

Harrington Public School Newsletter

Moving Forward Together

With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our
PERSONAL BEST

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MESSAGE FROM LISA

We participated in the Regional PBL Expo last week which was an opportunity for schools to showcase what they do, what they have achieved and goals they have in regards to Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). We were approached by the Regional Tamworth Directorate to put a presentation together based on the work we are all doing on the Junior PBL team which has been gaining interest from other local schools. We were involved in many things on the day and were most proud of the senior members of the team who presented on stage and then participated in the stall by answering a lot of questions and showcasing the awesome job they are doing. They were also able to wander around and see what other schools are doing and came away with a few ideas and directions for the team in 2018.

We have also been working a great deal as a staff on our new school plan which will run from 2018-2020. This is the reason we have been calling for surveys and feedback from families so we can help form a vision of where we would like our school to be in 3 years' time. I find this planning time both exciting and rewarding as it confirms that we are on the same page and have the same goals for our wonderful students and our school.

In the next newsletter we will outline our three strategic directions and the purpose behind these directions. We would love feedback and will hopefully have a form for families to fill in through Skoolbag.

Thanks a million times over for helping our school to be the best that we can be!

HARRINGTON'S GOT TALENT

Congratulations to all the students that participated in this year's Harrington's Got Talent. It was a really great event and allowed us to use the new stage at the Community Centre which we felt ran very smoothly.

THANKYOU must be given and a huge round of applause to Mrs Amy Moore for her continued enthusiasm and support for this event. It is a showcase, not just for the talent in our school, but the resilience and willingness to have a go at any age and grade. Mrs Moore is an amazing lady that smiles through everything and we are incredibly grateful she is a key member of our team 😊.

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK



SCHOOL VALUES & EXPECTATIONS

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

Weeks 5&6- Responsibility & Personal Best Setting:
Playground – Don't eat in the playground.

**REMINDER: WEEK 6 ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD
ON THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2017 FROM
2.00PM-3.00PM**

TERM 4 CALENDAR

Week 5

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

Week 6

Wednesday, Nov 15	Yr 5 Captain forms due
Thursday, November 16	Assembly 2-3pm

Week 7

Monday, November 20	End of Year Big Brekkie Yr 5 Captain Speeches
Tuesday, November 21	P&C Meeting 6pm
Wed, November 22	Principal's Privilege Picnic
Thursday, November 23	Volunteers Morning Tea

TERM 4 EVENTS & NOTICES

WHAT'S COMING UP

Kindergarten Orientation Session

Our final Kindergarten Orientation is this Friday. These sessions have been a wonderful chance to get to know our new students and their families.

The final session is on:
Week 5: Friday 10th November – 9.30 – 12.00

Harrigans 10th Birthday Celebrations

This **Saturday 11th November** the music students of Harrington Public School have been invited to perform and entertain the crowds on the lawns of Harrigans' Irish Pub.

Mr Mander is organising this event and looks forward to the support of our music students' families in transporting them to and from the venue on that day.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our school captains will be participating in the town Remembrance Day memorial service to be held at the Town

Hall from 10.50am on **Saturday 10th November**. They will also be hosting a short Remembrance Day ceremony at school on Friday morning as our school's commemoration of this very important day.

Swim School Term 4

Once again Swim School has been a huge success with our Year 2 and 3 students (*plus reluctant or non-swimmers from Years 4-6 included*). This is an incredible opportunity for families to gain ten targeted swimming lessons with qualified instructors for only \$17.50. We managed to keep costs down by the willingness of staff to transport students and Mrs Eggins' wonderful donation of her bus.

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

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.

Please return permission notes and payments as soon as possible, thank you ☺



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

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

MESSAGES FROM THE TEAM

ASSEMBLY

We are holding our last general assembly for 2017 next **Thursday 16th November** from 2.00pm. We have had to change the date for this assembly as we have three staff members out on Friday 17th November at departmental training on the new Literacy and Numeracy Progressions. We are terribly sorry if this has inconvenienced anyone.

We have put notices on Facebook and Skoolbag also.

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..

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.

FORTNIGHTLY ASSEMBLY AWARDS – WEEK 4

Principal’s Award

<i>Rainbow</i>	Lucas	<i>Yellow</i>	Ebony
<i>Purple</i>	Courtney	<i>Blue</i>	Khalon
<i>Green</i>	Hayden		

Superstars of the Class

Boyde

Music Awards

Catherine, Kirrah, Indiana, Iris, Jennah, Alice

Class Awards

<i>Rainbow</i>	Riley, Taj, Makayla, Lilyana	<i>PBL Tony</i>
<i>Yellow</i>	Paige, Travis, Mira-Lee, Nevaeh	<i>PBL Chevy</i>
<i>Purple</i>	Keiara, Mia, Kale, Isabelle	<i>PBL Zariah</i>
<i>Blue</i>	Riley, Summer, Keira, Gemma	<i>PBL Lilly</i>
<i>Green</i>	Blair, Max, Sabella, Adam	<i>PBL Indiana</i>

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 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.

BUNNING'S BBQ

The canteen is hosting the Bunning's BBQ at Taree this **Sunday 12th November**. This is an important fundraiser for the P & C and they are calling for support from our families to assist on the day. Please contact the office or post on FB if you can assist with as little as one hour on the day.

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.