

Harrington Public School

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Principal's Report



World Teacher's Day

On Friday 29 October Harrington Public School will be celebrating World Teachers' Day. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to recognise the 160,000+ primary, secondary and early childhood teachers who work in NSW.



Mrs-Burrows
Mrs-Gonzalez
Mr-Mander
Mrs-Moore
Mrs-Saunders
Miss-Smith
Mr-Taylor
Mrs-Lockey
Mrs-Potts

Shout it loud and proud with #WTD2021



As Principal, I am so proud and grateful of everything the teachers do for the students of Harrington Public School; socially, emotionally and academically. I am so fortunate to have such committed, professional and dedicated teachers who continually strive to ensure their students are known, valued and cared for.

Thank you!

Attendance Matters

100% Week 2 Attendance – congratulations to Paige and Mira-Lee!

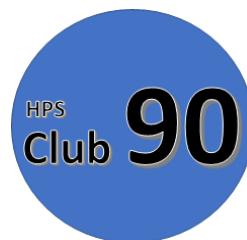
Respect, Responsibility, Personal Best





Club 90

Last Tuesday all of those students who had 90% attendance from Weeks 6 to 10 in Term 3 were part of Club 90, which meant they received 15 minutes of additional playtime to celebrate their great attendance.



Reading Hall of Fame

100 Nights of Reading! Congratulations Ella and Issy! Reading is for the brain!

Tell Them From Me Survey – Have Your Say

Over the past week students have completed the student Tell Them From Me Survey, which gives them an opportunity to have their say in how and what they value at school.

In the coming weeks parents/carers will also have the opportunity to complete the Tell Them From Me Survey, which helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parents and school.



How does it work?

The survey is anonymous and can be used either as a one-off survey or over time, with the ability to identify trends within schools and better inform school priorities.

What does it ask?

The parent survey asks parents/carers a range of questions related to the following drivers of student outcomes:



Parents feel welcome	Parents are informed	Parents support learning at home	Parents' participation at school
School supports positive behaviour	Safety	Inclusion	School supports learning

How do parents access the survey?

- Schools will provide parents with a unique URL to log into the survey.
- Parents will not need usernames or passwords to access the survey. Just follow the unique URL provided by the school.
- Parents can now easily complete the survey on their mobile device and choose from 22 available community languages.

Take care,

Paul Haste
Principal



We note under the current COVID-19 restrictions, parents/carers are not permitted on School grounds

Please call the school office to make arrangements for urgent appointments. We would like to thank our families for their patience and respect for the social distancing practices at our school.

Coming Up



Kindergarten 2022 Orientation Days

To comply with the current COVID-19 guidelines, we have put together a modified Kindergarten Orientation and Transition Program. We held one Kinder Play afternoon last Friday and plan on holding two, more formal, School Preparation Program sessions, as follows:

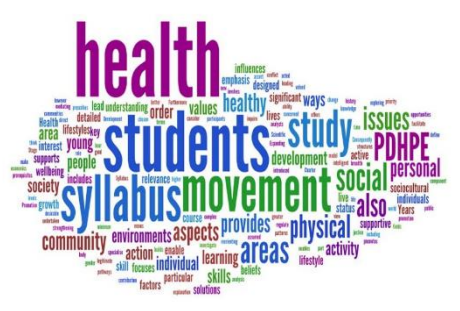
School Preparation Program	Friday 29 October from 9.30am to 11.00am
School Preparation Program	Friday 5 November from 9.30am to 11.00am

Children will get to meet their Year 5 buddies at the first School Preparation Day, which our buddies are very excited about. Please ensure you **bring a hat, a piece of fruit and a drink bottle** for both School Preparation Program days. The above dates are subject to any updated COVID-19 guidelines. We will advise parents of any changes or amendments to the schedule if they arise.



Girls and Boys Day In

This term, students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will attend the Girls and Boys Day In on Friday, 5 November, where they will participate in the mandatory subject, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). Some of the content taught is sensitive, however will be presented in an age appropriate way. For more information about child protection education, go to the Child Protection and respectful relationships section on the Department of Education's PDHPE website.



