



Harrington Public School

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Principal's Report

End of Year Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a journey the last 12 months has been for all of us! Even though we have been through floods and COVID there has certainly been many smiles from the students, celebrations along the way and many achievements. And whilst the Harrington Community has been heavily impacted there has always been a sense of hope and optimism in pulling together to get through. This community and school spirit and strength has come from the courage, collegiality and resilience of students, parents, teachers and community members. As Principal, it makes me extremely proud to lead such an amazing school and I wanted to thank everyone for overcoming the barriers, challenge and obstacles we have all faced yet have remained focused on being there for the students.

I wish all the students and their families a safe and happy holiday and hope that 2022 is a year where we can all return to enjoy some of the freedoms we all miss.



Julie Gray

It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce and welcome Julie Gray who was recently appointed as the school's new Assistant Principal - Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs Gray was successfully chosen through the Departments' merit selection process. Her role will involve supporting teachers in the classroom with evidence based teaching and assessment practice. Mrs Gray will officially begin her role here at Harrington Public School at the beginning of 2022.



Will Mander

I would like to say farewell to Mr Mander who will be leaving us at the end of this year and take the opportunity to thank him for everything he has done to support Harrington Public School's music program over the years.

He will be sorely missed by the students. We wish him and his young family all the best in the coming years.



Lisa Potts



I would like to announce that Mrs Potts, who is one of our temporary appointed teachers, will be finishing up at Harrington Public School at the end of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Potts for all the work she has done and wish her all the best.



Attendance Matters

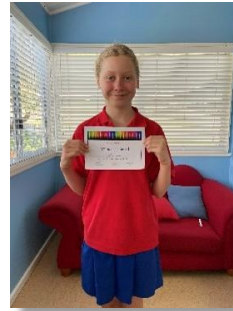
I understand that this year has been challenging at times to achieve outstanding attendance, however, I would like to congratulate the following students who achieved 95% or greater attendance for 2021:

	Declan	Sienna-May	Edward	Skylah	Betty	Charlotte
Lucas	Jack	Hiva	Maisan	Bryce	Sadie	Spencer
Dakota	Noah	Emma	Lilly	Samuel	Harry	Audrey
Finn	Kailani	Logan	Ozzy	Parky	Summer	Hudson
Makayla	Anthony	Lucas	Pippa	Billie	Isabella	Jackson
Kobi	Molly	Tyler	Jarraah	Issy	Calista	Bailey
Hayden	Lilyana	Lily	Hayley	Stephanie	Kaitlyn	Mira-Lee
Mikayla	Matilda	Aidan	Keiara	Mia		



These students have significantly increased their chances of maximum education. Well done! Some of these students also received recognition at this week's presentation day.

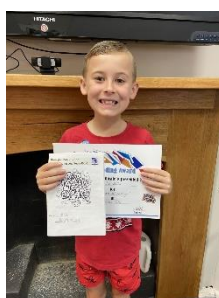
100% Weeks 8 & 9 Attendance – congratulations to Charlotte, Spencer, Paige, Lilyana W and Declan!



Reading Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the following students who have worked so hard and reached 100 nights of home reading!

Billie
Lilly P
Audrey
Kaitlyn,
Sienna S
Indi W
Kobi W
Emily M!



Tell Them From Me Parent Survey – Winners!

This year we celebrated our best survey response ever! We will be using all of the responses and sharing this data with families throughout 2022. Congratulations to the following students and their families who have won:



Prize 1:	Bike A	Billie
Prize 2:	Bike B	Indii and Mira-lee M
Prize 3:	\$75 fuel voucher	Alivia and Kandace
Prize 4:	\$25 fuel voucher	Ethan
Prize 5:	Eggs A	Addison
Prize 6:	Eggs B	William



New Bell Times

As communicated previously in newsletters and during P&C meetings, our school bell times will be changing slightly for 2022. This is to help accommodate a much-needed bus route for Coopernook Public School.

