PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

WELCOME BACK
It was great to see smiling faces from everyone upon their return to school on Tuesday. Hopefully, the vacation period has provided the opportunity to break the cycle of coughs, colds and other illnesses that impacted upon the staff and students in Term 3. I would also like to extend a very warm Harbord welcome to all our new families and students and hope you will enjoy your time at our school.

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2013
Our school is participating in the first year of the annual collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. Currently, different states and territories collect information on school students with disability in different ways. In 2010 all state and territories agreed to the development of a nationally consistent approach for collecting data on school students with disability. The data collected in 2013 will be used to inform policy development for future funding and other policy requirements. The data will be used to inform future planning by governments and education authorities and will help us to better support the participation of students with disability in our school and all other NSW public schools.

PLEASE NOTE: The data collection process will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process. Your child will be provided with a note later this week or early next week giving more details about the purpose of this data collection.

WHAT’S ON
A quick check of the calendar and it is easy to see that Term 4 has started with a bang. The School Swimming Scheme has commenced under the management of Mrs Hall, Year 4 is off on their Elizabeth Farm excursions this week and next week and our School Production is in full swing. For more details use this link: School Calendar

THANK YOU

- For not bringing your dogs into school
- Increased vigilance with pedestrian safety (particularly not using driveway entrances)
- For assisting with providing explanations for student absences within seven days.
- For not parking in neighbour’s driveways
THANK YOU FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS

I know it is early days but our neighbours want you to know that they appreciate drivers not parking in or across their driveways. Thank you for being considerate. Just as a reminder that Council Rangers and Police are active around schools and known hot spots. Please avoid potential fines and loss of points by not parking in bus stops, No Standing Zones or in our neighbour’s driveways.

MASKED LAPWING (Spur-winged Plover)

Yes, it all happens at Harbord Public School! During the vacation two very proud and tenacious parents have moved into our school catchment. Over the holiday break a pair of Masked Lapwings (Spur Winged Plovers) have set up home on the oval. The proud parents already have a clutch of eggs which they are extremely protective of. I have spoken with National Parks and Wildlife as well as WIRES and we are unable to disturb the brooding pair for fear of disrupting their breeding pattern. We are advised that it could take a month of incubation until the chicks are hatched.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS: Typically, Masked Lapwings breed when conditions are suitable. Both sexes share the building of the nest, which is a simple scrape in the ground away from ground cover. This nest is often placed in inappropriate locations, such as school playing fields or the roofs of buildings. Both sexes also incubate the eggs and care for the young birds. The young birds are born with a full covering of down and are able to leave the nest and feed themselves a few hours after hatching. The Masked Lapwing is notorious for its defence of its nesting site. This is particularly the case after the chicks have hatched. Adults will dive on intruders, or act as though they have a broken wing in an attempt to lure the intruder away from the nest. The Masked Lapwing is sometimes referred to as the Spur-winged Plover because each of its wings is armed with a yellow spur at the ‘elbow’ (or carpal joint) — Indigenous people used to say that the birds were carrying yellow spears. Lapwings use these spurs when diving at potential predators or intruders during breeding season, while chicks are running around or when the eggs are just about to hatch. While these attacks are quite unnerving, the birds seldom actually strike their ‘victims’, preferring a close approach to scare them away.

PLEASE MIND THE BIRDS AND THEIR NEST AS IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE.

CONSTRUCTION FENCES

Just like the Plovers we have bred some site sheds over the vacation period. The Department is undertaking a consolidation of the school site with the construction of a new building consisting of 4 rooms. There will naturally be some unavoidable disruption but as always the school has processes in place to accommodate any changes that may arise.

Craig Davis
From the Deputy Principal

Welcome back to all our students for term 4. It is always a busy and exciting term as we work towards a number of our end of year events and complete the curriculum requirements and experiences for each grade.

Our year 2 and some year 3 students are participating in the learn to swim program over the first 2 weeks this term at Manly Pool. Thank you to our year 2 and 3 teachers for their excellent organisation of this activity.

Charles Podgorny, an overseas student, will be undertaking an 8 week practicum on class 5W commencing October 21st. Charles is from Highland, Indiana and attends Indiana University in Bloomington. We are looking forward to his arrival in week 3.

All our school programs have recommenced and Summer PSSA sport and Sports Skills Program begin this Friday 11th October.

We look forward to our Production, The Envelope Please, in week 2. Details of matinee and evening performances can be found elsewhere in Doolooboorah.

Please note the following expectations for all students in term 4.
- Wearing correct school uniform every day. No Hat No Play Policy will be enforced this term. Please ensure your child has his/her name on cap/hat.
- To follow school rules and be responsible for their own behaviour.
- To maximise the learning opportunities each day by exhibiting good behaviour, good manners and good application.
- To attend school on a regular basis and on time for the start of the school day.