Year 5 Captains Speeches and Voting and PBL EOI

We are very excited to announce that the Expression of Interest forms for our 2022 Captains (open to students who are in Year 5 this year) will be handed out this week, with EOI forms for Junior PBL (open to students in Years 3 to 6) being handed out in Week 6.

Our Captain Speech and Voting Day will also be held in Week 6 on Monday 8 November – we encourage those Year 5 students who wish to represent the school at a leadership level to participate in this process. 2022 will be a very big year for our school and its leaders, as we will be celebrating our 150 Years of Excellence in Education!

UNE Science Day

In Week 6 our school will be attending the online presentation of our annual UNE Science Day.

This day provides an opportunity for students in all years to observe and participate in an amazing and educational day of fun-filled science information. Years K to 3 will be learning about biology in "Plants, Poop and Pollinators," while students in Years 4 to 6 will be learning about Astrometrics.



Remembrance Day Service

We will be holding our annual Remembrance Day Service on Thursday, 11 November. Unfortunately, due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, parents and carers will not be permitted to attend this event, however we will endeavour to take photos to document the day.



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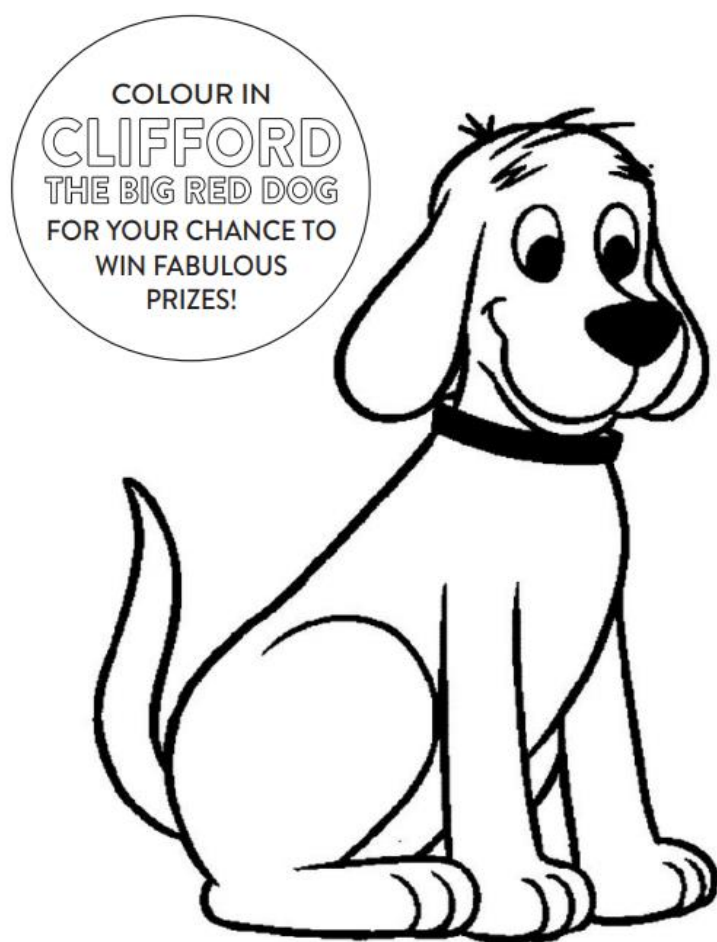
ICAS Assessments

Our ICAS Assessments were held on Monday and Wednesday of Week 3. Congratulations to those students who participated.



Check-In Assessments

Check-In Assessments were held for students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students during Week 2. These are compulsory assessments which focus on reading and numeracy.