Please note the existing bus route for our students will remain unchanged as it is only the bus pick up and drop off times which will be effected. The bus will be collecting 10 minutes earlier in the morning and dropping off 10 minutes earlier in the afternoon.

School Starts 8:50am (Bus arrives at school @ 8:40am)
School Finishes 2:50am (Bus departs school @ 2:55pm)



Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Thank you

We would again like to extend our thanks to Belinda and Michael of Harrington Waters Bakery for once again assisting with the costs of catering for events held at our school.

We were very fortunate to have them supply both our bread rolls for our Principal Privilege Breakfast for Semester 2, and the delicious cake for our Year 6 Farewell dinner.

Thank you again for supporting the school and students.



Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day for 2021 was very successful - we thank all students for their positive attitude and behaviour during the presentation, and congratulate all award winners. We would also like to again thank our dignitaries for presenting on the day.



I am very proud to announce the following award winners for 2021 and school leaders for 2022:



RAINBOW ROOM

Academic Excellence
Most Improved
Citizenship
Excellence in Science
School Spirit Medallion

Betty C
Audrey
Gus
Bryce
Charlotte A



YELLOW ROOM

Academic Excellence
Most Improved
Citizenship
Excellence
School Spirit Medallion

Oswald
Jai
William
Indii M
Edward



PURPLE ROOM

Academic Excellence
Most Improved
Citizenship
Excellence
School Spirit Medallion

Kruze
Jack G
Pippa
Jett
Sienna-May



BLUE ROOM

Academic Excellence
Most Improved
Citizenship
Excellence
School Spirit Medallion

Lily W
Emily M
Finn
Kailani
Georgia



GREEN ROOM

Academic Excellence
Most Improved
Citizenship
Excellence in Literacy
School Spirit Medallion

Matilda
Emily B
Charlie
Mahni
Mira-Lee



MAJOR AWARDS

Leadership Award
Citizenship Award
Most Outstanding Student Dux
Most Improved
Sportsperson of the Year
Music Student of the Year
Music Encouragement
Technology Student of the Year
CAPA Award
Chaplaincy

Isabelle A
Calista
Stephanie
Cody C
Bailey
Mya
Ellsie
Chevy
Keiara
Xander





MAJOR AWARDS (continued)

Premiers Reading Challenge
Premiers Reading Challenge
Library Borrower of the Year
Library Borrower of the Year
Library Encouragement Award

Calista (Platinum)
Addison (Gold)
Audrey
Sadie
Jackson



SPORT AWARD

Overall House for 2022

Pelicans



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

100% Attendance
99% Attendance
99% Attendance
99% Attendance
98% Attendance
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98% Attendance

Edward
Sadie
Lilyana W
Calista
Kaitlyn
Summer
Billie
Sienna-May
Lucas
Molly



2022 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Captain
Captain
Vice-Captain
Vice-Captain
Pelican House Captain
Pelican House Captain
Seagulls Sports Captain
Seagulls Sports Captain

Jarrah
Kaiden
Charlie
Byron
Kyra
Nevaeh
Aidan
Lucas





PBL Team for 2022

Today we announced our PBL Team for 2022. I would like to thank every student who took the time to apply and congratulate the following:

Blake E
Pippa

Michael
Lilyana

Finn
Ella-Rose

Mia C
Kobi M



P&C Funding for 2021

During 2021 our P&C has worked as hard as they can for our school, given the restrictions during the Covid-19 period. I would like to thank each of them for their dedication and commitment to our school and students.

We are very grateful for all that has been achieved and am proud to say your P&C have donated a total of \$10,219 to our school this year for items including:

- Year 6 shirts
- A complete set of home readers for K-1-2
- Payment to the grant company to apply for grants.

They were also successful in our Community Building Partnerships Grant application for \$10,990.00 which will go towards upgrading the water efficiency of our extensive garden and veggie patch.

We will hear over the next few weeks whether they have been successful in the Black Summer Bushfire Recover Grant from the Dept of Industry, Science, Energy & Resources to build our school hall.



