Welcome Back!

The staff at Harbord Public School would like to extend a very warm welcome to you all. All our students have done an amazing job slipping back into school routines and with accommodating the various changes that inevitably occur. It is so important to let the children learn how to deal with change so they develop into confident people who exhibit less anxiety and greater resilience. Certainly, our Kindergarten students have really demonstrated these traits and have settled particularly well and parents should feel very proud of their children.

Harbord Public School has a large and extended family and I have had the opportunity over the last week to meet quite a few grandparents, cousins and older siblings. There have been 43 classes formed for the 2013 academic year and the school has a current enrolment of 1087 students. There are 60 members of staff supported by an outstanding Administration Team. The school is very lucky to have the services of Mr Oliver (Mr Dave) who manages to keep our very extensive grounds well managed. The school has two Deputy Principals and six Assistant Principals who, alongside their many and varied roles focus heavily on student welfare, teaching and learning.

The school has a very useful and informative website that we are in the process of updating. We are very aware of trying to reduce our carbon footprint at HPS and will be experimenting throughout the year with a broader use of email and electronic distribution of information. We expect a few teething problems but when dealing with implementing new systems it would be foolish to think otherwise. Fingers crossed though! The school is also integrating a new piece of attendance software that generates attendance notifications automatically. We would ask that you keep your details up to date and notify the Administration Office of any changes to email address or mailing details.

Craig Davis Principal
From the Deputy Principal

Congratulations to our K-6 students on settling back into school routines so quickly. Teachers have commented favourably on how the students have demonstrated a positive approach to their new classes and activities. I have been very impressed with the friendly, cooperative demeanour of the students and the excellent uniform standard evident.

Gifted and Talented Students
Information leaflets are available from the school office for our current year 6 students interested in applying for gifted and talented placement at our local high schools in year 7 in 2014. These leaflets give details of programs available and dates of upcoming tests.

Swimming Carnival
Our school swimming carnival will be held at Manly Swim Centre on Monday March 4th. Due to the large numbers of students we will be conducting a qualifying session for all strokes for our year 3 students on Friday 8th March at Freshwater Rock Pool. The Manly District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, March 8th at Warringah Aquatic Centre.

Induction Ceremony
An induction ceremony for our 2013 Captains and Seniors and our House Captains and Vice Captains will be held on Wednesday 27th February at 1.50pm in the school assembly hall. The ceremony will conclude by 2.30pm. This is a special day in our school year and we look forward to seeing our proud parents witness the induction ceremony. Information sheets will be distributed to our school student leaders in week 3.

Band Program
Harbord band program for our year 3-6 students commences on Monday 11th February. All bands except our concert band begin rehearsals on Monday and the Concert band starts rehearsals on Tuesday 12th February. It is now time to dust off the instruments and get to bed a little earlier for those early morning starts.

Scripture
Scripture classes commence on Tuesday 19th February. Students from K-6 attend 30 minute scripture sessions each Tuesday run by scripture teachers from local church groups. These sessions follow a set program focussing on Christian values. They are child centred and encourage kindness, caring and tolerance. Students not attending scripture classes are looked after by class teachers at this time and complete class work. Scripture denominations for 2013 are Catholic and Uniting Scripture. Ethics classes for year 3-6 students will also commence on Tuesday 19th February.

Summer PSSA Sport
Summer PSSA Sport commences on Friday 1st March. PSSA sports for term 1 are Cricket, Eagle Tag (boys and girls teams), Softball, T-Ball, Volleyball and Newcombeball. Initial trials for above teams will be held in sport time this Friday. Students from years 3-6 are eligible to try out for teams. Successful triallists will receive notes giving details and costs associated with Summer PSSA sport.

Brian O'Rourke
CHESS

Social Chess club will begin 8.30am Friday the 8th March in 1I’s classroom. Students from Years 1 to 6 are welcome to attend. Jeanette Iacovitti Chess Coordinator

CLOTHING POOL

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

A huge thank you for all your help Bridget, who has been a part of the clothing pool volunteer team for the past 4 years. We are now in desperate need of volunteers for Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri. Anyone else wanting to do other days please contact Bec Wathen on 0415 306 957. Thanks a bunch, Bec

Garden Gurus 2013 is about to begin!

We will start in Week 3 at 8am near the garden shed. We move around the school so please be on time 😊

The cost for Garden Gurus is $10 per semester - this covers purchase of materials, planting stock and tools. The school supplies gardening gloves and a green shirt to wear during gardening sessions.

Parents are very welcome to stay and help any time.

Kind Regards,

The Green Team Teachers

2013 Semester 1 Garden Gurus Contribution

Child’s name:_______________________________________ Class: ________

Contribution to cover materials................................................................. $10:00

Please place form and money in an envelope and return to the office.

Preferred day: Monday / Wednesday
## Volunteer Roster:

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## Kindy Visits:

Kindy classes will visit the canteen at some stage during the next week. They will learn:

- how their computer at home talks to the computer in the office so we know what they ordered
- about the traffic light system to classify foods. Green = “go” foods, Amber = “sometimes food” Red = “stop” foods or party foods to have at home
- where and how to line up at the canteen & how to buy something
- to only bring $2 or less to school
- to only buy for themselves
- not to share drinks with their friends
- to try to have mainly “green” foods in their lunchboxes and leave “red” foods at home.

We look forward to seeing them in the canteen.

## Volunteers:

We still have a number of vacancies on the roster. If you can help please let me know. It’s a great way to be involved with your child at school.