Scholastic Colour In Competition

To celebrate the release of Clifford the Big Red Dog in cinemas, Scholastic have teamed with Paramount to offer:

**1 OF 50
CLIFFORD PLUSH
NOTEBOOKS**

OR

**1 OF 50
FAMILY MOVIE
PASSES**

HOW TO ENTER

1. Find **CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG** colour in page on the back of *Book Club Issue 8, 2021* or download the page by clicking on the colour in competition image.
2. Colour in **CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG**.
3. Submit your page for entry via email or post.

Competitions@scholastic.com.au

or

**CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG
COLOURING Competition
REPLY PAID 579
GOSFORD NSW 2250**

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/guardian email address: _____



For Terms and Conditions visit: <https://scholastic.com.au/media/6545/para-colouring-in-competition-tcs-final.pdf>. To download the Clifford Colour In

Poster visit: https://scholastic.com.au/media/6522/colouring-in-sheet_clifford-the-big-red-dog.pdf



Spot Sammy Star!

Sammy Star is again hiding throughout our newsletter – how many times did you spot Sammy Star?

Student News



STEM Online Camp – Indigenous – Traditional Instruments

On Thursday 14 October, there was Nevaeh, Lucas, Aaleyah, Kaiden and Mira-Lee, and we learnt about Aboriginal culture and made rice shakers. We also talked about didgeridoos. We started to session in the morning and it went through to lunch. To make the rice shakers, we needed rice, toilet paper rolls, and duct tape. *By Mira-Lee and Nevaeh*



Green Room

The past fortnight at Harrington Public School has been great. The school leaders and many teachers helped arrange a sausage sizzle for a welcome back gift to all the students. We have been following COVID-19 restrictions and splitting up the years K-3 and 4-6 in the playground.

This week Years 5 and 6 and Years 3 and 4 did a numeracy and literacy test. Years 5 and 6 were on Monday and Years 3 and 4 were on Thursday.

As you may know it has been a big week of wet weather, we have tried to get out as much as we can to get some fresh air.

Years 3 to 6 have started to participate in a four-week program of barn dancing. Many kids found this a great experience and you could tell by the look on their faces that they can't wait until next Friday.

Congratulations to any of the students who receive an award this week. Thank you to the Teachers and helpers for a great Week 2 back at school. *By Bailey and Matilda*

Yellow Room

We have three new students in our class, Hiva, Parker and Alivia. We love to play in the sandpit at lunch and recess with them.

We have been learning about groups and rows in maths, they are called arrays. Yesterday we used counters and play dough to make arrays.

In writing we have been writing about our perfect house. Our perfect house would have cats and endless amounts of our favourite food, mash potato and chocolate.



One of our maths activities on Monday was making slime, they were all different colours. We used shampoo and corn flour to make the slime. It was so messy, but so much fun!!

By Indii M and Lillian S



Rainbow Room

This week we are learning about spiders.

I like how they make webs and live in my garden. I'm not scared of spiders because they run around fast. If I see a spider, I grab a piece of paper and put them outside.

By Kandace and Spencer



Blue Room

This week we have done persuasive writing on "breakfast is the most important meal of the day." The whole class got to choose if they agreed or disagreed with the statement, after we decided which side we were on, we then started to write our persuasive argument. *By Ella-Rose and Lily W*

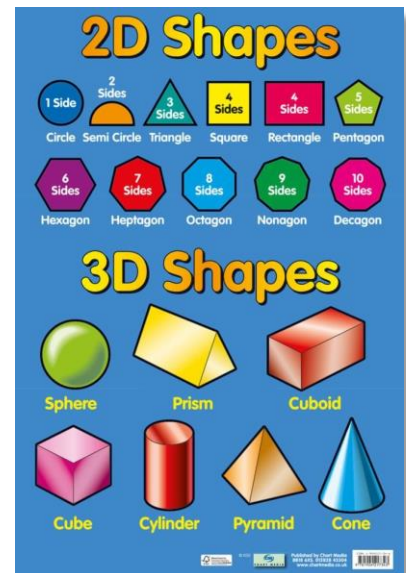
Blue Room has been learning about so many things like weight, time and 3D and 2D shapes.