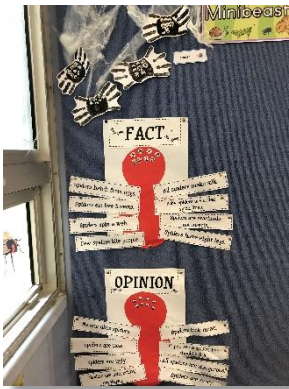
Take care,

Paul Haste
Principal



Spot Sammy Star!

Sammy Star is again hiding throughout our newsletter – how many times did you spot Sammy Star this fortnight, including his picture here?



Student News

Rainbow Room



During the last two fortnights in Rainbow Room we have been:

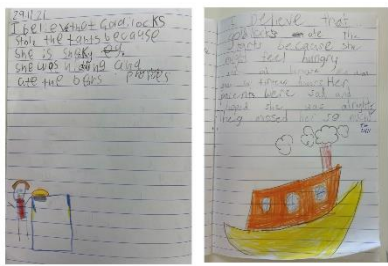
- Doing lots of creative things about mini beasts.
- We have enjoyed this theme very much. We have developed a great respect for our world's little creatures.
- We have also enjoyed all of our end of year celebrations.
- We can't believe we have finished our first year of primary school!



Yellow Room

During the last two fortnights in Yellow Room we have been 

- Learning about science and mixing some materials together to make play dough.
- Reading a chapter book called "Jeremiah In the Dark Woods."
- Making predictions on what we believe happens in the story and who stole the tarts.
- Making story maps of all the events which take place in the story.



Spot the Difference!

What a happy looking bunch!

Can you find the differences between each picture?

There should be 10 all up.



Purple Room

During the last two fortnights in Purple Room we have been:

- Having Alyssa read a few pages of Matilda to us during Fruit Break.
- We watched the First Nations Bedtime Stories during Week 8. Monday's story was about "The Cockatoo Sisters and the "Magic Digging Stick." The class drew acts of kindness following this story.
- Learning about writing purposeful dialogue in stories. We practiced by creating joining dialogue writing in pairs then performing to each other in small groups.
- Enjoying "Wet Weather Friday" by playing indoor hockey. This is where two competitors enter the arena, one emerges victorious.



Green Room

During the last two fortnights in Green Room we have been:

- Writing a narrative using a prompt with a focus on setting and character.
- Making artworks inspired by the artist and author Jeannie Baker.
- Making bags out of old t-shirts.
- Making movies with Mrs Saunders.



Colour Me In!

Is it Rudolph? Donner? Blitzen? Help Santa work out which reindeer he has harnessed to his sleigh by colouring them in!

P&C



We held our last P&C meeting for this year on Monday 22 November. We thank everyone who was able to attend.

The next meeting will be our AGM and will be held in Week 3 of Term 1 2022. 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

We wish to advise there will be a P&C representative available in the **Uniform Shop** on the mornings of **Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd February, 2022 from 8.30am to 9.30am each day.**

If these times are unsuitable, an alternative appointment time can be arranged on either of these two days. In this instance, please call the school office on 6556 1267 no later than 9.30am Tuesday 1st February to make an appointment.

A copy of the Uniform Shop price list and order form is available on SkoolBag and Facebook.



Goodbye, and Thanks

As the year draws to a close, we reflect on those who have contributed to our school community and give special thanks to those who have helped along the way.

Each year our P&C presents our outgoing families with a token of appreciation and thanks, wishing them well as their child starts high school in the new year.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 restrictions prevented parents from attending this year's presentation, however our P&C still provided a gift as a farewell to each of these families, and we wish to again acknowledge them and their efforts towards our school over their years of attendance:

- Rachael and David Aitchison
- Warren Doughty and Roslyn Burton
- Sienna and Mark Elmer
- Tracey Hewitt
- Janelle Baker and Kevin Stankovski
- Stacey Hardie and Bill Ashe
- Naomi and Joel Clarke
- Leesa Bolton
- Casey Irvine and Lee Marks
- Sarah Redman and Brad Williams

Special thanks goes to Rachael, Sienna and Sarah who have also contributed in their own way to our P&C Committee, fundraising events, uniform shop and canteen during their years.

