

ISSUE 16 | TERM 4 – WEEK 5 | 13th November, 2020

Principal's Report



Mrs Lockey

Congratulations to Mrs Lockey, who was recently successful in gaining a permanent teaching position through the merit selection process. We are extremely fortunate to now have Mrs Lockey as a permanent staff member. Mrs Lockey brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the position of classroom teacher and is highly respected by fellow work colleagues and community members. She works extremely hard and cares so much for the students in her class and across the school. Congratulations Mrs Lockey!

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes.

Students should be at school every day unless:

- they are sick or have an infectious disease
- they have an unavoidable medical appointment
- they are required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- there is an exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.



Across the year and each term students should strive to be in attendance at least 95% of the time.

95% attendance means attending 47.5 days out of 50 in a 10 week term.

It's never too late to improve attendance!

Practicum Students

A warm welcome to Phoebe Bayliss and Sophie McMurray, our two practicum students from the University of Newcastle, who will be at Harrington Public School for the next four weeks. Phoebe is on Purple room with Mrs Potts, while Sophie is on Blue room working alongside Mr Taylor.



Phoebe - Hello! My name is Phoebe and I am a third year Bachelor of Primary Education student. I have a great passion for teaching. Whilst I enjoy teaching all subjects, I also have a strong background in Creative Arts. I try to incorporate this into my lessons as it encourages students to explore subjects more deeply whilst making the learning enjoyable. I am eager to experience, and learn, as much as possible throughout this practicum to further develop my teaching skills. I cannot wait to work with Mrs Potts and Purple room over the next four weeks.

Sophie – Hi, my name is Sophie, I am a 21 year old university student and I am super excited to be teaching and getting to know Blue room!

Thanks to all the staff and students for welcoming me and making me feel at home already. I hope to get to know more of you throughout the next three weeks and I'd love to chat with you in the playground when you see me around.



Remembrance Day Service

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank our students who displayed beautiful and respectful manners during our Remembrance Day Service. Our distinguished guests from Williamtown RAAF base and the Harrington RSL-Sub-Branch were blown away by the way Harrington Public School students composed themselves during the service and how our school leaders delivered a lovely service. Thank you to Neil and Paul who, on behalf of the Harrington RSL Sub-branch kindly donated \$50 to the school, and Frankie and Bryce of Williamtown RAAF Base, who presented our captains with a large array of ANZAC and Remembrance Day themed books for our school library. Thank you also to Gay Collison, who kindly made our school wreath. We are very proud of everyone's efforts today and are very thankful to have such wonderful support from our local community.













Take care,

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.

Coming up soon



Healthy Harold

We are lucky enough to be expecting a visit from the Life Education Van and Healthy Harold next week. Thank you to everyone who has returned their note and \$10 payment. If you have not yet returned these, please drop them into our school office on Monday.

2021 Captains Speeches and Voting

Our Year 5 students who wish to be considered for a leadership role in 2021 are invited to participate in the 2021 Captains Speeches next Tuesday, 17th November. We look forward to hearing their views and opinions on why they would make a good leader, and wish them all the best for the day.

2021 PBL Expressions of Interest

We are encouraging any students in Years 3 to 6 who would like to be involved with our Junior PBL team to put forward their Expressions of Interest to Mrs Moore by Wednesday, 18th November. Our Junior PBL meet regularly to discuss ways on how to better improve the school, brainstorm fundraising ideas, and also assist with items such as peer reffing in the playground. We wish all applicants the very best.

Harrington's Got Talent

Our annual Harrington's Got Talent will be held on Tuesday 24th November. Students have already been busy planning and practicing for the day, which is very exciting to see. Unfortunately due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, parents and carers will not be able to attend the day, however we will try to take as many photos as possible to publish for all to see.



Swim School – Year 2

We are hoping to proceed with a swim school at Kendall Pool for Year 2 students this term. Further details will be advised when they are to hand.

Enrolment

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2021.

We have our last orientation day set for next Friday, 20th November. We note that students must be fully enrolled with the school before attending these days.

For more details on how to enrol, please contact the school office on 6556 1267.





News

NAIDOC Celebrations

During Week 5 we celebrated NAIDOC week. Students took part in many cultural and educational activities, including story time, aboriginal art workshops, boomerang throwing, and listening to Mr Taylor play the didgeridoo. Thank you to Mr Taylor for arranging the week's activities.





K-2 Fire Safety Visit

Stage 1 (K-2) were lucky to receive a visit from the Harrington Rural Fire Service last Thursday 12th November as part of their upcoming safety sessions. After a very informative talk, the students were thrilled to be able to see how the RFS Members use the fire hose! Thank you to Harrington RFS for being able to provide us with the information and demonstration.

