Principals Report

Road Safety
Thank you to all our Harbord drivers who always act in the best interests of all pedestrians and our children. Your safe approach is very much appreciated.

Over the last few weeks Council Rangers have been monitoring illegal and dangerous driving practices around local school precincts. The Rangers may not approach you directly and are more than likely recording the number plates of cars so that infringement notices can be issued. Please be aware that there are Council regulations that also relate to unsupervised dogs in the vicinity of school playgrounds. Please note that the entire school grounds are assumed playground under these regulations. As the Easter long weekend approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for holiday trips. Please stay safe and remember road safety is everybody’s business.

Stay alert, stay safe and have a happy Easter break!

Children’s Safety

Please remember that children are inexperienced road users and that it’s important they are supervised in the traffic environment. Please remember to:

😊 Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.

😊 Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.

😊 Help your children exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.

😊 Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

P&C Class Parents

A big thank you those parents who volunteered, or were volunteered, to be Class Contacts for the P&C. It greatly assists the P&C and school to ensure accurate and timely information is dispersed.

School Development Days

Please remember that all student’s return to school after the upcoming Autumn Vacation on May 1 2013. The last day of Term 1 will be April 12.

School Calendar

For essential information concerning upcoming events please refer to the School Calendar. Use the hyperlink School Calendar

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Misinformation

Being in the teaching profession for over 35 years I think I have heard most of the comments made about schools and education. Schools and education are certainly getting a work out in the media of late. However, schools are no different from other community institutions and are often subject to unintended misinformation. Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation about schools in general that I hear and while inevitable it is not particularly helpful. Be cautious about accepting or sharing misinformation, personal opinions or unsubstantiated data as fact. The dispersion of misinformation is very human and not a new phenomenon. This is best illustrated through the words of the Hindu Prince Gautama Siddharta who in 563-483 B.C. who was credited with saying...

“Do not believe in anything simply because you have heard it. Do not believe in anything simply because it is spoken and rumoured by many.”

He also said “In the sky, there is no distinction of east and west; people create distinctions out of their own minds and then believe them to be true.”

Craig Davis

From the Deputy Principal

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2014

Year 6 students need to return expression of interest form for placement in government secondary high schools in 2014 by Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March. Spare copies of this form are available from the school office. Thank you to families who have returned expression of interest forms already.

Student Welfare

Our student welfare system is based on mutual respect and encourages students to manage their own behaviours throughout the day. The positive feedback via certificates, stickers, kind words, achievement banners and chook lottos supports this aim. Students engage in annoying behaviour on occasions. This is not bullying. We encourage children always with the following advice;

“If someone is annoying you, stop, go and tell”.

The advice I have for parents is:

- Allow your child the opportunity to resolve their own concerns. Ask them if they have reported their concerns to a teacher. If the answer is no, then my suggested response would be then I can’t help as you are not following the school routine to deal with this issue.
- Do not try to solve the issues raised at home by direct intervention with the child in question or with their parents. School issues need to be solved at school by the teachers and with the full information of the incident rather than just your child’s interpretation of events.
- Parents who have concerns re their child’s welfare are most welcome to raise these concerns with the class teacher. It is not helpful however to have already decided on the outcome and remedy without first finding out about all the circumstances and actual happenings.

Photographs

Please note the following dates for school photographs.

- Friday March 22\textsuperscript{nd} Summer PSSA team photographs 9.10am-11.10am.
- Wednesday March 27\textsuperscript{th} Class photographs 9.10am-3.00pm. Family photographs will be taken at lunchtime.

All students are asked to wear correct summer uniform. It would be appreciated if classes having sport that day bring along their sport gear to change into and thus have their normal school attire for the photographs. Black school shoes please.

Regional Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our eight swimmers who attended the regional swimming carnival at Homebush on Monday. Mrs Cummings reported that all our participants represented Harbord proudly and behaved very well throughout the day. Sophie Walsh placed 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the junior breaststroke final and has qualified to compete in the state swimming carnival at Homebush on April 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd}. The junior girls relay team also continued their good form and made the regional final and placed 5th. Well done Sophie, Emily, Charlotte and Molly.