We look forward to a productive and successful term 4 for all our K-6 students in a safe and supportive school environment.

Brian O'Rourke

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**Pink Hope**
**K-2 Athletic Carnival BBQs**

We raised over **$700 for Pink Hope!!!**

Well done to everyone that helped on the BBQ and collected money!

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**NEXT FUNDRAISING MEETING...**
**Friday 18th October at 2.15pm in the staffroom**
School Production 2013

“The Envelope Please”

Below are the dates for class items in the Production.

Matinee performances will begin at 9:30am.

Evening performances will commence at 7pm.

Tickets will go on sale online in Week 10. Please read next week’s Doolooborah for details.

Please note that ticket sales close 4.50pm the day before each performance.

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Matinee Performances for “The Envelope Please” Production

- All children in Kindergarten and Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be attending a Matinee Performance on the following days. We are asking for a gold coin donation. Please send the coin with your child on the day of the performance and money will be collected by the class teacher.

- Unfortunately and unavoidably, Year 2 (and some Year 3) students will not be able to attend due to the school swimming scheme.

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PRODUCTION TICKET SALES:

- Go to the website www.flexischools.com.au
- If you already have a canteen fleximeals account, you can use the same login. You can begin by going to ‘start a new order’.
- If don’t have a login, you will need to register first.
- Under ‘what’s on at your school’, type in ‘Harbord’ then click on the school name.
- This will take you to the page where tickets are available. You will see a section for ‘TICKETS’ and the name of the Production: “Pass The Envelope Please”.
- You will need to choose the date for your tickets making sure you have checked the Doolooboorah for the day your child’s class is performing.
- Click on ‘ORDER TICKETS’ and select the time from the drop down menu, either the matinee at 9:30am or the evening performance at 7pm.
- You can then order the number of adult or child tickets. You will need a credit card for your payment.

You will receive a confirmation email and then tickets can be printed. Please make sure to bring them with you for the performance or there may be a delay in obtaining your seats.

PLEASE NOTE THAT TICKET SALES CLOSE 4.50PM THE DAY BEFORE EACH PERFORMANCE

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PSSA orders for Friday: Please remember to press PSSA order if your child in year 3-6 is in PSSA on Fridays. If PSSA is not indicated on the lunch order students will need to pick their lunch up after PSSA as we are unable to sort through the huge amount of orders we receive on Friday.

Mobile Website – iTunes App Phased out:

A new, free, Mobile Website, which replaces the iPhone / iPad app and adds many new exciting features has been launched. The Mobile Website runs directly from the phone browser, does not need to be downloaded via the App store, and in a few steps (outlined below) an icon is added to the phone to behave like an App. With this new, free system now available, we have removed the iPhone app for sale from the App store, but we will continue to support ordering via the old App until 2014.

The reasons for this change are:
- a) The new Mobile Website works on virtually any mobile device - not just Apple
- b) The new version has many more features
- c) Because it runs from the browser, users instantly get new features, without requiring updates
- d) IT'S FREE!

The current iPhone / iPad app will continue to work for the rest of the year. But we will be encouraging people to try the new version, because of the new features and benefits. We are releasing this information to the parent population shortly via a mail-out.

Q) How do I use the Mobile Website?
A) Parents go to www.flexischools.com.au from the browser on your device. Click “Login” and enter the existing username and password. You can also create a home screen icon on your phone so it works just like an App - see below.

Q) Why change?
A) Because the new version supports lots of devices, has more features, and it’s free.

Q) What are the new features?
A) In addition to all the existing ordering and account features in the App, the new Mobile Website has the following additional features:

- Add / Setup your Students (no need to use desktop)
- Quick Re-order
- Setup Recurring Orders
- All Top-up Options Available
- Update Student Class Details

Importantly, as we release new features, users get them instantly - no need to update.

Q) Can I put an icon on my iPad / iPhone home screen to make it work like an App?
A) Yes, browse to www.flexischools.com.au and click ‘share’ then ‘add to home’, as described here: http://www.apple.com/ios/add-to-home-screen/

Q) What about Android phones?
A) Yes. On Android phones, bookmark the webpage in the browser and then hold your finger on the bookmark and select “Add Shortcut” or “Add to Home Screen” from the options that appear.

Q) Can I get a refund on the old App?
A) Sorry, no. But you can continue to use it until 2014. After that, we will continue to support use of the old App for as long as is practical. You can move to the new Mobile Website at any time and always add a link to your home screen (as above) and launch the new system just like the App. You'll also find lots of new cool features already available with the new version, as above.

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