Principals Report

Please be cautious particularly during wet weather
Please exercise care when driving in and parking around school precincts when raining. Poor and dangerous parking practices can’t be justified due to the weather. The weather on Wednesday was a little unexpected but it is worth the extra time to ensure that we all drive and park with safety.

Wet Weather at School

We just have to face it, wet weather often catches us off guard. A lack of suitable wet weather gear, cumbersome umbrellas and deep puddles can all add up to a less than favourable start to a school day. Upon arrival students are requested by their teachers to remain under shelter under covered areas. Students in isolated rooms are encouraged to leave their bags in a safe and covered area if at school before bell time.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent and Teacher interviews provide an opportunity to build a trusting relationship between students, their parents and us as teachers. One would hope that this relationship will continue to develop throughout the year and will assist in developing a greater understanding of student learning outcomes and how a positive, learning partnership can assist in a student’s progress. What is important to consider during these interviews is that every child is different in the way in which they grow and learn and that each year offers new and unique challenges.

Generosity

Thank you to Jett’s Thom’s Grandmother, (Anne Parry) for her lovely Easter gesture!
From the Deputy Principal

Regional Trials
The following students will be attending regional selection trials in weeks 10 and 11 as a result of their selection in combined zone teams at recent trials. Kailey Harlen, Ben Allen and Aden Van Wensveen will attend soccer trials on April 4th and Guiseppe Plati, Gil Pybus and Lachlan Burnett will attend league trials on April 10th. We wish the above students every success at the upcoming regional selection trials.

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. Students are invited to wear girl guide or scout uniforms if they are members of those organisations. Each year we select several students from years 2 – 6 to address the assembly with a short presentation on the topic – What Anzac Day means to me. Over the years we have had some excellent presentations and I am looking forward to these presentations again this year. Students who have a family connection with Anzac Day or other theatres of war are asked to chat with their class teachers about presenting an item for the assembly. 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.

Parent Interviews
K-6 teachers will be conducting interviews with parents in week 11 to discuss the progress of students during term 1. Teachers will focus on the academic progress of the students as well as their social and emotional development. Areas of achievement will be highlighted and suggestions for areas requiring improvement will be discussed. Please be mindful that all children love to please their parents and are very keen to do their best. Your child’s education is a work in progress and it is important that we acknowledge their successes and quietly put in place strategies to further assist their development at their level. Students who engage in a range of school activities, fit in with school procedures and expectations, treat others respectfully and do their best are really demonstrating that they are indeed receiving a good education.

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

Parents... Bookings will open on Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} March at 9am.


FOR YEARS ONE to SIX: Enter the School Code: **JYQ4L** (3\textsuperscript{rd} 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.
On Monday 25th the school Captains and Seniors went to the National Young Leaders day at the Entertainment Centre, Darling Harbour, where they listened to inspiring speeches about leadership. The guest speakers were Mike Martin co-founder of the Halogen Foundation who initiated the Young Leaders Day; Creel Price, entrepreneur; Brett Lee, a former detective and cyber safety consultant; Jessica Fox, silver medallist at the 2012 Olympic Games and Nathan Hindmarsh, former Parramatta Eels Captain. Each gave incredible talks on their life and tips on how to improve our leadership skills.

There were over 6,000 students from around New South Wales who attended on the day. The students who attended from Harbord were Captains Poppy, Seamus and Stephanie, Seniors Maddi, Lincoln, Bella, Gus, Heidi, Ben and Abby and SRC representative Zac. Everyone had a tremendous day, full of learning experiences.

Leadership Is:

- 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:
We raised.. $695.00
for Year 3!!!!
BIG THANKS to everyone that baked, bought and braved to help on the stall. We couldn’t do it without you.
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COMING SOON:
SPELLATHON
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Fundraising meeting:
Friday 5th April at 2.15pm, in the staffroom.

Canteen News
Volunteer Roster:

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Limited recess over the counter orders for Kindy – Yr 1:
We are no longer serving ice blocks or drinks over the counter at recess to kindy & yr 1. The reason for this is that the teachers found that this age group don’t have the time to finish these items before they return to class. They are able to purchase these items at lunch when they have more time to eat / drink them. Thanks for your understanding re this.

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.
Jan Baldwin Canteen Manager

Comets Netball Club 2 players needed If you are born in 2003 and are interested in playing netball, we’d love you to join our team. No exp necessary and you can even join with a friend. Season starts Apr 6th contact Flora 0413663326 or email Rosemary
rosemarymaddox@optusnet.com.au

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service needs to collect over 27,000 blood donations every week. Our mobile service is visiting HARBORD DIGGERS located in the back car park, Evans Rd, Freshwater THURS 4th APRIL 12.00 – 5.30pm. Thank you for your support of our lifesaving service.
WHAT’S ON IN TERM 2 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course  (3-10yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (28/5-25/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course  (3-8yrs)
Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
Chatswood 7sessions over 8 wks - 5 group & 2 telephone (8/5-26/6)

Communicating with Kids Course  (based on PET)  (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood 6wks/2.5hrs  (23/5 - 27/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Communicating with Teens Course
Aims to increase your understanding of your adolescent’s needs & behaviour with skills to relate to them.
Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs  (20/5 -24/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops  (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Cremorne 16/5-30/5 & Chatswood  5/6-19/6 (3 wks/2.5hrs (7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (21/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (13/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830  (2-2.5 hours)
★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums  ★ Transition to School
★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training  ★ Transition to High School
★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep  ★ Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series
★ Older Sibling – New Baby  1-12 years & Teens
★ Bully Busting  ★ Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
★ Resilient Kids  NEW ★ Grand Parenting

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting  9887 5830

NSW Health
Northern Sydney Local Health District
**Narraweena Tennis Centre**

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.

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