technology activities during a variety of different lessons. If you would like your child to participate in the activities with their own devices please complete the required paperwork and return to school. BYOD paperwork can be picked up from the front office at any time.

## 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 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:

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

## P & C EVENTS



## P & C MEETING

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our last meeting and invite everyone to attend our next meeting which will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 6.00pm in our staffroom.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open from 8.45am-9.15am on Wednesdays or by appointment. Please contact Lee on 0435 002 532 for enquiries.

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