Manly Zone Trials

Congratulations to the following students on their selection in Manly Zone PSSA teams

- Cricket – Ewan Hughes
- Ewan has also qualified for the group 3 combined zone team

Anzac Day Ceremony

We will be conducting an Anzac Day Ceremony on Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} April at 10.30am in the school hall for our Yr 2-6 students. The ceremony will be conducted by our school captains and seniors and our senior choir and several band members will perform at the ceremony. All K-6 classes will study Anzac Day at an appropriate level for each grade prior to the assembly.

Brian O’Rourke
Interviews Days Term 1 2013 - Information for Parents

Once again this year we are booking Parent Teacher Interviews online.

The main day for interviews for each Stage is:

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* As Ms Howard is on leave, 3H interviews will be held outside these times and a separate note will be sent to that class with details.

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Teachers may be available at other times as shown on login to the site.

For parents who don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, we will set up a time in the computer room before school when you will be able to book in. Depending on demand these times will begin with: Tuesday 26th, Thursday 28th, Tuesday 2nd April, Wednesday 3rd April from 8.30-9.00am.

Parents... Bookings will open on Monday 25th March at 9am.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

FOR YEARS ONE to SIX: Enter the School Code: JYQ4L (3rd letter is Q for queen)
FOR KINDERGARTEN: Enter the School Code: VLLWS
and press “Go”

Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:

1. Enter your details First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.

2. Choose teachers On the next page, choose from the list of teachers.

3. Choose times Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you. When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. If something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.
REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Yesterday Mr Homes and I had the pleasure of travelling to Homebush for the Regional Swimming Carnival with the Harbord students and the Manly Zone Team.

Our students were: Zac Dawtrey, Alex Jacobs, Noni Sawyer, Sienna Hearn, Sophie Walsh, Molly Prendegast, Charlotte Cooper and Emily Hicks.

All of our students were happy and beautifully behaved and all placed in the top 20 for their events. The Junior Girls relay also made the final and did themselves proud.

A big congratulations to Sophie Walsh who has qualified for the State Carnival on April 2nd in the Breaststroke and who came 4th in the Junior Medley. Go Harbord!!

Mr Holmes & Mrs Cummins

World Water Day

This week we are collecting funds for World Water Day to help people who do not have access to clean water. We are supporting OzGreen who are working in East Timor.

We are going to create a Harbord Raincloud with water droplets representing the money we donate to create a visual image of the funds we have provided.

Each day children who bring in money will colour in coins on a class raindrop to represent the money they donate. On Friday the class raindrops will be attached to our School Raincloud.

Children may be able to raise funds through:

- doing a chore at home or for a neighbour,
- choosing to donate the money they might spend on drinks during the week and drink water instead,
- asking you to donate your coffee money for a day,
- asking friends or relatives to go without a coffee one day to donate to the fund.

Harbord Earth Hour Family Challenge

Earth Hour started in Sydney and is now an international event to challenge people to be without power for just 1 hour! Can your family do it?

- We want to know how many Harbord families can turn off the lights, shut down the TV and live without the computer or power hungry phones/iPods/iPads/gaming consoles etc.
- This Saturday turn off all electricity at 8:30pm. Many councils and community groups run events you might like to attend or perhaps you can band with friends or neighbours to make a fun night of saving power.
- At school we will turn off lights, white boards, fans, air-conditioners, computers – anything that needs electricity for an hour.
- The purpose is not to save an hour of electricity – it is to get everyone to think about just how much power we use and that all power has to be generated. Making power uses lots of resources, some of them are renewable but others aren’t.

Paul Kelly Cup Zone AFL Champions

The Paul Kelly Cup AFL Zone Championships were held on Tuesday 12th March at Nolans Reserve, Manly. Other schools to participate on the day were Allambie Heights, Seaforth, Bilgola Plateau, Narrabeen Lakes, Dee Why, Redlands and Oxford Falls Grammar. Harbord cruised through to the semi-finals, winning each of the pool games by over 40 points. In the semi-finals Harbord defeated Redlands 36-1. Therefore the boys progressed to the grand final against the also undefeated Oxford Falls Grammar. Our boys dominated from the start, with all the boys playing well and tackling enthusiastically. The final school was Harbord 31 to Oxford Falls 9.

