

Harrington Public School Newsletter

Moving Forward Together

With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our

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MESSAGE FROM LISA

We have had a busy few weeks already in Term 4 and it is definitely starting to pick up pace. I would like to apologise to all families that had already organised their schedules to attend our Presentation Day Assembly and were disappointed at the need to change it. As many families are aware I have had an ongoing health condition this year which we are finally getting to the bottom of. Due to this I need to have surgery and will need recovery time afterwards. The initial date corresponded with the Presentation Day which is why it was changed but my date for surgery has been brought forward so the assembly will now be held on **Tuesday 5th December**. Though I will be on leave from the 30th November I will endeavour to attend the major events which are happening between then and the end of term.

Thank you to all the families who have returned surveys as they are an important part of our planning for the following year and future directions of the school. We have a beautifully inclusive school and cater for many students within it. I would like to acknowledge the concern of some parents who feel that at times aggression in students is too heightened. I would like to reassure all families that we have a skilled team at HPS who strive to ensure that all students are not subjected to risk. We have made some changes over the last 10 weeks to address any disruption to lessons and feel the changes are working extremely well. We work hard with all of our families and students to support them through both positive and difficult times and gratefully accept all of your feedback. If you have concerns please pop in and see me or Renai so we can monitor situations and make adjustments accordingly. Our internal data on student learning is indicating that all students are meeting learning expectations, with many exceeding. We are so proud of the work ethic of our students which was an area that shone through in the student surveys, with many feeling they are working harder and learning better than they ever have before.

This week our final survey for 2017 will go home and this is in relationship to School Leadership. We sent this survey

home two years ago and are very keen to see some improvement in the data collected. Please remember that your feedback is very valuable and the time taken to complete these surveys is much appreciated.

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF EDUCATORS – WORLD TEACHERS DAY AWARDS

This **Friday 28th October** two of our esteemed teachers will be receiving World Teachers Day Awards for their hard work and dedication to education.

Mrs Andrea Burrows will be receiving her award for dedication beyond expectation and a long time commitment to provide the highest quality education to all her students. She is also receiving this award for the support, care and compassion she provides for her colleagues.

Mr Jason Taylor is receiving his award as recognition from the Learning and Engagement Directorate for the excellent project work he has done for PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning), his willingness to take on extra work and his passion for the school and for teaching his students.

We are very proud of all of our staff at HPS and want to recognise the expertise and efforts of these two wonderful teachers on World Teachers Day 2017.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK



FRED HOLLOWES AWARD

Darcy has visited State Parliament this week to be awarded the Fred Hollows Award for his commitment to citizenship and supporting others. We are incredibly proud of everything Darcy does and feel this is the perfect award for him. Well Done Darcy!

MORNING TEA WITH THE PREMIER

On Monday morning Chelsea and I were privileged to be invited to morning tea with the Premier of NSW, Ms Gladys Berejiklian alongside other school captains and principals from our area. Unfortunately Darcy wasn't able to join us as he was in Sydney receiving his Fred Hollows Award. What an amazing time for our beautiful school.

ICAS MATHEMATICS RESULTS

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the ICAS Maths Assessment last term. We had a great deal of success in this exam with students receiving the following:

Credit – Makayla, Darcy, Jake, Gemma and Lili

Merit – Indi

Participation – Kirrah, Chelsea, Megan, Mitch, Finlay, Riley

These are extremely hard assessments that give our students the opportunity to practice their skills under pressure and we are very proud of all of their efforts and willingness to participate. Well Done!

SCHOOL VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

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

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



TERM 4 CALENDAR

Week 3

Friday, October 27	Kinder 2018 Orientation 9.30am-11.30am
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Week 4

Tuesday, October 31	Harrington's Got Talent 9.30am-11.00am Harrington Waters Community Centre
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Thursday, November 2	PBL Expo, Taree
Friday, November 3	Assembly 2-3pm

Week 5

Monday-Friday 6-10/11	Intensive Swim Scheme
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Friday, November 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 9.00am
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	Kinder 2018 Orientation 9.30am-12.00pm
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Sunday, November 12	P&C Bunnings BBQ
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TERM 4 EVENTS & NOTICES

WHAT'S COMING UP

Kindergarten Orientation Sessions

Our first formal Kindergarten Orientation happened in Week 1 of this term and was a great success.

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

Week 3: Friday 27th October – 9.30 – 11.30

Week 5: Friday 10th November – 9.30 – 12.00

Grandparents Day High Tea

We are holding our annual Grandparents, Carers and Family Friends activity day and high tea at school today. Keep posted in our next newsletter for feedback on how this very special day has gone. **Thank you to Mrs Amy Moore** for stepping up and organising the day to be a little bit more than it has in previous years; I am sure all our loved ones will cherish the experience.



Thank you to all of the families who donated delicious goodies for our High Tea!

Harrington's Got Talent

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 31st October** from roughly 9.30am. I hear Mrs Moore has organised some **very** cool judges this year ☺

Wizzy the Water Drop visit

Wizzy the Water Drop and Midcoast Water are visiting our K-2 students on **Wednesday 1st November** to look at water conservation and other environmental issues. This is a free event and compliments the work our students are doing on Rainforests and Jungles in the classrooms.

Swim School Term 4

During Week 5 of Term 4 (**Monday 6th Nov-Friday 10th 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 ☺

End of Year Big Breakfast- Bacon and Egg Rolls

The time has come to finish the year off with another Big Breakfast for our school community. We will hold a Bacon & Egg Roll breakfast on **Monday 20th November** from 7.30am, the coffee van will be there and P & C will put on juice for the event. A note will come home in a few weeks to get numbers for catering – we just wanted to let our families know early so they can put the date on their calendars.