We wish everyone of you and your children the best for the future

P&C Canteen Volunteers 2022

The canteen is already preparing for next year and are looking for Expressions of Interest from those family and community members who are able and willing to assist in our canteen. We are keen to hear from anyone who is willing to help, no matter how big or little your contribution can be. It can be once a week, once a month, once a term, as a relief helper, or even the odd hour here and there as it suits. If you are interested in becoming a part of our friendly canteen team, please contact the school office on 6556 1267.



Share Our Space

This play area is open over the holiday break

Share Our Space is a commitment by the NSW Government to make schools the centre of our community. Our grounds are open from **8 am to 5 pm** during the school holidays, including weekends and public holidays.

Remember to:

Play safe. Respect others. Care for our space.

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| ⊘ Access to school grounds outside of hours is prohibited | ⊘ No fires or BBQs |
| ⊘ No skateboards or rollerblades/skates | ⊘ No littering or depositing of any material |
| ⊘ No vehicles on site | ⊘ No glass |
| ⊘ Children should be supervised by adults at all times | ⊘ No damage to school facilities |
| ⊘ No smoking or alcohol | ⊘ No animals |

School outdoor facilities are unsupervised.
Please call 1300 880 021 to report a violation of rules or for help.
For emergencies call 000.

edu.nsw.link/ShareOurSpace



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Come and visit us!

Our CatholicCare Community Kitchens provide a free hot meal and refreshments for those in the community in need of assistance. All individuals, couples and families are welcomed with food, support and a smile.

Takeaway meals are available.

If you know someone who would benefit from these services, please pass on this information.



Everybody is Welcome.

OUR KITCHENS ARE OPEN

CommunityKitchens

www.catholiccare.org.au

Forster Community Kitchen

Days of service:
Every Monday to Thursday

Time: Doors are open from
12pm-1pm

Location: Catholic Church Hall,
33 Lake Street, Forster NSW 2428

P 6539 5900
E foodprograms@catholiccare.org.au



Taree Community Kitchen

Days of service:
Every Monday to Saturday

Time: Doors are open from
12pm-1pm

Location: 250 Victoria Street, (next to
Fotheringham Park) Taree NSW 2430


P 6539 5900
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FOR THE FRIDGE

Term 1 January/February 2022						
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
2	31 Jan Staff Return to School Pupil Fee Day	1 Feb Students in Years 1 – 6 Return to School which starts 8.50am Uniform Shop open 8.30am to 9.30am or by appointment	2 Feb Kindergarten Students first day of school which starts at 8.50am Uniform Shop open 8.30am to 9.30am or by appointment	3 Feb	4 Feb	5/6 FEB
3	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb HPS Swimming Carnival	12/13 FEB
4	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb 	18 Feb	19/20 FEB



Exciting News!

Our Fundraising Partner Ritchies IGA, have launched their new Ritchies Card, incorporating the Community Benefit Program and this will not only benefit our organisation, but also all our members.

The program now has an App for both IOS and Android smart devices. For those members who don't have a smart phone, or would like a physical card, this option is also available and can be linked to the App.

Every month, our organisation will receive 0.5%* of our members' spend in Ritchies Stores PLUS our members will receive special offers and member only specials via the App.

*T&C's apply see <https://www.ritchies.com.au/ritchiescardterms>

Featuring monthly promotions, cheaper prices for you, Collect and Win, as well as games and lots more fun things to do, this is a great opportunity to support our club.

You can download the Apps by scanning the QR codes below or search for Ritchies in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Following are a list of participating stores in our local area:

Harrington Waters, Taree, Port Macquarie, Hastings



Not only are you helping your club, school or charity, you'll also get extra benefits.

