

# Harrington Public School

ISSUE 18 | TERM 4 – WEEK 10 | 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020

## Principal's Report

### 2020 Draws to a Close

As this very unusual school year draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to share a few thoughts and reflections. None of us could have imagined how this school year would have unfolded and in such a dramatic fashion, especially after only just surviving last year's bush fires.

I would like to take a moment to personally thank all the students, parents/carers, volunteers and community members of Harrington for their kindness, patience, grace, and cooperation as our staff members worked hard behind the scenes to provide quality learning experiences for our students and to support their efforts to learn online from home. We have been amazed by the flexibility, determination and creativity that our students have shown as they have navigated this new and different way of accessing their education. They are resilient and we know that they will come through this difficult time having learned important lessons about themselves as learners.

*"She stood in the storm and when the wind did not blow her way,  
she adjusted her sails."*

— Elizabeth Edwards

I thank our Canteen Co-ordinator and volunteer of 8 years, Angie Galante, who is retiring early next year, along with volunteer Claudia Glyntzos who, after many years at our school, both in the canteen and classroom, is looking to relocate next year. We cannot thank you enough for the hours you have both spent at our school and with our students, and wish to convey how deeply you will be missed.



I take this opportunity to remind everyone that today, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of school for Harrington Public School students, and although the office will be open tomorrow, only limited staff will be on-site.

As we find ourselves reflecting on such a challenging year that is ending we are already looking forward to a much more prosperous 2021. Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday!

Take care,

Paul Haste  
Principal



## 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.

### Enrolment

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2021.

We held our last orientation day on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, where our 2021 Kindies got to meet their buddies. Everyone was very excited, and enjoyed the day. For more details on how to enrol, please contact the school office on 6556 1267.



### Coming up soon

#### 2021 Swimming Carnival

We have booked the YMCA pool at Taree for our 2021

Swimming Carnival for Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February. Permission notes for students aged 8 and up will be sent home in Week 1 next year.



### 2021 Kindergarten Best Start Assessments

It is a very exciting time for our 2021 Kindergarten students, with them entering their Primary School years after the upcoming holidays. Each parent should have received a letter in the mail showing their child's Best Start appointment time, which will be on one of three days – Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021.

Please ensure your child attends their scheduled meeting promptly, as Mrs Burrows has multiple appointments set for these days. We note it is not compulsory for Kindy 2021 students to wear school uniform for their best start assessment. The first day of school for Kindergarten 2021 is Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February – we can't wait to see you all in your school uniforms on this day!

## News

### Reading Hall of Fame



Congratulations Declan, Indii, Lilly and Noah who have all read for 100 nights and qualified for our Reading Hall of Fame! Photographs of all students will now be displayed on the school library's Reading Hall of Fame. Well done!



## Swim School – Year 2

Thank you to Mrs Saunders and Rachael who took our Year 2 students to Kendall Pool for this year's Intensive Swim Program. Students had a wonderful time learning important water safety and life saving skills from the pool instructors. Swimming is an important life skill which forms a part of the school curriculum.



## Harrington's Got Talent

Our students enjoyed a wide range of performances at our recent Harrington's Got Talent event, held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November under the school COLA. Congratulations to everyone who participated and thank you to Mrs Moore for organising the day.



## Principal Privilege Lunch

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December, students who had received a Principal's Award during Semester 2 were treated to a hamburger lunch, cooked by Mr Haste. Congratulations to all students for your wonderful efforts throughout the semester.

## Year 6 Farewell

Our Year 6 students and their immediate families were invited to the Year 6 Farewell Dinner, held at Harrigan's Irish Tavern Convention Room on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone enjoyed a lovely meal and dessert, and had their photos taken on the riverbank with families and staff. Well done to our young gents who looked very dapper, and our young ladies who looked stunning in their beautiful new dresses.







## Camp Elim

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Camp Elim at Tiona during Week 8 of Term 4. Everyone enjoyed the week, participating in fun, team building activities such as canoeing, the giant swing, rock wall climb, sand modelling, beach touch football, water volleyball, movie night, basketball and raft building. Thank you to our wonderful staff who attended the week, encouraging students to break barriers and achieve more than the students felt they were capable of.