If you want to lend a hand – cooking up or serving – everyone is welcome. This is just a great opportunity to get everyone together informally again before the end of the year.

Volunteers Morning Tea – Save the date

This year we will be hosting a Morning Tea for our wonderful volunteers! These are the people who volunteer their time and efforts across so many areas of our school. We will be holding the Morning Tea on **Thursday 23rd November**, invites are currently being organised to be sent out to the many volunteers we have in our school family.

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 29th November**. All students will be expected to arrive by 5.30pm for the concert to start at 6.00pm sharp.

Presentation Day Assembly- Final Change of Date

This year we are holding the annual Presentation Assembly at the Community Centre, Harrington Waters on **Tuesday 5th December**. The Assembly will aim to start at 9.30 am with all families invited back to school for lunch. Coaches have been organised to transport students to and from the event.

Year 6 Farewell- Save the Date

We will be holding our Year 6 Farewell for all of our graduating students on **Thursday 7th December**. This is a very special evening for students, staff and their families. We kick off on the lawns outside Harrigan's Function Centre at Harrigan's Irish Pub for photos from 5.30pm with students and staff moving inside for dinner at 6.30pm. We ask families to return around 7.30pm for speeches, photo-story and dancing.

Big Day Out-Save the date

We will be holding our final celebration on **Thursday 14th 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. Students from K-4 will be lucky enough to see one of the first screenings of *Ferdinand* and Year 5 & 6 students will be watching the movie *Wonder* which is the class novel that Green Room has been studying during Term 3 and Term 4.



**THERE'S LOTS HAPPENING
THIS TERM!**

**SAVE THESE DATES TO
YOUR CALENDAR SO THAT
YOU DON'T MISS OUT!**

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 next assembly will be in Week 4 on **Friday 3rd November**.

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.

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 4 of this term which will be hosted in Taree on **Thursday 2nd November**. We will be holding a static display and have also been asked to put a presentation together which will be given by four members of the PBL team.

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.

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.

FORTNIGHTLY ASSEMBLY AWARDS – WEEK 2

Principal's Award

Rainbow Lily	Yellow	Mya
Purple Lewis	Blue	Jasmine
Green Jai		

Superstars of the Class

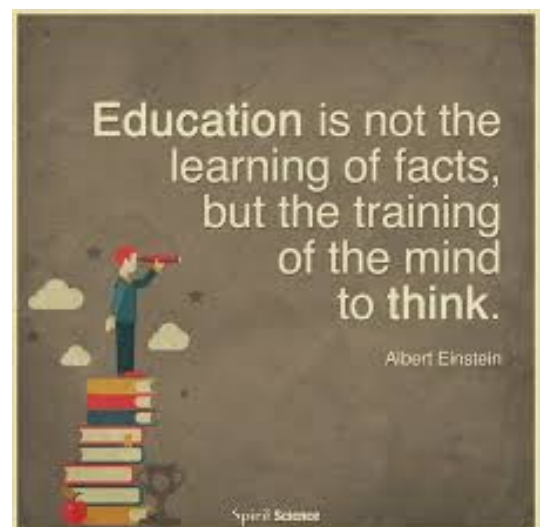
Maddy & Cooper

Music Awards

Indi, Jennah, Courtney

Class Awards

Rainbow	Kobi, Cruze, Tony, Avi	<i>PBL Isaac</i>
Yellow	Mira-Lee, Blade, Aiden, Hailee	<i>PBL Lucas</i>
Purple	Breanna, Calista, Bailey, Shaylee,	<i>PBL Bella</i>
Blue	Khalon, Mason, Isaac, Brooke	<i>PBL Shannon</i>
Green	Makayla, Luke, Darcy, Mitch	<i>PBL Catherine</i>



P & C NEWS



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 **Tuesday 21st November** from 6.00pm in our staffroom. *Please note the change of day from Monday evening to Tuesday.* We encourage all members of our school community to attend.

CANTEEN UPDATE

Unfortunately we need to address the issue of some families running up debts at the school canteen which have become difficult for the canteen team to recoup. Due to this we would like to make it clear to families that no tabs can be allowed.

If you send a lunch order into school without money included your child will be sent to the office so a phone call can be made home and payment arrangements organised. Children will be provided with a jam or vegemite sandwich from the office on these days, as no child will ever be allowed to go hungry.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & C will be hosting a Christmas Raffle to be drawn at the Christmas Concert on the **29th November**. This raffle will run in a similar way to the Easter Raffle in that we call for donations from families to put the hampers together. How many prizes available for the draw will depend on how many hampers we can create – the more the merrier!

Ideas for donations could be: chocolates, Christmas lollies, decorations, pretzels, chips, biscuits, small puddings, Christmas cakes, fruit mince tarts, tinsel, cordial etc. When a family donates to the raffle they will receive a free ticket in the draw plus a star with their name on it will be placed in the front window of the office. We aim to cover the windows with stars leading up to Christmas. We look forward to your participation in this raffle and tickets will go home soon.

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.

Fight the Bite!



Mosquitoes are going to be out in force this summer. Mosquitoes can give people serious diseases like Ross River Virus, Barmah Forest Virus and Murray Valley Encephalitis. Follow these 4 simple steps to protect your family from mosquito bites.



- 1 Try and avoid areas where mosquitoes are common, like swamps and marshlands.
- 2 Wear loose, long and light coloured clothing, especially around dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- 3 Wear mosquito repellent. Use brands that contain either DEET or Picaridin, apply to all uncovered skin and follow the label directions.
- 4 Get rid of mosquitoes around the house by using plug-in insecticide mats, flying insect knock-down sprays and fly screens. Remove any water-holding containers outside the house where mosquitoes could breed.

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Saturday 4th November,
10am - 12pm

Taree BMX Track, Urara Lane.

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