Principals Report
School Leaders
Congratulations to all our school leaders who were inducted into these positions this week. To our Captains and Seniors - by the very nature of your role you will hold a unique and special place in the school. As school leaders you will forever remain and be remembered as an integral part of our school history and I wish you well in this role. To our House Captains and to the members of our Student Representative Council I look forward to you continuing to make a positive contribution to the culture and harmony of our school. To you all I extend my thanks and congratulations. I look forward to you continuing to earn the respect of others through your actions, integrity and honesty.

School Attendance
Congratulations to all our students on a fantastic school attendance rate. To date we are averaging a 96% attendance rate each week. Roughly speaking, that is about 1 child per class away per day. Thank you to all parents for their ongoing support, particularly with making applications for exemption and by providing notification as to the reasons for absence. Keep up the good work Harbord!

Class rolls are legal documents and as part of the DEC policy schools are to ensure that parents and students are regularly informed of attendance requirements. Outlined below are some directives to schools concerning “Exemptions” and attending activities “during school hours”

Under Section 25 of the Education Act (1990)

Exemption from Attendance at School
- In the case of students of compulsory school age, applications for student leave can be considered as applications for exemption from school attendance.
- Certificates of Exemption from the compulsory education requirements of the Act may be granted when it has been clearly demonstrated by the applicant that an exemption is in the student’s best interests in the short and long term and that alternatives to exemption have been considered. For example, in some cases, application for Distance Education may be more appropriate than seeking an exemption from school attendance.
- Exemption should only be granted where conditions exist which make it necessary or desirable that a certificate of exemption be granted.

Students Attending Lessons Outside School During School Hours
- Involvement in private lessons conducted outside the school during school hours may not be conducive to the effective operation of the school or to the education of the student concerned. Students’ involvement in extra-curricula activities will usually be limited to outside school hours.
- If parents withdraw their children from school for private lessons, an unjustified absence should be recorded and dealt with in the usual manner.

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Thank You Harbord Public School P&C

Already this year our children have benefitted from the generosity of our Harbord Parents and Citizens Association. We are very pleased to announce that P&C have provided the necessary funding to purchase an additional bank of 10 ipads, a new electronic whiteboard for the Multi-Purpose Room and a seeding grant to develop a design concept for the passive area within the Garden of Tranquillity. Such funding enables the school to spend our limited funding on other and equally important areas of the curriculum. Thank you!

Craig Davis

From the Deputy Principal

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2014
Year 6 students have received an information booklet related to enrolment procedures for year 7 students in 2014. The information booklet includes:
Moving to Secondary School
Government Secondary Schooling options
Completing the Expression of Interest Form
Please read this information carefully. The Expression of Interest form needs to be returned to school office or child's class teacher by March 22nd.
Enquiries can be directed to Mr O'Rourke or Mrs McKenzie.

School Leaders' and SRC Induction Ceremony
The school induction ceremony held on Wednesday 13th March was a lovely day for our school leaders and their families. Our leaders received their badges of office and proudly accepted the affirmation of their families and peers. The concert band under the expert direction of Mrs Rose – Castle performed two tunes to entertain the assembly. Thank you concert band.
Thank you to Mr Davis, Mrs McKenzie, Ms Wallace and Ms Wade for their assistance at the assembly.

Routines and Procedures
Students are required to follow a number of routines and procedures during the course of a school day. Students who are used to following routines at home find the task of following school routines much easier. This ability to follow routines equates to happier learning experiences at school.
An important daily routine is for the student to be at school on time for literacy and numeracy sessions conducted in the morning period of the school day. Does your child have regular routines and responsibilities at home? Do they have jobs or chores to complete on a regular basis as part of their contribution to the successful functioning of the family unit?
Students are very capable at managing their affairs if given the opportunity to do so. Students value responsibility and the sense of achievement they derive from attending to these responsibilities.
Students need to be given opportunities to develop these skills with parental guidance. Teachers continually offer opportunities to students to manage their belongings and encourage students to attempt to do their best in their daily activities.
Children will make mistakes and we need to redirect and encourage them to try again. There is nothing wrong with coming up short as long as you are prepared to have another go. What is not in the best interest of the child is doing everything for them. If we continually step in to make things right we are inadvertently saying to the child that we don't trust them to do it themselves. This can erode the child's confidence and cause a sense of helplessness with the approach – why should I try I can never do it right because someone always steps in to fix it or do it properly. We need to trust our children and show them we have confidence in their ability to get on with things. The more opportunities students are given to manage their responsibilities the better they will become at successfully managing these tasks. It is an ongoing process.