## Presentation Day

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend our Presentation Day. While it wasn't what we are used to, we hope we offered the best option available to everyone given the current COVID-19 guidelines. Photos for the day and results are listed below:

RAINBOW ROOM	School Spirit Award	Jayde
	Academic Achievement	Billie
	Citizenship	William
	Most Improved	Alyssa
	Excellence	Indii M
YELLOW ROOM	School Spirit Award	Mia C
	Academic Achievement	Ella
	Citizenship	Gemma
	Most Improved	Declan
	Excellence	Emma
PURPLE ROOM	School Spirit Award	Dakota
	Academic Achievement	Isabella H
	Citizenship	Makayla
	Most Improved	Kobi M, Laylah T
	Excellence	Kailani
BLUE ROOM	School Spirit Award	Hayden
	Academic Achievement	Mahni
	Citizenship	Charlie
	Most Improved	Aaleyah-Rose
	Excellence	Michael
GREEN ROOM	School Spirit Award	Calista
	Academic Achievement	Stephanie
	Citizenship	Issy
	Most Improved	Joel
	Excellence	Seth
MUSIC AWARDS	Student of the Year	Lili P
	Encouragement Award	Tia
TECH AWARDS	Student of the Year	Callen
	Encouragement Award	Reiley
LIBRARY AWARDS	Borrower of the Year	Billie, Edward
	Encouragement Award	Emily M
CHAPLAINCY AWARD		Kendall

ATTENDANCE AWARD	100% Attendance	Calista
	99% Attendance	Indii M Hayley Issy Kaitlyn Mia
	98% Attendance	Anthony Lucas Lilyana W Cody C Mira-Lee Kendall Archie Billie
SCHOOL LEADERSHIP	Ladies Auxiliary	Noah L
SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP	RSL	Tia
MOST OUTSTANDING DUX	Lions Club	Kale
SPORTSPERSON	Premiers Sporting	Riley W
MOST IMPROVED	CWA	Tiarna
CAPA AWARD	RSL	Isabella B

Thank you to our outgoing Leadership Team for an amazing year – it has been difficult and unique, but you all persevered and handled yourselves with dignity. You showed great resilience throughout the year and should be proud of your efforts.



Congratulations must also go to our incoming Leadership Team for 2021. We are very confident in your ability to successfully lead our students and school through the upcoming year, and will do so fully embodying our school values of respect, responsibility and personal best.

2020

Captains

Issy  
Bailey

Vice captains

Calista  
Stephanie

Pelican Sports Captains

Mia W  
Keiara

Seagull Sports Captains

Kaitlyn  
Chevy



Our sports events were unfortunately limited due to COVID-19, with us missing out on our Athletics Carnival this year, however we were still able to hold our Swimming Carnival, and our Cross Country. The winning houses for 2020 are:

Swimming Carnival  
Athletics

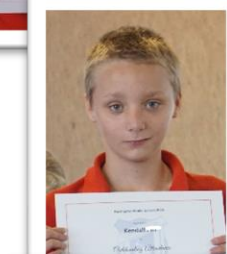
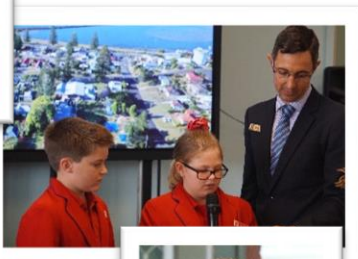
Pelicans  
Not Held

Cross Country  
Overall 2020

Pelicans  
Pelicans

Congratulations to all sporting participants – it really is a team effort as points are awarded for participation, and this usually makes the difference between the two teams. If COVID restrictions continue to ease, it will be wonderful to see students participate in all sporting activities, led by our new Sports Captains, in 2021.

Congratulations again to all of this year's winners, and to all students for a wonderful, if not challenging, year.



## P & C News

### P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be the AGM, which is due to be held in February 2021 - new members always welcome!

### Canteen News – Angie Galante

Canteen 2020 comes to an end on 11<sup>th</sup> December and will RE-OPEN IN WEEK 3 ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021. We look forward to welcoming you all back. A big thank you to all the wonderful ladies I've had the pleasure of working with over the last 8 years. I have sadly decided to finish up on 5<sup>th</sup> March as my husband and I wish to travel around with our caravan.



The canteen will need to have new volunteers to continue to run on the current days of Monday, Wednesday or Friday. We will also need a new canteen co-ordinator, which will be elected at our upcoming AGM in February. It's not a hard job at all and I'll be happy to help the new person settle into the role. Please parents, think about this over the upcoming holidays and contact the school office if you are interested. Your school canteen needs you!

