

Harrington Public School

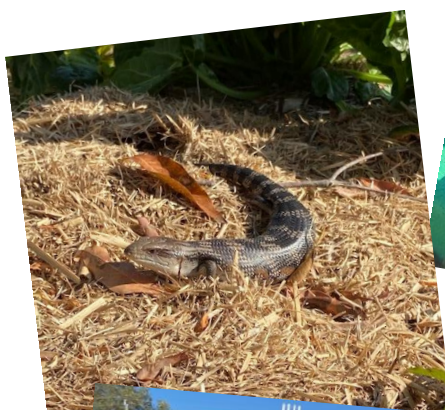
ISSUE 14 | TERM 4 – WEEK 1 | 16th October, 2020

Principal's Report

Welcome Back to Term 4

It is so lovely to see all the students again. I have thoroughly enjoyed listening to all the wonderful things which happened during the school holidays.

The students were so excited to see how much the vegetables had grown!



COVID UPDATE

COVID-19 UPDATE

It is with great excitement that I can announce, with eased restrictions from the Department around COVID-19, during Term 4 we are now able (*in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines, please refer to updated guidelines below*) to hold and participate in:

- Excursions
- Happy Healthy Harold
- Camp-Stage 2
- Year 6 Graduation
- Kindergarten Orientation
- Touch Gala Day
- Camp-Stage 3

DoE COVID-19 Update for Parents/Carers - Last updated 8 October 2020

Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice.

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice.

NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.
- Saturday School of Community Languages will return to face-to-face learning.
- Interschool activities
- Singing and chanting with strict restrictions
- Playing wind instruments with strict restrictions
- School formals, dances and graduations with a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- Excursions and day camps with strict restrictions
- Kindergarten orientation
- Year 7 transition to high school

Activities on hold

The following events will continue to be reconsidered in Term 4. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- Interstate excursions
- International excursions (cancelled until further notice)
- Face-to-face professional learning for staff
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events



SOCIAL DISTANCING PROCEDURES FOR VISITING THE SCHOOL OFFICE DURING COVID-19

We would like to thank our families for their patience and respect for the social distancing practices at our school.

We again remind everyone to please ensure only one adult/family is in reception area at any one time.

To comply with guidelines, parent/carers are not permitted on school grounds, other than to visit the office.

Fiona Walker – Our New School Counsellor

Hi everyone. My name is Fiona Walker and I am the new School Counsellor. I am very excited to be working in such a lovely school and will be providing psychological support for students' learning and behaviour every Tuesday. I look forward to gradually getting to know you all over the remainder of 2020 and moving into 2021.



Emily Beal – Prac Teacher

Hello everyone. My name is Emily. I am a Practicum student here at the school for 4 weeks.

I will be helping Mrs Lockey in Yellow room and am looking forward to seeing how well you all learn!



Coming up soon

NAIDOC Celebrations

Week 5 will see us celebrating NAIDOC week. Further details will be made available closer to this date.



Healthy Harold

With the easing of restrictions, pending any changes in the future, Healthy Harold is set to be visiting our school in Week 6 of this term. Watch this space for further details.

Excursions

After receiving the new guidelines from the Department of Education, we are in the process of making plans for excursions for this term. Stage 1 (classes K, 1 and 2) will remain similar to previous years, however camps for Stages 2 and 3 will be in a different format this year. Further details will be provided as soon as we have them to hand.



Students attending Billabong Zoo in 2019

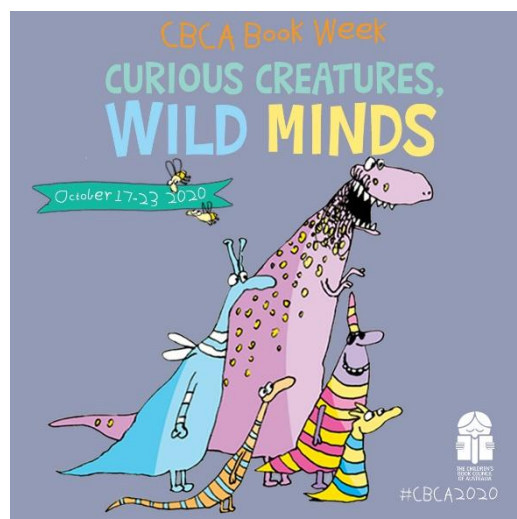
News

Book Week Celebrations

Today, students were encouraged to visit our library and create their own Wish List of books available to purchase from our Book Fair. These books can be purchased next week from the Library between 11.30am and 12.00noon Monday to Thursday.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents and carers are still not permitted on school grounds, so will be unable to attend this event. Please remember to send your purchase details (including book name, item number and amount paid), with your child so staff can easily arrange the purchase and students can collect their purchase at the library.

We are also holding our annual Book Week Parade next Wednesday and are asking students to please **come dressed as a character from a novel/book** (as opposed to a movie / tv character, super hero or character from a comic strip). Again, due to COVID-19 restrictions, this is a student only event, and parents/carers are unfortunately not permitted to attend. We will endeavour to take plenty of photos to post online and feature in our next newsletter.