## Flexischools Ordering:

If you are new to the school and have not received a leaflet on how to order online, please pop into the canteen and we will give you one. Please check out the new menu items for this year on flexischools.

Jan Baldwin
Canteen Manager

## LIFELINE BOOK FAIR

**Venue:** Ted Blackwood Hall, Cnr Jacksons and Boondah Rds, WARRIEWOOD

**Dates/Times:** Fri 22 February 2 pm – 9 pm
Sat 23 February 9 am – 5 pm
Sun 24 February 9 am – 2 pm

Entry by gold coin donation is appreciated

Somewhere in Australia there is a new call to Lifeline every minute.
This is why your on-going support is important and valued.
ALLAMBIE NETBALL CLUB – REGISTRATION DAY: Saturday 9th February 2013 from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Allambie Heights School Community Hall.
Fees: 8-10yrs $150; 11-17yrs Juniors $165; Seniors $190; New Bodysuit Uniform - $100.
For further information and rego forms www.allambie.netball.asn.au or email: allambie.netball@people.net.au

Manly Vale Football Club welcomes new and returning players to the Club for the 2013 season.
There’s been a price freeze so registrations for the 2013 season are at 2012 prices!!
Half-Price discount for new U6 – U9 players with the Club!!

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BASKETBALL
Learn to Play – Play (only $7 per session) Excellent coaches – Ages 7 & Under (2.30-3.30pm) All Girls (2.30 – 3.30pm) Ages 8 & above (3.30 – 4.30pm)
COME ON DOWN AND HAVE SOME FUN!!
NORTHERN BEACHES INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE
INQUIRIES MWBA 9913 3622

CURL CURL SPORTS NETBALL CLUB - Registrations for 2013 open online from 2nd January.
New players are welcome starting from girls turning 8 in 2013.
Grading for 10yrs onwards is scheduled from approx. 6th February.
Please visit our website at http://www.curlcurlsportsnetball.asn.au for further information, or email secretary@curlcurlsportsnetball.asn.au

PLAY FOOTBALL WITH YOUR LOCAL CLUB!!!!
✧Play with Friends ✧Training at Kik-Off all weather pitches ✧Stay active
Online Registration from January – go to www.hsufootball.com.au
Harbord Seasiders United Football Club

Be a friend. Make a difference.
Did you know that over 45% of people will experience a mental illness at some point in their life? People living with a mental illness can become isolated and spend a lot of their time on their own, which makes recovery challenging.
Compeer, a special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society, addresses this by matching someone who is lonely and living with a mental illness in friendship with a volunteer for social support.

How you can help
We are looking for friendly volunteers to be matched with someone of the same gender and similar age who is living with a mental illness in your local area. If you have four hours a month we’d love to hear from you.
You and your friend will meet for an hour a week to enjoy social activities such as grabbing a bite eat, going for a walk, or attending a sports event. It’s a flexible and rewarding program which can be organised around your other commitments.

What others say about Compeer
“My world had fallen apart and I felt deserted. My Compeer volunteer was a sudden light in a seemingly endless dark tunnel. These days I am so much better and she is a huge part of that.” - Compeer client
“Compeer has helped me feel that I am not alone.” - Compeer client
“I have a greater understanding of humanity on every level.” - Compeer volunteer

More info?
To find out more about volunteering with Compeer, head to the website www.compeer.org.au or email compeer@vinnies.org.au or phone 02 9568 0295
No Parking – Kiss and Drop Zone Etiquette

- **Always** drive to the start of the zone (in line with the first sign to allow maximum number of vehicles behind, even if there are no vehicles queuing behind you).

When No Parking/Kiss & Drop Zone is full -
- **Do not** stop and wait unless a space is immediately or about to become available.
- Continue driving but very slowly (as a space may become vacant).
- Don’t wait for the last vehicle to move off - take any vacant space – this will keep traffic flowing.

When a Pedestrian/Children’s crossing is before the No Parking Zone –

- **First check the crossing** before checking the No Parking Zone for space availability.
- If the No Parking zone is full - do not wait at the crossing (unless pedestrians are crossing). This causes other vehicles to overtake on the crossing which is extremely dangerous and illegal.

Be mindful how you park – don’t take up 2 spaces when you can move closer to a vehicle or driveway and by doing so it will allow another vehicle to fit in. We appreciate that you may need to get out of the driver’s seat to help unload bags and children etc. Please do this expeditiously and efficiently. Tying shoe laces, combing hair and tucking shirts are all activities best done before the journey begins, not while you are parked in the Kiss-Drop-Go Zone holding up traffic.


**Peter Wright** – Warringah Council Road Safety Education Officer – Ph 9942 2447

Moved or changed contact numbers? Please complete and send back to office
Tennis Whizz is a new innovative program that teaches 3 to 5yr olds how to develop their tennis and athleticism through storytelling and other unique, innovative approaches!

www.tenniswhizz.com

Term 1 Sessions commence
Wednesday 13th Feb  9:30 to 10:15am
Thursday 14th Feb  9:30 to 10:15am
Possible classes on Tuesday at 2.00 - 2.45 pm, Saturday afternoon at 4.00 pm.

Contact Information:
To book or for further information call Scott at the Narraweena tennis Centre on 0432 835 854 or Theresa 0405424413 or email: flyingv182@hotmail.com
Also at Narraweena a complete junior tennis program as well Holiday tennis camps in April.
Adult coaching is available.
Thursdays – a weekly adult round robin, good standard
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How does your home loan compare?

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