Parent and Teacher Interviews:
As you could imagine it has been a busy week or so with Parent Teacher Interviews taking place. Can I thank you one and all for making the effort to come to these very important sessions. Mrs McKenzie has done an amazing job coordinating the interview process and at last count there has been over 990 interviews booked online. At an average of 10 minutes per interview that would make roughly 165 hours of discussion this week about our student’s progress throughout Term One. Well done, Harbord!

Student Invoices
Parents and carers will notice that there were two separate student invoices distributed this term. One invoice was for Subject Contributions and the other for Extra-Curricula Activities. The Subject Contributions invoice was for the entire year so a child in Year Three for example, would pay $108.95 for 2013. This year classes were also asked to identify and capture the cost of excursions and other extra curriculum activities for each Semester. Student invoices for Extra-Curricula Activities are for a period of one semester (two terms) and will vary from grade to grade depending upon the type of activity students are involved in. This year Mr O’Rourke was able to negotiate an extension of a weekly “Sport in Schools Program” for students in Year 3-6 to parallel the PSSA program each term. The cost for both the “Sport in Schools Program” and PSSA program is $45.00. Please disregard the note that went out earlier in the term before the extension to the sport’s program was negotiated. Having a combined invoice for one semester doesn’t always capture all costs but generally most costs are accounted for. A semester invoice enables the school to determine the cost effectiveness of each activity rather than trying to collect money after the event. This also reduces the amount of money collected and banked on a daily basis.

While all State Schools are financially supported by Governments this funding can only stretch so far. After paying for classroom materials, books, utilities, staff replacement, general repairs and the like, schools find the financial cupboard to be a little bare in terms of having discretionary funds to spend on meeting the needs of students and staff. It is important to note that schools must prioritise and manage their many and varied needs. All schools engage in fundraising and this year Harbord Public School, with the support of our committed fundraising committee, teaching staff and students, is having a spectacular Spellathon! More information about this fundraiser can be found in this newsletter.

REMINDER 2 PUPIL FREE DAYS ON MON 29TH AND TUES 30TH APRIL.

We look forward to students returning on WED 1ST MAY

Working Bees  Thank you to everyone who helped out last weekend with the working bees. The school is looking tops!

The staff at Harbord Public School wish all our students and families a safe and restful Autumn Vacation!

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From the Deputy Principal

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.

State T-ball Champions
Congratulations to Chelsey McKay, Keira Trim and Marissa Glasson who were members of the U/11 Manly Warringah representative team that won the state championships on the weekend.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program
Harbord has registered with the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program for 2013. We have a collection box in the school office for parents to place completed Earn and Learn points sheets. Earn and Learn points are allocated for each $10 spent at a Woolworths store.
Collection period is from April 8th to 9th June 2013. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Stewart House Donation Drive
SRC students will be coordinating the annual Stewart House Donation Drive to raise funds for Stewart House. The focus of the program is kids helping kids. All K-6 students are asked to place a $2 coin in an envelope (supplied) and return the envelope to school. Students are asked to do a chore at home to raise the $2.00. Funds raised will support the excellent work undertaken by Stewart House for disadvantaged students throughout the state. All envelopes returned to school will be placed in a draw with the winner receiving a $4000 family holiday. The envelopes will be distributed early in term 2. Our SRC students will be having a tour of Stewart House in term 2 so they can better understand how the funds raised will be spent to assist children in need. Thank you for your anticipated support of the fundraising program.

Term 1 at Harbord PS
Thank you to staff, students and parents for your contribution to a busy and successful term 1. We look forward to another productive period in term 2. Monday 29th April and Tuesday 30th April are Staff Development Days and the students in K-6 return to school on Wednesday 1st May.
Enjoy the holiday break.

