



Harrington Public School

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Principal's Report

Holidays: It's been an absolute pleasure over the past few days, listening to students tell me all about their holiday, whether it was quality time at home with the family, going away in the caravan or visiting Stoney Aqua Park! I also know that they are really excited about all the things happening in Term 4 and are ready to settle back into school routine.

School Grounds: As you may have noticed over the past few weeks, there has been some maintenance and new construction going on throughout the school. This has included: a new driveway entrance onto the oval which now allows easy access for vehicles during school functions (*please note that there is to be no parking across the driveway entrance at any time to allow for emergency vehicles*); repairs and painting of the play equipment, sports shed and front fence and painting of some rooms within the administration building.



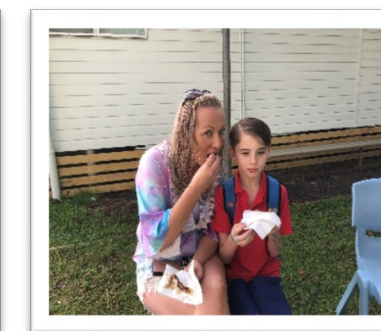
Norfolk Pine: Unfortunately over the past six months we have seen a decline in the health of one of our heritage listed Norfolk Pine Trees outside the administration building. Last week we had an expert arborist come out to assess the tree's condition. The arborist believes it is most likely due to being struck by lightning during the storm at the beginning of the Easter holidays. We have been advised that the best course of action is to remove the dead/dying branches at the top of the tree. This should result in new growth and the top of our tree and, hopefully, its presence for many years to come.



My Community Project: Thank you to all of those who voted for and supported Harrington Public School in applying for the 'My Community Project' grant of \$100,000. Although we were unsuccessful in obtaining the grant, there certainly was a great sense of school spirit towards achieving the common goal of being able to create a Cultural Community Hub. I would like to especially thank our P&C and those parents who gave up their own time handing out flyers in the community, and also David Martin in drawing up the plans for the outdoor kitchen. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Welcome Back Breakfast: What an impressive turn out we had from our families on Thursday morning for our Welcome Back Breakfast. It was such a great opportunity for staff to catch up with everyone, as well as allowing families to mingle with one another. We hope everyone enjoyed their yummy bacon and egg rolls and perhaps a hot cup of coffee to start the day.



Paul Haste

What's been happening at Harrington PS?

2019 ICAS Assessments:

Harrington students achieved fantastic results in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments which over 20 countries participated in. Such tests assess the higher order thinking and problem-solving skills needed for success in English, Mathematics and Science. This year 9 students from HPS received scores well above the national average with some of our students even receiving certificates of Credit. Certificates will be handed out at the next school assembly in Week 2.

Congratulations on your achievements in ICAS:

Year 4- **Stephanie, Calista, Bailey.**

Year 5- **Lili.**

Year 6- **Gemma, Finlay, Connor, Jake, Braydan.**

New Practicum Teacher:

A warm welcome to Jasmin McGregor who has started her third year practicum in Blue Room with Mrs Moore as her supervising teacher. She is studying at Southern Cross and is at the end of her third year. This is her second practicum experience. She is a local girl, and her goal is to continue teaching in the local community once she has finished university. She is very excited about starting to teach next week and is looking forward to working with all the children during her time at Harrington Public School.



Assembly

A note went home yesterday regarding our assemblies. Our fortnightly assemblies will continue every second Friday from Week 2, 25th October 2019 from 2pm -3pm. This enables children to participate in Friday sport during the warmer months in the cooler early hours of the day and allows parents/carers to collect students after assembly to go home.

Williamtown RAAF Base

By Brooke and Gemma

Towards the end of Term 3, Year 6 students travelled down to the Williamtown RAAF Base with Mr Taylor, Sharee and Rodney who drove the bus. The RAAF base is the Royal Australian Air Force. During our excursion we were able to get a tour of the base and we saw how they construct and repair the jets. We had the opportunity to have a look inside the Wedge Tail. We saw extremely loud jets fly above us all day. They were so loud we had to use ear plugs. The day ended with a sausage sizzle, some chips and a friendly game of Cornball.



Billabong Zoo Excursion

By Avi and Dakota - On the Billabong excursion we got on the big bus which travelled all the way to the turn off where the big koala is near Port Macquarie. We got off the bus and then we put our bags under a shady gazebo. The emu was near where we had fruit break. Here's a little fact about emus: the dad/ father sits on the egg and doesn't get off to eat or drink. We saw koalas, kangaroos and much more.

By Max - We drove in a bus to Billabong Zoo. I saw a kangaroo and it was fluffy. I saw a big crocodile.

By Sienna-May - We went on the bus to go to the Billabong Zoo. We got to pat a koala and dingo. We also saw a big crocodile smile at us.



Soccer Gala Day

By Hayden and Lucas - Well done to all the students who enjoyed the Moorland Soccer Gala Day in Term 3. It was a great day with lots of soccer being played.

Last term we played soccer at Moorland. We were versing other schools and different teams. Everyone passed and used team work on the soccer fields. Every team played three matches each. Sometimes we won, tied or lost. At the end of the day everyone went home happy and no one misbehaved.

