Moving Forward Together

With RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY we strive to achieve our PERSONAL BEST

Issue 2 – Term 1 – Week 3

Wednesday, 10 February 2016

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

This week there is only a short break between newsletters but we felt it was important to get into our regular newsletter cycle, with them going home on alternate weeks to assembly.

I’m really excited to have purchased an old 1950’s bench to be transformed into our school ‘Buddy Bench’. It still needs a little loving with some fresh paint and the artistic input of our students but we’re excited to have it. It’s been a long term goal. Get your children to explain what a ‘Buddy Bench’ is and how it works. You’ll love their response!

Peer Clubs start this Friday after recess. These clubs are a valuable and fun opportunity to expand knowledge in Key Learning areas, build social and co-operative skills as well as enhance the sense of teamwork and family at Harrington Public School.

Thought for the Week

“The only thing that stands between you and your dream is the will to try and the belief that it is actually possible.” ~ Joel Brown.

WELCOME BACK BACON AND EGG BREAKFAST

We will be holding our first get together for 2016 at our Welcome Back Breakfast. We invite all our families to attend for bacon and egg roll and some casual chat from 7:30am on Wednesday 17 February. A note has been sent home to help with catering, please fill in ASAP and return to the office.

ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to year 5/6 and Mr Taylor for their entertaining efforts at last week’s assembly. Their RAP on Outer Space and the planets was ‘EXTREME MAN’ and we loved the last minute costumes. Congratulations to those students who received Hi 5’s from the SRC for their manners and the students receiving Class & PBL Awards and Principal Awards. The Best Mannered class for the last two weeks was Year 4/5.

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION NIGHT AND CLASSROOM MEETINGS

With the co-operation of our parents we would like to try something different for Parent Teacher Interviews this term. We would like to make the sessions a little less formal by holding two sessions with a general component, which includes all parents sitting together to gain a brief outline about what the school focus is for 2016 then a classroom component where teachers can meet with the parents, go over what’s happening in class and show work books etc. to parents and answer class/child related questions. If parents then want an extra interview they can make an appointment on that evening.

Our two sessions are;

K-2 Tuesday 16 February: 5:30-6:30
Years 3-6 Wednesday 17 February: 5:30-6:30.

Light refreshments will be available for parents on that evening. We will be looking for feedback from families on whether they prefer this format as we look to do the same thing in Term 3. A note with full details will be going home soon.

SKOOLBAG

Our school now has a Skoolbag account which allows us another way of communicating and feeding information to our families. We will be developing the capabilities and uses for Skoolbag so that it is a streamlined and easy relay of information to our families. Please download the free App to your smartphone so you can join the innovation. If you are unsure of how to do it or have lost your letter with the download details please contact the office or another parent who has already gone through the process. It is as simple as going to the App store, on your phone and searching Skoolbag Harrington Public.
ICAS (INTERNAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS): 2016 DATES

Years 3 - 6 students are invited to sit these independent tests each year in the areas of English, Maths and Science. The cost to participate in these tests is $8.00 per exam. Students do not have to enter all tests but can choose the ones they feel they would like to participate in. These tests are not compulsory. The dates for each exam are listed below but we need to have an indication of how many students would like to participate well ahead of time so we can enter them electronically. Please fill in the slip and return to the school no later than Friday 1 April, 2016 (No it’s not an April fool!).

Science - 31 May, 2016
English - 2 August, 2016
Mathematics - 16 August, 2016

ICAS 2016

My child .................................................. who is in Year ........ would like to sit for the following ICAS papers in 2016.

☐ Science  ☐ English  ☐ Mathematics

I enclose $8.00 per paper

Signed: .................................................. Date: .........................

PBL (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING) FOCUS FOR THIS TWO WEEK PERIOD:

Each week classes explore what these look like and what behaviour is expected of them to meet these goals.

Week 3 - TRANSITIONS: Being Responsible, Respectful and showing our Personal Best when we move around the school between classrooms and from the playground to the classrooms.

Week 4 - COLA: Being Responsible, Respectful and at our Personal Best when we sit to eat under the COLA.

HEALTHY LUNCHES AND SNACKS

We all know it’s hard to encourage students to eat well and drink enough water throughout the day but we want to encourage lunch boxes to be nutritious and appropriate. Work on the ratio of 1-2 snacks per week not per day. It’s easy to put biscuits and treats in the lunch because we know they’ll eat them but a sandwich, fruit, yoghurt, muesli bar, sultanas, water, poppers and frozen fruit slushies are all great things that are as fun as well as better for them. We also have our awesome canteen that is offering some healthy options for our kids (and staff®).

Every day we have Crunch N Sip, where all students K-6 can snack on cut up fruit, veggies, a small tub of yoghurt, fruit puree tubes or cheese. They are also allowed water in their classrooms though juice and cordials are kept for breaks.

Healthy and nutritious lunch and snacks keep our students nourished and alert all day, too much sugar or fats only bog them down, make them tired and hinder learning focus and co-ordination. Please be conscious of this when shopping for and packing lunches.

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

We have received correspondence from David Fisher the Secretary of Harrington Waters Golf Club requesting support from the school community to start up a more permanent Junior Golf Program in Harrington. I have emailed David and given the schools support for this initiative especially because we have so many budding golfers.