Photographs
Please note the following dates for school photographs.
Friday March 22nd Summer PSSA team photographs 9.10am-11.10am.
Wednesday March 27th K-6 Class photographs 9.10am-3.00pm. Family photographs will be taken at lunchtime.

Manly Zone Swimming Carnival
Harbord placed 5th at the Manly Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday. The following students have qualified to represent Manly Zone at the upcoming Metropolitan North Swimming Carnival at Homebush on Monday 18th March. Sienna Hearn, Noni Sawyer, Zac Dawtrey, Alex Jacobs, Sophie Walsh, Emily Hicks, Charlotte Cooper and Molly Prendergast. We wish these students every success in their events at the regional swimming championships.
Thank you to Mrs Cummings and Ms Dorrington for attending the carnival and assisting with official duties.

Brian O'Rourke
JUNIOR CHOIR

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome to come along to Junior Choir each WEDNESDAY at lunchtime. There are NO auditions for Junior Choir. If your child has a love of singing they are welcome to come along.

Junior Choir involves coming to practice every Wednesday (unless notified) at lunchtime, immediately after eating time. Practise sessions will take up half of lunchtime in Ms Montgomery’s classroom.

We look forward to a fantastic year singing together.

Ms K Montgomery and Mrs Lavelle

GARDEN GURUS

Harbord’s Garden Guru's will be selling delicious fresh herbs (parsley, basil, oregano, chives) at the canteen Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.45am until 9.05am.

Waste free Wednesday

Thank you for your support of Waste Free Wednesday. It is fantastic to see so many students’ lunches being packed in reusable containers, rather than in packaging. Please keep up the great work and help us reduce the amount of waste generated by extra packaging.

Remember: Every day is a good day to be waster free!

The Grounds Committee of the P&C and the Fabulous Garden Gurus invite you to a:

Frog Pond Mania Working Bee!

Come and help tidy up our frog pond, plant some native plants in the environment conservation area, spread mulch through the eco-garden and see what great things the Garden Gurus are up to.

Saturday 6th April 3-5.30 pm

We’ll put on a celebratory BBQ, so for catering please RSVP to harbordps.grounds@gmail.com or return the slip below to the P&C box in the school office.

Please bring shovels, wheelbarrows, gloves and a smile. Meet by Mr Dave’s shed.

Thanks.

RSVP for the Frog Pond Mania Working Bee!

Family Name:

No of Adults:       No of Children:
Dr Rip: “Science of the Surf”

Year 3 students who did not attend the swimming carnival this week went to a presentation by Dr Rob Brander, aka Dr Rip. Students learnt about:

- How our favourite beaches formed
- Where all that lovely sand comes from
- Wave formation and types
- Dangerous, safe and freak waves
- Beach erosion
- Rip currents – what they are, how to spot them and what to do if caught in one

Here are some of the messages the children learnt:

If you’re caught in a rip, do not panic or you will drown. Stay afloat and you will go around in a complete circle. Stay in the white water and don’t go in the green. By Luke James 3B

White is nice and green is mean! Don’t panic and don’t swim against the rip. Don’t wave your hand, put it straight up. Always swim between the flags. By Olivia Ortlipp 3B

Look for a rip first before going into the water. I learnt not to panic. By Holly Trundle 3B

You can go on top of a high rock to see where the rip is. They put purple colouring in the water to show where the rip is. By Natalie Kahla 3B

Rips do not push you down in the water. If you are caught in a rip you would probably go around in circles rather than going right out to see. By Jasmine Singh 3B

I learnt that green water is mean and white water is nice. Rips can be dangerous but don’t panic and just float and put your hand straight up so the lifeguards will notice and they will save you. By Maddy Gross 3B

If you would like to learn more about safety in the surf, go to Dr Rip’s website, www.scienceofthesurf.com

Year 3 Cake Stall

Thurs 28th March
(Last day before Easter long weekend)
From 2.45pm

All money raised, goes directly back to Year 3
Stay tuned..............
Want more info, email me on suellend@bigpond.com
**Year 2 Coastal Environment Excursion**

On Thursday 7th March some Year 2 classes went on an excursion. First we caught the bus at 9:10am. I sat next to Natalie. I noticed houses and shops. When we got to Narrabeen we met our instructor. He was called Stewart. Stewart showed us a catchment model and read us a story. 