All the canteen ladies and myself wish all the staff, children and HPS families a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. *Angie Galante.*

### Uniform Shop

We are still asking that all uniform orders be placed via the office using the order form, with correct money supplied. Should COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease for 2021, we are hoping to be able to have the Uniform Shop open for the following days at the beginning of Term 1 2021, for parents to purchase uniforms for the start of the new year:



Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021	8.30am to 10.30am *
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> February, 2021	8.30am to 9.00am *
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2021	8.30am to 9.00am *

*\*These times are approximate only, and may be subject to changing COVID-19 guidelines.*

Should you require an order form, please contact the school office and one can be sent home with your child. Orders will not be collated until 2021.



### End of Year Christmas Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Christmas Raffle. We were well supported by the local business houses, parents and the community, and we thank everyone for their continued support. In return, we ask our families to please support these local businesses, as they have supported our school community.

Congratulations also goes to the prize winners as follows, which were drawn on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, at the Christmas Mufti Day:

Harrington P&C

# — Christmas Raffle Winners —

\$100 Rod Reel Combo - Harrington Bait & Tackle - Logan D

Hamper - The Corner Pantry - Xander G

5 x \$10 Vouchers - The Corner Pantry - Ron, Rhonda, Hayden M, Melissa, Emily M

Large Hamper - Beach Street Pharmacy - Ryan M

\$25 voucher - Beach Street Takeaway - Chloe L

Voucher - Raw Collections Harrington - Amanda Redman

Hamper - Tilly K on Harrington - Tammy Taylor

\$50 voucher - Breakwall Cafe - B. Denny

\$150 Voucher - Harrington Colonial Holiday Park - Nathan Walker

Framed Print - Pippa and Co Designs - Mrs Burrows

Framed Voucher - Pippa and Co Designs - Elaine Redman

Disney collectable Toy - Harrington Post Office - Jayde L

\$20 voucher - Nates Pizzeria - Donna Mackenzie

\$25 Voucher - Nates Pizzeria - Mia W

\$25 voucher - Meat at Chrissos - Col and Marg

Natio gift pack - Harrington Waters Pharmacy - Jacki Gralton

\$50 voucher - Stones Oysters - Indi M

Hamper - Harrington Hotel - Emma Cudlip

Treatment, blow wave - Harrington Hair & Beauty - Finn L

\$50 voucher - Ems Thai Restaurant - Mrs Potts

2 x Christmas craft hampers - Spotlight Taree - Kobi M and River W

\$25 voucher - Charcoal Chicken Taree - Calista

Candle gift pack - The Shed Luxe – Jara

Timber Outdoor Setting - Bunnings Taree - Addi B

4 x \$15 Vouchers - Harrington Food Stop - Riley W, Jo Buckley, Hayden M, Stevens Family

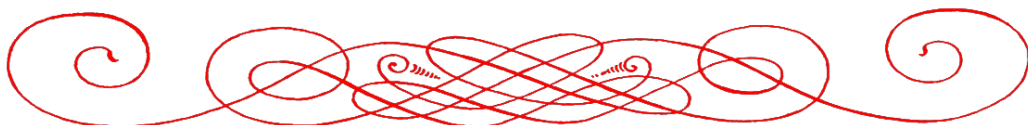
\$50 voucher - Harrigans Harrington - D. Andrews

Mug and Tray set - Zakariah Reeve

Mug and tray set - Indi M

Food Hamper - Lilly P

Food Hamper - Jess Moore





## Community Information

**HARRINGTON RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**  
**SANTA RUN**  
**TUESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2020**


The Brigade's annual Santa run will commence at approximately 5.15 - 5.30pm at Crowdy Head, then proceed to Harrington. Santa and his 'Furies' will take the following route:

**CROWDY HEAD** - The firetruck with Santa aboard will travel around Pacific Drive into Geoffrey & Deborah streets.

**HARRINGTON** - The truck will recommence near the Discovery Caravan Park on Crowdy Street, past Pilot Hill along Beach Street, turn left onto Harbour Boulevard, right onto Electra Parade. Continuing along Electra Parade right onto Baruah Parade, right onto Josephine Boulevard, left onto Harrington Road, left onto Lazzarini Drive, left onto Echo Drive and finish at the intersection of Echo and Pretoria Parade.

The Brigade cannot guarantee times at intersections along the route. The Brigade may also be busy or called out to incidents during the time of the Santa run depending on fire activity at the time.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Brigade we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.  
 Michael Cleland



**ACTIVE KIDS**  
 NSW

**PCYC**  
 TAREE  
**BASKETBALL CLINIC**

WITH COACH ELLIOT BRUTON

Tuesday 5th Jan | 9am - 12pm | \$25  
 Tuesday 12th Jan | 9am - 12pm | \$25  
 Tuesday 19th Jan | 9am - 12pm | \$25

\*All participants must be members of the PCYC  
 Book in for your school holiday session!  
 (02)6551 0292  
 Active Kids Vouchers Accepted




Don't miss this exhibition.