Brian O'Rourke

DIARY DATES

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Parent Teacher Interviews

Despite it being the last week of school, we have had a very busy time at Harbord with over 1 000 interviews conducted. Whilst teachers held interviews during a morning and afternoon session, students attended two educational shows. These have been included on your Semester invoice as ‘Interview Day Activities’ and represent fabulous value for the $10 fee.

The shows attended were:

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Thank you to the many teachers who assisted with the supervision of students during these performances, often collapsing their programs to have the time to do so: Mrs Meade, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Gill, Mrs Murace, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Manion. A huge thankyou to Miss Meredith and Ms Doyle who also led dance and singing sessions following the performances, a big gig especially when at times, the group included 350 students!

What students liked:

I went to the Jollybops and I had fun. There was a scientist and a robot and it was fun.
Alice KJ

I like the Aboriginal dance because I was chosen to do it. It was a dance about the waves and we had to do actions and make noises.
Artie 2B

I liked when the robot threw the foam aeroplane and made the wing break. The Professor showed us that boomerangs are shaped like the wings on an aeroplane.
Carys 2B

I liked when the Professor got the firestick and blew up the balloon. It was gas inside the balloon.
By Travis 2B

I was chosen by the Professor to go out the front. I had to balance a cup on my head. The Professor shot smoke rings out of a bin and a ring knocked the cup off my head.
By Olive 2B
Helping your child to become a good speller

Spelling is one of our Regional and school learning targets for 2013. With this in mind here are some useful hints for parents.

At a glance

Use everyday opportunities to draw your child’s attention to words.

- Talk to your child about how you spell and what you do when you don’t know how to spell a word.
- When your child comes to words they can’t spell, encourage them to look at the new words, say them, cover them with their hand, write them from memory, and then check them.
- When learning to spell an unknown word, first talk about what the word means.

When your child is taught spelling at school, they learn to understand:

- how words sound
- how words look
- how words change form, eg from ‘jump’ to ‘jumped’
- where words come from.

At school, kids:

- usually spend time each day studying words
- learn that spelling is a tool that is closely linked to writing and reading
- learn that accurate spelling matters and that it's important to check their writing for mistakes.

Spellathon

Sponsor sheets will be going home this week so that ALL children can get some sponsors during the holidays for our SPELLATHON!

This will be held in MAY to raise money for IPADS to be used by the whole school.

All grades will have lists that are specific to them. These lists will go out at the beginning of Term 2, so all we need to do in the holidays is:

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FRIDAY 19 APRIL – TUESDAY 23 APRIL
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ALLAMBIE NETBALL CLUB would like to invite 7 year olds (Born 2006) to attend our NetSetGo junior netball program. NetSetGo has been developed to provide children with the best possible learning and playing experience, and to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation.

Visit our website www.allambie.netball.asn.au for further information & registration form.

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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 winter PSSA will begin the second Friday of term 2. 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. If PSSA isn’t selected 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.

**INTRODUCING HAPPY ½ HOUR FRIDAYS…..**

The canteen will be open on Friday afternoons from THIS Friday till 3.15pm for drinks, iceblocks & slushies. GREAT way to start the weekend!!!!!!

Jan Baldwin  Canteen Manager
## 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 6 wks/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)

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### WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)

| Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums | Transition to School |
| Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums | Transition to High School |
| Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training | Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series |
| Speech & Language Development/Sleep | 1-12 years & Teens |
| Older Sibling - New Baby | Dealing with Teen's Back Chat |
| Bully Busting | NEW |
| Resilient Kids | Grand Parenting |

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Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting  9887 5830  
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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:
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5-7 per group $149 for the term

Kids 10yrs+ OR those of competition standard
Tues, Wed & Thurs at 5-6.30pm
5-7 per group $195 for the term

Teenage class
Mon 3pm; 5-7 per group $199 for the term

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL - to get good class sizes we need to know how many children will be attending. Payment due by the first day.

Private lessons $42 half hour & $80/hr
Interested in tennis lessons for adults? Call for a timetable.

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- Improve Self Confidence
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