Kindergarten Orientation

We were very excited when COVID-19 restrictions were eased, allowing us to be able to welcome our 2021 Kindergarten Students for their first orientation day on Friday 6th November. It was wonderful to watch them interact and become acquainted with the school and our routine. We were again sorry that, due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents could not stay for the day, however Mrs Burrows reported both our 2021 Kindy students and their parents were pleased to be able to participate in this much anticipated event!





Stage 1 Excursion to Timbertown

Our Year K to 2 students travelled to Timbertown for their annual excursion on Thursday 5th November. All students enjoyed their very busy day, and were notably worn out by its end!

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), 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.





Student News

RAINBOW ROOM

NAIDOC WEEK: I did a handprint with dots and paint. I coloured a rock and drew a rainbow symbol. I did a bookmark. I loved when Mr Taylor threw the boomerang. I did a picture of Uluru with Mrs Moore. I saw Mr Taylor play the didgeridoo. *Alyssa*

My favourite thing about Timbertown was the steam train because we got to go over a high bridge. I went gold panning and found 5 pieces of gold. *River*

We went on a horse ride and we got to see the bullocks and we also got to go on a little train ride, then a big train ride. We then got to play on the playground and the horse guy taught us stuff. William

We went on a big bus to Timbertown and we got to find gold. We went on some rides on the train. Indii

YELLOW ROOM

On Monday 9th November, Harrington Public School had a NAIDOC celebration. The Theme was "Always Was, Always Will Be". On NAIDOC Celebration I and Yellow Room painted a rock. It was fun. Mrs Lockey was our teacher. After Mrs Lockey we went to Mrs Potts – we did a book mark. Everybody got a different book mark. *Sienna-May*

On Monday 9th November, Harrington Public had a NAIDOC celebration. We did rock painting. We had to put an Aboriginal symbol on the rock. It was very fun. Then we went to colour some boomerangs. I coloured it red, white, yellow and black,. The next one we went to was Mrs Potts and we coloured book marks together. I



coloured it green and dark green, and also pink. Next up we coloured Uluru. The top was black and Uluru was brown. *Tyler*



PURPLE ROOM

During the last two weeks we have been very busy:

TIMBERTOWN - At Timbertown we got to go on a train, go find crystals, go on a carriage ride and watch this man who called himself "Smithy", then we saw these engines, and last of all we saw this police thing and gaol.

AQUA ROOM – For the last two weeks I have been going to Aqua room and I did a lot of things there.

REMEMBRANCE DAY — At Remembrance Day we bring flowers, and two police people and two old men come over and we listen to songs and put flowers at the bottom of the school flag.

HELEN KELLER – We have found out lots of information about Helen Keller. She was deaf and blind and she died in her sleep just before her 88th birthday. She

was born in 1880, 27th June, and her father had two jobs. One was a cotton farmer and the second job was an army officer. Helen could speak at the age of 6 months, but at 19 months old she had a very bad fever, which left her deaf and blind. *Georgia and Archer*



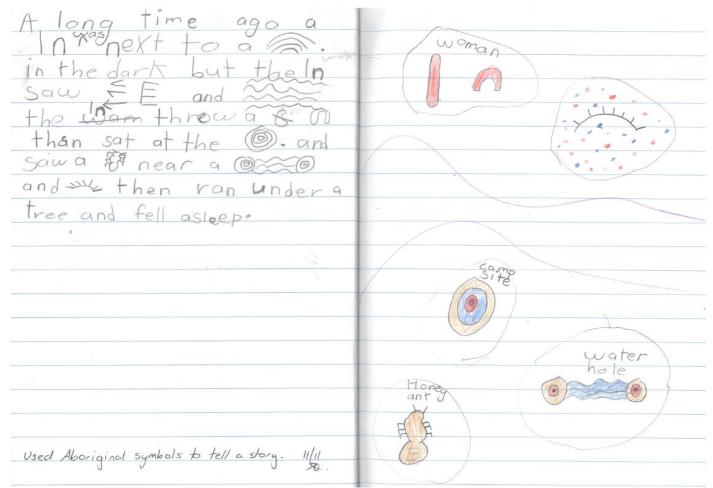












Gemma - Yellow Room



BLUE ROOM

NAIDOC WEEK: In the morning we had a presentation to start off NAIDOC day. The five girls who were involved were Nevaeh, Mira-Lee, Bella, Lili and Aaleyah, who were doing the fruit picking dance and the pippi dance. Then we went off to rotations which lasted about 25 minutes - Aaleyah was with Mrs Potts, Bella was with Mrs Lockey, Mira-Lee went with Mrs Moore, Nevaeh went with Mrs Burrows and Lili went with Mr Taylor. Mrs Potts was doing bookmarks and braiding, Mr Taylor was doing boomerangs, Mrs Moore did an Uluru drawing, Mrs Burrows was doing painting and Mrs Lockey was rock painting. *Aaleyah and Mira-Lee*