**"THE WONDER OF TOYS"**  
 spanning the last 100 years.

All proceeds to assist our local autistic children and their Warriors Football Club.

**FEATURING :**

- \* Dutch Auction run over 3 weeks with valuable prizes to be won
- \* A fully furnished Dolls House to be won
- \* Amazing displays of toys which entertained kids for the past 100 years  
 LEGO, trains, matchbox cars, tin toys, Alice in Wonderland display, teddy bears picnic, dolls, ooshies, beanie kids, trikes & competitions.
- \* **SUPER TOY SALE :**  
 Hey Kids, can you donate some of your toys to help the Rainbow Warriors Football Club?. Just drop them into the Craft Cottage.





**The Wonder of Toys Exhibition**  
 Taree Craft Cottage  
 77 Pulteney Street Taree  
 4th to 22nd January 2021  
 9:30am - 3:30pm Mon to Fri  
 9:30am - 1:00pm Saturdays  
**FREE ENTRY** Donations Welcome



Enquiries - Phone Pam 6552 5552

**SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY**  
 6-12yrs | 09:00AM-3:00PM | \$40 per day per child  
**PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT TIME OF BOOKING**  
 \*Activities listed are in no set order

**WEEK 1**

MONDAY 4TH JANUARY - OUTDOOR RIDE/SKATE   GYM SKILLS   PICKLEBALL   CREATIVE
TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY - FREEG CAMP   LEGO BATTLE
WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY - GYM SKILLS   CREATIVE   PICKLEBALL   KIDS YOGA
THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY - OUTDOOR RIDE/SKATE   BASKETBALL   LEGO   GYM SKILLS
FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY - FREEG CAMP   LEGO BATTLE

**WEEK 2**

MONDAY 11TH JANUARY - OUTDOOR RIDE   GYM SKILLS   PICKLEBALL   CREATIVE
TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY - FREEG CAMP   LEGO BATTLE
WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY - GYM SKILLS   CREATIVE   PICKLEBALL   KIDS YOGA
THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY - OUTDOOR RIDE/SKATE   BASKETBALL   LEGO   GYM SKILLS
FRIDAY 15TH JANUARY - FREEG CAMP   LEGO BATTLE

**WEEK 3**

MONDAY 18TH JANUARY - OUTDOOR RIDE   GYM SKILLS   PICKLEBALL   CREATIVE
TUESDAY 19TH JANUARY - FREEG CAMP   LEGO BATTLE
WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY - GYM SKILLS   CREATIVE   PICKLEBALL   KIDS YOGA
THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY - OUTDOOR RIDE/SKATE   BASKETBALL   LEGO   GYM SKILLS
FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY - FREEG CAMP   LEGO BATTLE

**ACTIVE & CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!**

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS (\$10 ANNUAL FEE) | ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR CLOSED-IN SPORTS SHOES | ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE SIGNED IN & OUT AT RECEPTION EVERYDAY  
 PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILDREN WITH MORNING TEA & LUNCH, SNACKS AND WATER EACH DAY  
 \*OUTDOOR RIDE & SKATE - PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN HELMET AND BIKE/SKATEBOARD

TAREE@PCYCNOW.ORG.AU  
 95 COMMERCE STREET, TAREE 2430 | (02)65510292







The staff of  
Harrington Public School  
would like to take this opportunity to  
wish you and your family a very  
Merry Christmas  
and a Safe and Prosperous  
New Year.

# FOR THE FRIDGE

Term 1 – January/February 2021						
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
1	25 Jan  School Holidays	26 Jan  School Holidays	27 Jan  Pupil Free Day  Public Schools officially open today – staff only	28 Jan  Pupil Free Day  Public Schools officially open today – staff only	29 Jan  1 <sup>st</sup> day of school for students in Years 1-6  Best start interviews for 2021 Kindy students who have their appointment scheduled for today	30/31 JAN
2	1 Feb  Swimming Carnival 8 years and up  Best start interviews for 2021 Kindy students who have their appointment scheduled for today	2 Feb  Best start interviews for 2021 Kindy students who have their appointment scheduled for today	3 Feb  Kindergarten 2021 first day of school	4 Feb	5 Feb	6/7 FEB
3	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	FEB