

ISSUE 17 | TERM 4 – WEEK 3 | 1st November 2019

# **Principal's Report**

**World Teacher Award:** Last Friday, our very own Mrs Lockey received a very deserving World Teacher Day Award. Her family and teachers from Harrington Public School were there to congratulate her and be part of the celebration.

She received this very special award as:

"Melissa's commitment towards education should be highly commended as she continually strives for excellence in her teaching practice and demonstrates care and compassion for her students. She is a skilled and effective teacher who has an in-depth knowledge of subjects which is evident in the delivery of her lessons. Melissa collaboratively works with her colleagues to plan, deliver and refine teaching and learning programs and is beginning to contribute as an instructional leader within our school setting."



Congratulations Mrs Lockey!

**Bush Fires:** As you are all aware there has been significant bush fires in Harrington over the past week where many families and community members have been deeply affected, with some even having to evacuate their homes and businesses. This can be an extremely anxious time for everyone along with thick smoke blanketing most of the town. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful NSW Rural Fire Brigade volunteers who have worked tirelessly in keeping us safe. Their efforts are truly amazing and we are certainly lucky to have them. In addition, I wanted to sincerely thank all of the parents/carers who were so patient and rational with the decisions they made this week around school routine and getting students to and from school when at times the roads were closed.

**P & C 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 tickets can also be purchased at the schools office. The raffle will be drawn during our Remembrance Day event on Monday 11th November 2019.





Our Fancy Dress PBL Fundraiser has raised \$267.30 which we are donating to the Rural Fire Service – Mid Coast Branch! Thank you students and staff!



**Kindergarten Orientation:** Welcome to all our new Kindergarten students for 2020. Parents and carers came along to their first Kindergarten Orientation parent session, where they learnt all about Harrington Public School's bell times, extra-curricular activities, uniform, the canteen menu, school banking, healthy lunchbox ideas and all the great things we do at HPS.







**Paul Haste** 

## What's been happening at Harrington PS?

#### Whizzy the Water Drop:



Whizzy the Water Drop visited the K-2 and 3-6 classrooms this week to highlight the importance of conserving our limited water supplies. The students always love to see the big blue water drop!

#### By Aalayah, Ella-Rose, Finn

Whizzy the Water Drop visited us at our school and he told us not to use plastic and not to litter because the sea animals could eat the rubbish causing them to be extinct. Whizzy also, told us that sea life think that plastic bags are jelly fish and they would try to eat them.

#### Purple Room Science Day

By Kobi, Lily, Lilyana

Last Tuesday in Purple room we did a science experiment with Mrs Saunders. We all got put into groups, then we got a nappy. We cut the nappy in half and took the cotton out. Next purple room got a zip lock bag and put the cotton in the bag. After we put the cotton in a plastic cup we put one cup of hot water and then we tied the cotton in. After a while the water absorbed into the cotton and turned it into slime.





#### **PBL** Report

#### By Brooke and Gemma

On the 31<sup>st</sup> October the entire school got the opportunity to dress-up in costumes for Halloween or their favourite fancy dress outfit. Everyone who came in dress-up had to bring a gold coin donation. All the proceeds that we raised are going towards the NSW Fire and Rescue as they stopped the fire from entering the Harrington community. Overall, it was a great day and it was nice to see everyone dressed up and having fun.



#### Popcorn Movie Day

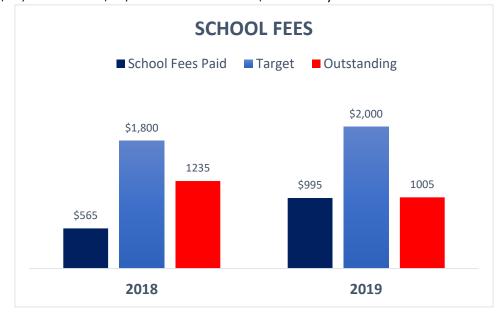
On Wednesday the children from Rainbow, Yellow and purple room joined together for a wonderful popcorn movie day. The children enjoyed literacy, writing, maths and stem activities all centred around the day at the cinema. The children enjoyed learning this way and it was a great success. To complete the day the children ate popcorn while watching the movie "Inside out."





#### 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 4 Week 2 Assembly Award recipients!



## Coming up soon

#### **P&C** Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 18**th **November** 6pm in the school staff room. All are welcome.

#### Crazy Camel Fundraiser

Students worked hard to create works of art in Week 1 which will be available for families to purchase on such items as calendars, Christmas cards, diaries and much more. Unfortunately any students absent during that time were unable to create an artwork due to the cut-off times.

A brochure outlining how to order your child's artwork is attached to this newsletter – thank you for supporting our school!

#### **Dentist Visit**

Notes have been sent home for the free Dental Service which is coming to our school in Week 5. Thank you to those students who have returned their forms. Though not compulsory, this is a great opportunity for all students to get a free check-up, clean and fluoride treatment. If you require another form please contact the Front Office as soon as possible.

# FOR THE FRIDGE

Term 4 –October 2019						
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
4	4 November Swim School Kendall Pool Year 2-3 & non- swimmers from 4-6  P&C Meeting 6pm	5 November Swim School Kendall Pool Year 2-3 & non- swimmers from 4-6 Year 6 - Chatham High visit	6 November Swim School Kendall Pool Year 2-3 & non- swimmers from 4-6	7 November Swim School Kendall Pool Year 2-3 & non- swimmers from 4-6	8 November NO ASSEMBLY Swim School Kendall Pool Year 2-3 & non- swimmers from 4-6 Dancing for sport Kindy Orientation 9.30- 11am	9/10 Nov
5	11 November  Remembrance Day  Assembly from 10.45am  CWA Visit	12 November Police Visit K-2 and 3-6	13 November	14 November	15 November  Dancing for sport	16/17 Nov
6	18 November Year 5 2020 Captain's Speeches	19 November	20 November  Year 6 Chatham High School Visit 9-3	21 November	22 November Community Sport Assembly 2pm-3pm Kindy Orientation 9.30- 11am	23/24 Nov

#### WE ENCOURAGE ALL FAMILIES TO DOWNLOAD THIS APP TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH FIRE INFORMATION