We have done things in weight like using scales to measure the weight of things, measuring our lunch, ourselves and packages on a fun online game called Mostly Postie!

We have also learned things about time, like analogue clocks, digital clocks, half past and quarter time. We did some time sheets that we have to write the time on and draw the hands.

We loved learning about some shapes, first we did 2D shapes such as circles, squares, triangles and rectangles! We loved the next part of shapes as we learned about 3D shapes, talking about faces, parallel lines, vertices and shapes like cubes, rectangular prisms and many more.

Blue Room had lots of fun learning about many things! *By Molly and Georgia*



Purple Room

This week we have made and gone hunting for dinosaur eggs! Firstly, to make the eggs you will need these ingredients: coffee, water, bicarb soda. Then you need to mix it for a while. It will become a bit stronger, thicker and moister. We put it in the oven for about half an hour.

After hours of digging, we saw a dinosaur egg at the dig sight. We found a dinosaur egg. We hatched the dinosaur egg. It was a triceratops. We used gloves and shovels. One of us was digging while one was picking it up then hatching the baby triceratops. *By Jett*

We have made dinosaur eggs – this is what you will need: coffee, bicarb soda, water, a big bowl and a measuring cup.

Instructions: take a big bowl of coffee. 150ml of water, teaspoon of bicarb soda. Then you'll need to mix it all together. Then put it in the oven for half an hour. Then put in a dinosaur in the egg. Let it sit for 24 hours.

So we basically did an archaeological dig. Then after 24 hours, bury it then get kids to search for it.



We had gloves and tools. Then one of us dug it up, one of us got it out and one of us smashed it. *By Jack*





P&C

Our last P&C meeting was held on Monday 18 October via Zoom. Thank you to all who attended. The next meeting for Term 4 is set to be held in Week 8 on Monday 22 November. Details of this meeting will be provided closer to the date.

If you are interested in attending a meeting, becoming a member, being more involved, or are simply after more information, membership costs just \$2. Please contact the office on 6556 1267 for further details.

Uniform Shop and Canteen

The uniform shop is currently closed under the current COVID restrictions. A copy of the Uniform Shop price list and order form is available on SkoolBag and Facebook - to place an order, please send the completed form to the school office with the CORRECT CASH and your order will be sent home with your child.



Sub-Committee - 150 Year Celebrations

We are still wishing to form a sub-committee which will help co-ordinate and prepare for our 150 year Celebrations. If you feel you would like to be involved in this event, please contact the school and provide your details. Alternatively, if you are a past student, teacher or a community member who has had a high involvement in the school and have photos, books, information and stories to tell, please let us know!



Class Awards – Term 4 Week 2

Congratulations to the following award recipients who have received awards for their efforts during the first two weeks of Term 4!

PRINCIPAL AWARDS:	Hudson, Alexis, Jett, Finn, Matilda
RAINBOW:	Dexter B, Betty, Summer, Saige, Charlotte A
YELLOW:	Ryan, Indi W, Indii M, Parker, Ozzy
PURPLE:	Ethan, Kruze, Tyler, Declan, Athena
BLUE:	Laylah, Archer, Georgia, Kailani, Jarrah
GREEN:	Byron, Mya, Ellsie, Pearl, Mira-Lee
MULTI-LIT/QUICKSMART:	Chance and Alexis





Crowdy Head SLSC

Nippers Pool Proficiency


Sunday, 5th December, 2021
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 / November 2021						
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
4	25 Oct Year 5 EOI for 2022 Captains handed out	26 Oct	27 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct Kindergarten 2022 Orientation	30/31 OCT
5	1 Nov Tell Them From Me Parent Survey opens	2 Nov	3 Nov	4 Nov	5 Nov Girls and Boys Day In Kindergarten 2022 Orientation	6/7 NOV
6	8 Nov Year 5 Captain Speeches and Voting	9 Nov UNE Science K-6 9am	10 Nov Junior PBL 2022 Expression of Interest	11 Nov Remembrance Day Service	12 Nov 	13/14 NOV