The team will now play in the Regional Finals which will be held in the next few weeks. Mr Addicott
On Thursday 7th March 2H went to Narrabeen Environment Centre. We went on a bus. I was next to my Mum. It was noisy.

After we got there we had to listen to the rules. Then we got a guide. Her name was Alison. We read ‘Sally the Limpet’ and we got to hold a limpet.

Then we had recess. I was hungry so I had half my lunch.

We went looking for birds through binoculars. On the beach I found weird shells. I think they are barnacles.

Then we went to see a 3D model that showed some parts of Australia. Alison showed us spots where there was a river. We put an animal on the model.

After that we walked through the caravan park to the pool where the rock platform was. We found heaps of shells and interesting things.

Then we went to a different beach and we had to walk up 111 steps. It was tiring. We made sand sculptures. My group made a mermaid.

Finally we went back to school. My favourite party was seeing a shell that had a trap door. It was cool!

By Evie Saunders 2H

On Thursday 2FL went to the Narrabeen Coastal Environment Centre. First we went bird watching. The first bird we saw was a pelican but it was hard to see so we got out the binoculars. After we adjusted the lens we could see it clearly.

We went and had recess on the grass in front of the building. After that we held a limpet and heard the story of ‘Sally and the Limpet’.

We went to the class’ favourite spot, the rock pool. We went looking for sea stars, zebra shells, mulberry shells, sea urchins and sea anemones. We didn’t find a single sea urchin. We had lunch near the rock pools.

After lunch we went beach combing and we made sand sculptures. My group made a turtle which was my idea. We decorated it with little bits of coral, sea sponges, and seaweed. Then we back to school on the bus and played a gem until home time.

Morgan Elvy 2FL

Yesterday 2FL and 2R went to the Coastal Environment Centre. I learnt that limpets are really hard to get off rocks because they don’t want to get washed away by the current and they can stay on the same rock for 20 years. I also learnt that the Mulberry Welk is a herbivore and if you step on the fireworm your foot can sting for up to two weeks.

Starfish can camouflage on rocks and if you turn one over on its back, it can flip itself back over the right way but they can only do it if they are in water. Toadfish are poisonous but they are very beautiful. Sea anemones look frilly and cool and they have an exoskeleton and if you touch them, the tentacles stick to your finger.

When I went to watch birds I learnt swans are a lot bigger than other birds and there was an island made of plastic and I do not like that. I learnt a lot and I loved the excursion. By Anna Linenberg 2R

Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle at The Captains Shop Alfred St Freshwater will be drawn Easter Sat 6pm

Tickets available at the shop. All profits go to Stewart House.

Raise The Youth Mentoring Foundation warmly invite you to their annual Sparkle Party Sat 23/3 2013 7.30pm until 12.00pm 13 Hickson Rd Dawes Point to purchase tickets go to www.trybooking.com/CFRK enquiries www.raise.org.au
AFL NEWS

Harbord Public School played host to Sydney Swans premiership players Kieren Jack and Nick Smith. The players spoke to students from years 3-6 about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. We heard about their diet and training regime. Kieren and Nick told us about their proud moment of winning the 2012 Grand Final. They were appreciative of the interest shown and the questions asked. Some classes were handed passes to see three free Sydney Swans matches this season. If your child did not receive one of these, they can go to redrookie.com.au and sign up.

YEAR 3 Cake Stall
Thurs 28/3 from 2.45pm outside the hall info sueellend@bigpond.com

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. 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.

PSSA Orders: Please note that PSSA has now started. Please make sure you select the PSSA option when ordering on Friday if your child is involved in PSSA sport. This ensures that their lunch is ready for the early PSSA pick up time.

Jan Baldwin Canteen Manager
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飞翔v182@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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