David is inviting any interested families to attend a meeting on Sunday 21 February, 1.00pm at the Harrington Waters Golf Club, 41 Josephine Boulevard, Harrington.

PHONES, HAND HELD DEVICES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

This is just a reminder that all phones and hand held devices (iPods, mp3’s etc.) are to be kept at the office throughout the school day. They can be handed to the office in the mornings and collected as the students leave. We would also like to make it very clear, due to many ongoing issues with senior students and social media, that the school does not support primary school students on social media. We have clear policies and procedures regarding cyber-safety and if need be will follow them up with students bullying or inappropriately involving other students on social media sites if they cross over into the school domain.
CALENDAR -

TERM 1, COMING EVENTS

Week 4

Monday, Feb 15  P&C AGM, Meeting
Tuesday, Feb 16  K-2 Parent Information Night
Wednesday, Feb 17  Welcome Back Brekkie Small Schools Swimming Carnival 3-6 Parent Information Night
Thursday, Feb 18  Zone Basket Ball Trials
Friday, Feb 19  School Assembly 2pm 4/5 Class Item

Week 5

Wednesday, Feb 24  Zone Swimming Carnival

Week 6

Monday, Feb 29  Halogen Young Leaders Day
Friday, March 4  School Assembly 2pm 2/3/4 Class Item

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Sporting Schools Program (Active After School Sport) started this week; there are still a few spots available for Wednesday netball with Sharee Bromley, 3-4pm. Numbers are limited to 20 students so please ensure you return your child’s permission slip ASAP. As funding has been reduced students will need to bring their own afternoon tea. Could parents please discuss the afternoon pick up arrangements with your child.

SPORTING SCHOOLS - Permission Slip Term 1, 2016

I give permission for my child/children
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To attend Sporting School Sports on

☐  Wednesday afternoons - Netball 3 to 4pm.

Signed:  Date:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS
5 FEBRUARY 2016

K  Principal Awards
Mia W
Dale
Iris
Logan W

1/2  Music Awards
Issie
Mia S
Bailey
Darcy
Madyson N
Paris
Myles
Jake S - PBL

2/3/4  Class Of The Week
Logan N  4/5
Dale
Gemma
Brody
Jake - PBL

4/5  Super Star Of The Week
Catherine
Darcy
Lilly
Cooper
Mason M
Sabella
Makayla - PBL

5/6
Blair
Rosa
Logan W
Kai
Indiana - PBL

P & C EVENTS

P & C AGM AND MEETING

The P & C will be holding their annual AGM at 6:30pm on Monday 15 February, 2016. All positions will be declared vacant and interested people will be asked to nominate. The AGM will be followed by our first P & C meeting for 2016. All families are welcome to come and join us.
**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Harrington Playgroup is open!**

And welcoming new members.

**WHEN:** every Tuesday 9:30am - 11:30am

**WHERE:** Murray St, Harrington (turn left into driveway after last house on the left, entrance to Scout Hall).

**WHAT TO BRING:** hat, sunscreen, bottle of water and something for morning tea (morning tea is shared among all children that attend).

**COST:** $3.00 per visit, per family. (1st and 2nd visits are FREE). If you will be attending on a regular basis, you will need to register with Playgroup NSW at www.playgroupnsw.com.au cost is $39 for 12 months - You will need to then provide us with your membership number. For more information ring Amander Redman on 0402 867 792

**Taree Panthers will hold registration days;**

- **Wednesday 10/02 @ 5pm – 6:30pm**
- **Thursday 11/02 @ 5pm – 6:30pm**
- @ Taree Rec Grounds, outside the canteen area.

**Cost**

- Minis (U6’s - U9’s) - $100.00
- Mods & International (U10’s - U16’s) - $110.00

*Pay by CHQ, CASH or EFTPOS at the grounds.*

*If you are a returning player you can register and pay NOW ONLINE*

*(IF YOU PAY ONLINE YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR PRINTED RECEIPT ON REGO DAY TO RECEIVE YOUR GEAR)*

**Hockey Players Wanted**

to join CUNDLETOWN HOCKEY CLUB Inc.Junior & Senior teams for the 2016 season.

Players must be 5 years of age or older.

All games are played at the Hockey Fields, Bligh St, Taree. If you would like to join our friendly, family orientated club

Please call or email

Katrina Green 0438521548 skgreen2@bigpond.com

**Cundletown Soccer Club**  
**2016 Registration**  
For both NEW and PAST players

In person at the Cundletown Oval Canteen on:

- **Saturday 13 February at 10am - 12pm, or**
- **Saturday 20 February at 2pm - 4pm**

Or online at: [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

For more information, please contact:

- Grahame: 65511606
- Alicia: 65539929

* & check out our Facebook page

**Enriched Health Care- Camden Haven triathlon festival**

19 and 20 March 2016


**Saturday 19 March**

1km ocean swim - 12pm (15 y/o and over)

LUSC junior aquathlon ( 6-10 yr. olds) and triathlon (11-15 yr. old ) - From 1pm

A bike to be won as a random prize

**Sunday 20 March - 7am start**

Race 1 - Enriched Health Care

Olympic Distance triathlon - Individual or teams

1500m swim/40 bike/10km off road run

Race 2 - OHBS Sprint Distance

500m swim/20 bike/5km off road run

Over $3000 combined in prize money and random draw prizes