Principals Report

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 below.

School Calendar

Have a happy & safe Easter

From Harbord Public School

DIARY DATES

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From the Deputy Principal

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2014

The date for return of expression of interest forms for placement in government secondary high schools in 2014 has now passed. If you have not returned your child’s form it would be appreciated if this could be done as a matter of urgency.
Spare copies of this form are available from the school office. Thank you to families who have returned expression of interest forms already.

Photographs

The following photograph sessions have taken place.
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.
The cooperation shown by the students was clearly appreciated by the photographers from Advancedlife Photography.
I was very impressed by the high standard of uniform evident for the above photographs. Well done parents and students.
Please note that team sport photographs will be on display early term 2 and order envelopes will be available from the office for those families wishing to order copies of team photographs.
The class and sibling photographs were pre-ordered by families and they will be distributed by class teachers in term 2. The turnaround time for these photographs is usually 6 weeks.

Combined Zone Trials

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

Anzac Day Ceremony

We will be conducting an Anzac Day Ceremony on Friday 12th 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.
Parents are most welcome to attend the assembly.

PSSA Sport

Summer PSSA sport has now ended for term 1. Summer PSSA sport will restart on September 13th.
Trials will now commence for Winter PSSA sport. The winter PSSA competition starts in week 2 term 2.
Winter PSSA sports are as follows: Rugby League, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Netball and Netta

Brian O'Rourke

Banner Assemblies

In 2013 these will be held each Semester rather than each term.
The first Banner assembly for students will be in Term 2:
K-2 students on Wednesday June 19th
3-6 students on Wednesday 26th June
Invitations will therefore be sent out next term, closer to the relevant date.
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.

Main interview times are as below:

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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.


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.
Wonderful World Water Day Result
We have been impressed by the generosity of Harbord children with our water day fundraising – over $1,450 raised and still some funds coming in! What was really impressive was that the children chose to give up their canteen money or worked to earn their money to donate rather than just asking parents for money. Even more exciting was the range of conversations around social issues, helping others, government roles and creating a better future for all people. Harbord community: helping raise involved, responsible citizens for tomorrow. Well done everyone.

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:
Kimbriki Tip Trip

On Tuesday 12th March, class 5D and 5C went to Kimbriki Recycling Centre. We hopped on the bus at nine thirty. I sat next to Felicity and we talked to Talia, Bailey and Isabelle on the way. When we arrived a lady called Pen (short for Penelope) got on the bus and we went on a tour around Kimbriki. She showed us where the yellow and blue rubbish got dropped off. Pen told us that it is quiet annoying and she advised us not to put plastic bags in the blue and yellow bins at home, as they get stuck in the sorting machines and the machines no-longer work.

We then headed towards the vegetation waste, which really smelt! While we were there we saw a truck tipping vegetation rubbish onto a massive pile. When we looked to our left we saw a pile of thrown out wood. Some things I saw in there were tables, chairs and pieces of decks. Who would want to throw out those things when you can reuse them?

We saw a few more piles but then we had finished our bus tour so we got off the bus and walked over to the Eco house. The Eco house is a house made of all recycled things like pieces of tin. It was time for recess so we went in the Eco house, sat on a chair and ate our recess. This might sound gross but the toilets were really interesting. The walls were stuffed with hay and the toilets were just holes. When you had finished you had to put two scoops of mulch into the toilet and you also had to squirt this funny stuff into the toilet as well.

We went back to the Eco house and a guy called Pete was there. He played this instrument called a Hang Drum (it was fantastic), he also played a drum called Djembe which is an African drum. Next we went into a garden and ate some edible flowers which were rosemary flowers. We also had edible leaves called lemon balm which you can make tea with. We also had a fruit called cherry guava and it was scrumptious.

Our class went and sat on some wooden seats. Pete had a plate on his hands and when he showed us, all of the girls screamed because it was a plate of worms. He put one on each of our hands. I told him that the worm let out this yellowish-white stuff on my hand and he said that it was because the worm was scared of me. I think that everyone had a great time and were really interested.

By Scout Dechamps 5D

Harbord’s Masterchef!

Congratulations to Molly Dignan from Year 6 on her success in the Royal Easter Show! Molly received a Second place ribbon for her Chocolate Cake and Third place for her Choc Chip Muffins in the Under 20 year old division. Cake baking competitions at the show attract entries from around the country and there is tough competition for the prizes and recognition. This is a fabulous result for someone so young and a great example of a student setting a goal, giving it a go and achieving it. We will look forward to seeing Molly’s ribbons when she receives them at the conclusion of the show. If you are visiting the Arts and Crafts Pavilion whilst at the show, then look out for Molly’s entries on display.

@nd Prize

3Rd Prize
Cakes, Jelly, Ice cream
50 cents – $2

Year 3 Cake Stall
Thurs 28th March
From 2.45pm

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All money $$$$ raised goes directly back to Year 3!
Year 3 parents: Please drop off cakes and other baked goodies
to the canteen from 8.45am or bring in the afternoon.
(Please note we have NO COLD STORAGE)
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We also need helpers from Year 3 in the afternoon

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. Please note that we can’t give out chook lotto coupons if you purchase a drink separately. 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. Unfortunately there were a lot of students who didn’t select PSSA last Friday. I am unable to find these orders in the large volume of orders that I have on a Friday. So if you forget to select this option your child’s lunch will be kept in the canteen for pick up on return from PSSA.

Rice Snacks: Mixed rice snacks (20g) are now available. No added MSG, no artificial colours or flavours. Unfortunately they are not gluten free due to the soy sauce used. Great snack for 50c.

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: 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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