After recess we went to explore the rock pools. We saw an octopus! I learnt that limpets are different colours. When we finished lunch we made a sand sculpture. Mine was a sandcastle.

My excursion was fascinating because I learnt about sea animals. The best part was looking in the rock pools.

By Claudia Larsen 2B

On Wednesday 2FS went to the Coastal Environment Centre. First we got on the bus and I sat at the back of the bus, then we got off the bus and the three instructors told us what we were going to do and what the rules were. Next we collected shells and after that we made a sand sculpture and decorated it with the things we collected. After that it was recess and then Stewart told us we were going to go on the rocks and gave the parent helpers a tag to put on. When we were on the rocks we found some sea squirtsers and we liked stepping on them. After that it was lunchtime and we went back to the Coastal Environment Centre to eat. Then we went to read a book. Next we went inside the centre and looked at some shells. After that we went out onto the grass and looked at this sculpture and it showed us that if you drop litter far away from the beach it still ends up in the beach. Next we went to the Narrabeen Lake and used the binoculars to look at seabirds but there weren’t many around. Then we looked at a storm pipe. Next we waited for the bus to come. After that we were back at school and it was home time.

By Jessica Mulcahy 2FS

The 2S excursion was on Wednesday 6th March. 2S went to the Coastal Environment Centre. First we got on the bus. It was very noisy and I was sitting next to Billie. Everybody was talking.

Next we got off the bus and met our tour guide, Alison. We collected sea things and made sandcastles. My group made a sea snake. Then we went on the rock platform. We saw anemones, coral and shells. I ran through a puddle of water. Then it was recess.

After that we walked to the centre and had lunch. Then we went inside.

Finally we went back to school. It was my best excursion yet.

By Pippa Ravenscroft 2S

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**HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?**

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – **have you?**

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
# Canteen News

## Volunteer Roster:

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## Waste Free Wednesdays:
The canteen is now able to offer 2 waste free Wednesday lunch specials. If you child orders a burger or a sandwich (without drinks or packaged snacks) they will receive a chook lotto coupon. There will be some recess specials available also (muffins, pikelets, banana bread, pizza, pastry puffs, watermelon, fruit). Coupons will be given out with the recess special.

Burgers will be kept warm in the canteen and students will come to collect with their lunch bag (the same as nachos & hokkien noodles). I’ve reduced Wednesday’s meal deal to $4.50 as it will no longer come with a drink to keep it waste free. Jan Baldwin Canteen Manager

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**NOTICEBOARD**

Harbord Harlequins Rugby starts soon. We need more U6’s – email colin@3rdsense.com

**LOST** Much loved cockatiel last seen on Tues 5/3 in Undercliff Rd Freshwater. Very friendly goes by the name Bela. Sadly missed by 2 young children. Any info please ph Martin 0423885233.

**REGISTRATION STILL OPEN**

- Play with Friends
- Training at Kik-Off all weather pitches

Online Registration - [www.hsufootball.com.au](http://www.hsufootball.com.au) or Paul 0403 938 980

**Harbord Seasiders United Football Club**

**New Basketball year 3/4 competition starting on Tuesdays after school 4.30pm or 5.20pm matches.**

**Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre Enq MWBA 99133622**

**CURL CURL SPORTS NETBALL CLUB**

Are you still considering joining a netball team this winter season. It is not too late to register.

We are looking for a few 8 and 9 year players for our Netta teams and also 12 year players to fill our low grade divisions. It doesn’t matter if you have not played before. We will train you. Please contact secretary@curlcurlsportsnetball.asn.au for more information and visit our website [www.curlcurlsportsnetball.asn.au](http://www.curlcurlsportsnetball.asn.au)

**CURL CURL YOUTH CLUB SOCCER**

**UNDER 6 PLAYERS WANTED**

NEW U6 RECEIVE A FREE BALL, SOCKS, SHORTS & SHIRT

SOME VACANCIES STILL IN OTHER AGE GROUPS

PLAY IN THE GREEN AND GOLD IN 2013 REGISTER NOW!


**OPEN DAYS**

Stella Maris College Open Evening Wednesday 20th March 5 - 8
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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