SWIMMING PROGRAM

Thanks to all the staff and students who participated in the swimming program over the last ten days. I have heard some wonderful reports about some great improvement in swimming coupled with excellent behaviour. Thank you Mrs Hall.

NAPLAN RESULTS YEARS 3 and 5

Please be advised that the results for of the National Assessment for Literacy and Numeracy have arrived and will be given to the students to take home Thursday.

CALENDAR CHECK

For more details use this link: School Calendar

Primary news bites:

Choosing the right shoes
School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about $30 to $120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes

NSW public school terms and holidays

Where’s the octopus
Wow - it’s videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHpKwKxI&feature=youtu.be

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

Craig Davis
From the Deputy Principal

Uniform
The present uniform standard is very encouraging and we thank our families for their support of our uniform requirements. I love to see our students proudly wearing their school uniforms each day. The NO HAT NO PLAY policy is now in force for the hot weather in term 4. Please ensure your child brings his/her school hat each day. School hats can be purchased from the school canteen.

Band Recruitment Evening
Our annual band recruitment evening will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 22nd October from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Current year 2 students and their families are invited to attend the information evening to hear about our wonderful band program. Thank you to our concert band who will be performing during the evening.

Presentation Days
Please note the following dates for your diaries. The annual presentation assemblies for 2013 are as follows:

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Presentation assemblies 1 and 2 include class awards, across grade awards for English and Mathematics, sport awards, special program awards and Sue Havenstein awards. Assembly 2 will also include special year 6 awards and the announcement of our captains and seniors for 2012.
The junior choir will perform at assembly 1 and the senior choir will perform at assembly 2. All our presentation assemblies will be conducted in the school hall.

Selective High School Placements for Year 7 in 2015
Information sheets have been distributed to our current year 5 students wishing to apply for Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2015. These information sheets have a tear off section for parents to return to school to indicate if they will be applying online or require an application package.
Online applications are now open and need to be submitted by Monday 18th November. Apply online at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Paper applications need to be returned to school by Monday 18th November.
Placement in selective high schools is an extremely competitive process and parents need to carefully evaluate if this is the most appropriate option for their child based on his/her record of academic achievement at school.

Brian O’Rourke

Harbord Parents & Citizens
Come and join our next meeting – an opportunity to listen to our principal speak on issues affecting our school and children
Wednesday 23 October, 7.30pm
School staffroom (enter via front door)
New Members Welcome
Refreshments after meeting

If you cannot attend, you are welcome to email any questions or suggestions to jenbourg@bigpond.net.au or drop a note into the box in the office foyer by the end of this week
Invitation to all current Year 2 children and their parents

Band Information Night

Tuesday 22$^{nd}$ October 2013
6:30pm in the School Hall

Come and hear our fabulous Concert Band perform.

We will issue Band Handbooks, demonstrate all the instruments in the band, outline band commitments and the audition process.

Be Cool at School - Be in the Band

No Experience necessary!!

- Band handbooks will be available from the front office from 23/10/12 for those who cannot attend the Band Information Night
- Audition forms are due to the front office by Mon 28th Oct, 2012. Band places are limited so late forms may not be excepted.

Children in years 3 – 6 are eligible for the Band
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.

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

- **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.

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- 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](http://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 Doolooobaah 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.

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DANCE AUDITIONS FOR 2014

BOYS DANCE GROUP
Boys in Year 3, 4 and 5 Monday 21/10 and 28/10 and Wednesday 23/10 lunchtime in the Hall.

SENIOR GIRLS
Girls in Year 4 and 5 Thurs 24/10 and 31/10 Lunchtime in the Hall.

JUNIOR GIRLS  Girls in Year 2 and Year 3 Tues 22/10 in the Hall straight after eating time 1.05pm with Mrs Walton and Ms Alexander.
Year 5 Cake Stall
Thurs 24th October
From 2.45pm

- All money $$$$ raised goes directly back to Year 5
- Year 5 parents: Please drop off cakes and other baked goodies to the canteen from 8.45am, or bring in the afternoon.
  - *****NO NUTS*****
- We have NO COLD STORAGE,
  - No jellies or cakes that need to be kept cold to be brought in the morning
- We also need Year 5 parents to help on the stall, in the afternoon

NEXT FUNDRAISING MEETING...
Friday 18th October at 2.15pm in the staffroom

NOTICEBOARD

- The Northern Beaches TAFE are currently recruiting students to come and complete a year 10 equivalent or attend a workshop in: basic computing, job seeking skills, personal stylist workshop and many more. These courses are excellent in helping parents to improve their literacy and numeracy skills so they are confident to assist with their child’s homework.
- The courses are FREE and aimed at either single parents or teen parents. They can be studied at TAFE or can be done from home. For more information please see the flyers attached or feel free to contact me.
- Thanks for your time Raphaela Dernocoure Raphaela.Dernocoure1@tafensw.edu.au Ph 131 674

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Ph: 9905 3567