By Gemma and Brooke - Term 3 the entire school except for Kindy travelled to Moorland for a Soccer Gala Day. We were split into teams with very interesting names and played about 4 games. At Moorland during the first game of soccer it began to pour down rain. Therefore, the first game was cut short. The day continued as the weather cleared up and the heat began to rise. Harrington did really well against the other schools. Overall, it was a fantastic day.



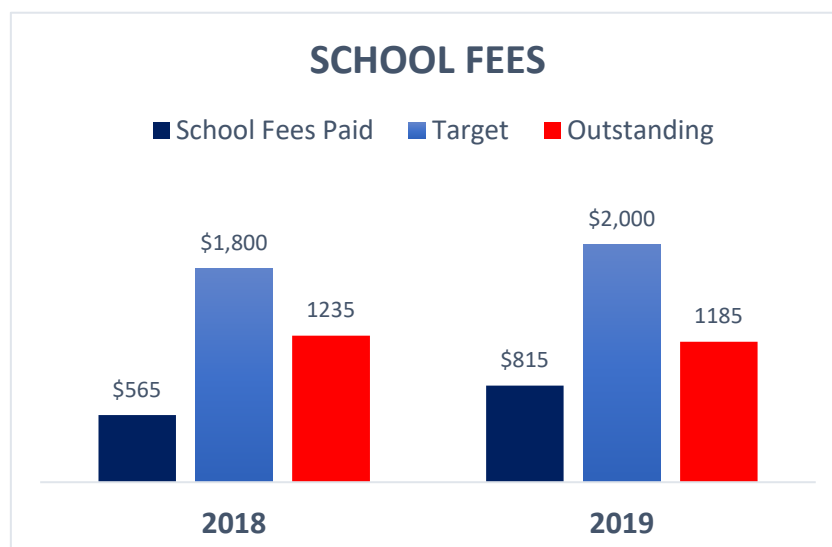
PBL Report

By Issy and Tia

It has been a big honour to have been in the PBL team this year and we are so excited to announce the new PBL team for next year. This year we have done many things including making a PBL movie, community visits and writing lessons for our school. We hope the new PBL team enjoy doing all these amazing things. We are also very excited about our PBL fundraising event on Thursday 31st October. We are able to dress up in some scary Halloween costumes. We will be collecting a gold coin from students and the money will be used for some school resources.

School Fees

Each year we ask families to assist us with the purchase of vital classroom resources by paying a small voluntary school contribution. A big thank you to those families who have already paid their contribution. We are almost halfway to our target of \$2,000 and would like to ask any families who have not paid their fees to do so as soon as possible. We have set our school fees to a modest amount to enable all families to contribute to our school. School fees for 2019 are: 1 student - \$20; 2 students - \$30; 3 or more students - \$35. Thank you 😊



Congratulations to all of our Term 3 Week 10 Assembly Award recipients!



Coming up soon

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 21 October** 6pm in the school staff room. All are welcome.

Crazy Camel Fundraiser

Students have been working hard to create works of art which will be available for families to purchase on such items as calendars, Christmas cards, diaries and much more. Information and brochures will be sent out to families early next week.

Remembrance Day Raffle

Mr Paul Pannowitz from the Harrington RSL Sub Branch has once again donated a beautiful limited edition Great War Nurse Bear for the P&C to raffle. Raffle ticket books will be sent out next week for families to sell and the raffle will be drawn during our Remembrance Day event on Monday 11th November 2019.

Whizzy the Water Drop

Whizzy the Water Drop will be visiting the K-2 classrooms on **Monday 21st October**. The visit highlights the importance of conserving our limited water supplies. The students always love to see the big blue water drop!

FOR THE FRIDGE

Term 4 –October 2019						
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
2	21 October K-2 Whizzy P&C Meeting 6pm	22 October Year 6 Chatham HS Visit	23 October	24 October	25 October Assembly 2pm til 3pm Gymnastics Kindy Orientation 9.30-11am	26/27 Oct
3	28 October	29 October Grandparent's Day	30 October	31 October Whizzy 3-6	1 November Gymnastics	2/3 Nov
4	4 November Swim School Kendall Pool Year 2-3 Year 6 Chatham HS Visit	5 November Swim School Kendall Pool Year 2-3	6 November Swim School Kendall Pool Year 2-3	7 November Swim School Kendall Pool Year 2-3	8 November Swim School Kendall Pool Year 2-3 Dancing Assembly 2pm-3pm Kindy Orientation 9.30-11am	9/10 Nov



26th October 2019

MITCHELLS ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL SESQUICENTENARY

Celebrating 150 Years of Education

Mitchells Island Public School was established in 1869 and we will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary with an open day on Saturday 26th October 2019.

There will be cake stalls, jumping castle, BBQ lunch, entertainment, photo booth, souvenirs and so much more. The Time Capsule from 1994 will be opened and on display, along with photographs and memorabilia.

Come along, catch up with old friends, and relive some special memories of Mitchells Island Public School.

The day begins at 10am with the official opening.

We would welcome donations for the cake stall from our local community. Please contact Ian Smith for more information on 0427 532 730 or phone/email the school.



Spread the word,
it's time to
celebrate!

Mitchells Island
Public School is
150 years old.

Saturday

26th October 2019

10am – 3pm

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of Mitchells Island
Public School

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