Welcome Back Sausage Sizzle

Thursday saw students enjoying our Sausage Sizzle Welcome Back Lunch. We all loved hearing stories from the holidays, and enjoyed the good food cooked by staff. Thank you to Belinda from Harrington Waters Bakery for kindly donating the bread, Kerry from the Breakwall Café for kindly donating the onions and Brad from Chrisso's Meats for discounting the sausages for the day. More photo's are featured at the end of this newsletter.

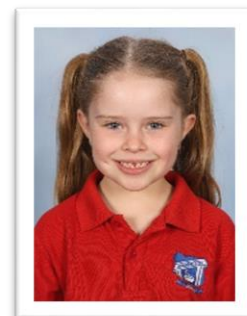
Reading Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Emma who has read for 100 nights and has now qualified for our Reading Hall of Fame! We continue to encourage all students to continue reading, as this is an invaluable part of the learning process for all children.



Water Bottles

As the weather warms up, we again remind families that the school bubblers have been turned off and in the interest of personal hygiene, ask that students please bring their own drink bottle each and every day.



School Fees

Thank you to those families who have already paid their school fees for 2020. We are again asking families to show their support by finalising their school fee payment for 2020. Your school fee contributions (**\$20 for one student, \$30 for two students, \$35 for three or more students**), are appreciated and go towards purchasing a variety of resources including: paints, glue sticks, pencils etc. If you haven't already done so, please send your school fees in to the front office.

HARRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL	
27 High Street, Harrington NSW 2627 p: 6556 1267 e: harrington.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au w: www.harrington.p.school.nsw.gov.au	
School fees are: 1 student - \$20 2 students - \$30 3 students (or more) - \$35	
Fees can be paid in cash (using this envelope); via EFTPOS at the Front Office or online at w: www.harrington.p.school.nsw.gov.au	
Students name(s)	
Amount enclosed	
Online receipt number	
Thank you for supporting our school!	

Student News

RAINBOW ROOM

I went to the beach, we built a teepee and a special tree. We made a special sand castle too. I swam in the waves and I held my breath for three minutes. *Willow*

I went to Ryan's birthday party and he turned 6. Archie, Jai, Mason, me and Lilly were there. We jumped on the trampoline and dressed as super heros. Ryan was Captain America and I was dressed in my normal clothes, but pretended to be a super hero. *River*



YELLOW ROOM

In the holidays my family and I had a bon fire. The fire was very hot. So then we toasted marshmallows. The marshmallows were gigantic. Then my aunty and uncle came over and we cooked dinner on the fire. My favorite part was we got to add some sticks and it made me feel excited. *Mia C*

In the school holidays I went to the beach and then we went to cabin 8 at the caravan park and I met Amy, Jeff and Baby Cora. Baby Cora is 10 months old and she is very cute and just learning how to crawl. She has blondish/brownish coloured hair. I think baby Cora likes me because she likes playing with me. It makes me feel awesome. *Pippa*



PURPLE ROOM

In the school holidays I went to Newcastle with my mum and dad. We went to Newcastle because I have some of my aunties and uncles and seven cousins who live there. When we got to Newcastle we went to a swimming pool that was solar heated, so it was warm. My family and I stayed for 2 days and 1 night at my Aunty Tammy's house. I liked staying at her house because I have four cousins to play with, but there is two teenagers and one 21 year old. I love my cousins and family. *Addison*



During the two week holidays I got a pool! It took six very long hours to fill it up and it took one hour in the early morning for it to get built. After the pool was half filled up I went in it. It was freezing! But after a little while it got warmer. My sisters Ami and Brookie and Daddy also came in the pool later on. The next day Brookie and I went in the pool in the morning and then later on at lunch time. Mummy came in the pool with me and Boo and Ami also came in. I dove under water to get the sinkies and I thought it was really fun. I did that for a week and three days. Getting a pool made me feel really excited and really happy. Ami got scared because of the stingray floatie. We have pushed her under water but she's OK. We have a crocodile floatie, a stingray floatie, three noodle floaties (one's purple, one's pink and one's blue), and we have lots of toys we like to play with in the pool. *Kailani*

P & C News

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held **Monday, 19th October** from 6pm via Zoom. Details will be emailed to members on the day. New members always welcome!



Canteen

The school canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30am to 12pm. We are always looking for more helpers – if you are interested, please contact the school office.

Uniform Shop

Due to COVID restrictions, parents/carers are still not permitted on school grounds, and uniform orders must still be placed via the office using the order form, with correct money supplied.



Welcome
Back
Sausage
Sizzle
Lunch



Crowdy Head SLSC

Nippers Pool Proficiency

Sunday, 18th October, 2020
at
YMCA Taree
(Manning Aquatic Leisure Centre)

Under 6's, 7's and 8's from 10.00am
Under 9's, 10's and 11' from 10.30am
Under 12's, 13's and 14's from 11.00am

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS, SEE OUR POOL PROFICIENCY
EVENT ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE**

ALL COVID GUIDELINES ARE TO BE COMPLIED WITH AT THIS EVENT

FOR THE FRIDGE

Term 4 – October 2020						
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	19 Oct Book Week Fair in library P&C Meeting 6pm	20 Oct Book Week Fair in library	21 Oct Book Week Parade and Fair in Library	22 Oct Book Week Fair in library	23 Oct	24/25 OCT
2	26 Oct	27 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct Performance Band Recommences	31 Oct 1 Nov
3	2 Nov	3 Nov	4 Nov	5 Nov	6 Nov Performance Band	7/8 NOV