GREEN ROOM

REMEMBRANCE DAY: On 11th November guests from the RAAF Base came for our ceremony. Along with Mr Pannowitz and Neil. We very much appreciate their attendance. All captains ran the ceremony and read poems, described death pennies and more. Thank you Mr Haste, Sharee and Mrs Moore for helping and addressing the ceremony. Also thanks to all of the students who had very good manners! A few of the students brought in flowers for the wreath laying and all were showing their best manners while we had a minute of silence. A good job to all of the leaders, getting up there and speaking. Considering we didn't have much time to practice! Thank you to Bryce and Frankie for donating lovely ANZAC and Remembrance Day books to our school Library.



Finally, we had a chat with the guests and took some nice photos. Lest we forget. Thank you. Lili and Tia

Reading Hall of Fame

Congratulations Sienna who is yet another student who has read for 100 nights! A photo of her will now be displayed on the school library's Reading Hall of Fame.

Thank You

As part of our Chaplaincy program, our Chaplain Mark "Chappy" Smith prepares toast for all of our students every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We would like to pass on our thanks to Harrington Waters Bakery for donating the bread each day, and the two



community members (who wish to remain anonymous), who have also donated money and items such as jam, vegemite and margarine for this year. We greatly appreciate your very kind donations.

P & C News

P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held in Week 7 on Monday 23rd November - new members always welcome!

Canteen

Unfortunately the school canteen had to close last Monday as some of the regular volunteers were away, and there wasn't anyone else available as a replacement. If you are interested in helping (either regularly, or as a reserve), please see the school office.

Uniform Shop

We are still asking that all uniform orders be placed via the office using the order form, with correct money supplied. Should you require an order form, please contact the school office and one can be sent home with your child.



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HARRINGTON P&C SCHOOL CANTEEN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Yes, I would like to be involved in school canteen, which runs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday!

	I would like to be listed as a reserve only
	I have a Working with Children Check Number, which is:
	I understand I will need to call into the school office to complete the necessary paperwork to be allowed on school grounds, and will be required to sign in, on each day of attendance.
Name:	:

Harrington Hall Art Competition Winners

Our Purple room students were fortunate enough to be invited to participate in the Harrington Hall Art Competition, with their works displayed at the hall over the October long weekend. We have received the works back, and the following students were awarded prizes for their works. Congratulations to all of Purple room for their efforts!

 1^{st} Place: Emily 2^{nd} Place: Kalani 3^{rd} Place: Georgia

Highly Commended: Jack, Kobi, Laylah, Tony, Jett, Gracie Commended: Jordan, Isaac, Isabella, Archer, Dakota,

Encouragement: Taj



Congratulations to the award recipients from Week 4. Well done!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS: Lillian, Chance, Laylah, Michael, Tia

GOLD AWARDS: Noah

RAINBOW: Adalia, Indi W, Dexter, Jai

YELLOW: Kobi W, Sienna-May, Logan, Jack, Sienna
PURPLE: Tony, Kobi M, Georgia, Archer, Isabella
BLUE: Hayden, Lily W, Blake E, Hayley, Lilyana W

GREEN: Issy, Xander, Joel, Bailey, Bella





























Community Information





FOR THE FRIDGE

Term 4 — November/December 2020							
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN	
6	16 Nov After School Sport Cricket 3pm to 4pm	17 Nov 2021 Captains Speeches and Voting Healthy Harold After School Sport Basketball 3pm to 4pm 24 Nov	18 Nov Healthy Harold 2021 Junior PBL EOI 25 Nov	19 Nov Healthy Harold K-2 Water Safety Visit	Performance Band Kindy 2021 Orientation 9.30am to 12.00noon	21/22 NOV	
7	P&C Meeting 6pm After School Sport Cricket 3pm to 4pm	Harrington's Got Talent Volunteer Celebration After School Sport Basketball 3pm to 4pm	K-2 Police Visit	Touch Gala Day	Performance Band	28/29 Nov	
8	30 Nov Intensive Swim School Year 2 Camp Elim Stage 3	1 Dec Intensive Swim School Year 2 Camp Elim Stage 3	2 Dec Intensive Swim School Year 2 Camp Elim Stage 3 Camp Elim Stage 2	3 Dec Intensive Swim School Year 2 Camp Elim Stage 2	4 Dec Intensive Swim School Year 2 Performance Band Camp Elim Stage 2	5/6 DEC	