SPARE A THOUGHT
It is worthwhile taking some time to think and lend our individual support where possible, for those impacted by the terrible fires throughout NSW. As well as those who have suffered property loss, spare a thought for those students sitting for the HSC and those students who cannot attend school due to the potential threat of bushfire. In NSW alone on Wednesday some 33 Public Schools and a number of Catholic and Independent Schools have closed.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION
Congratulations to all the students and staff for putting their best foot forward in this year’s School Production. I am enormously proud of your efforts and commitment. Thank you, staff and students.

CHORAL CONCERT
Congratulations to our singers who performed as part of the mass choir at the Sydney Opera House this week. What a special occasion to also have the opportunity to perform during the Opera House’s 40th Birthday!

SCHOOL LEADERS TO VISIT STATE PARLIAMENT
Our four School Captains have been invited to visit Parliament by the Member for Manly, Mr Mike Baird. This invitation will provide Noah, Stephanie, Poppy and Seamus with a fantastic opportunity.

NEW ENGLISH CURRICULUM
Harbord staff has undertaken a great deal of professional development in preparation for the implementation of the new National Curriculum. Grades have worked together to develop new units of work and other staff have worked closely with other local schools in our Learning Community.

STUDENT INVOICES
Just a quick reminder that the school has sent out invoice reminder notices this week. We would appreciate your attention to these outstanding invoices. It is doubly important as the school financial year ends in November. Thank you!

PARKING IN SCHOOL DRIVEWAYS AND SCHOOL GROUNDS
Please resist the urge to park in the school driveways and car parks. With so much pedestrian traffic, any additional cars have the potential to cause congestion and pose a greater threat to the safe exit from school of our students. Thanks!

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

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Band Recruitment Evening
Thank you to the many parents and students who attended the band recruitment evening on Tuesday. The concert band performed and as always impressed with the high quality of their performance under the expert hand of Mrs Rose-Castle. Please note that band application forms for the 2014 program are to be returned to the school office. Spare forms and band information booklets are available from the office.

University of New South Wales Competitions – Mathematics
173 students from years 3-6 participated in the above competition and were awarded 3 High Distinction, 10 Distinction, 65 Credit and 95 participation certificates. Congratulations to all participants in the competition. Listed below are the credit, distinction and high distinction recipients.

Credit awards:
Year 5 – Simay Celik, Nathan Gartner, Noah James, Callum McKay, Riley Schwarz, Sebastian Bland, Jack Reid, Oliver Morgan, Nathan Black, Sally Oates.

Distinction Awards:
Year 3 – Billy Chapel, Ryder Lehmann.
Year 4 – Katherine Cannon, Chelsey McKay, Matthew Cameron, Dylan George, Elodie Honour.
Year 5 – Julia Jiang, Finn Harte.
Year 6 – Tom Kelsey.

High Distinction Awards
Year 3 – Mia Christiansson.
Year 4 – Olaf Braaksma – Menks, Kyra Murphy.

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

PSSA Awards Assembly     Friday 6th December 10.30am
Presentation Assembly 1    Wednesday 11th December Year 1 – Year 3 9.30am–11.00am
Presentation Assembly 2    Wednesday 11th December Year 4 – Year 6 11.30am–1.00pm
Presentation Assembly 3   Thursday 12th December Kindergarten Graduation 9.30am-10.30am.

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. Paper applications are available at school office. 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.

Weet-Bix Kids Try-athlon
Mark Fountain, an Australian champion 1500m runner, spoke to our year 3-6 students on Wednesday about healthy lifestyles and encouraged students to participate in the Kids Try-athlon that will be held at Sydney Olympic Park on 17th and 19th January 2014. 30 Harbord students participated in this event in January 2013. Information leaflets are available from the office for interested students. Students can register online at: www.try.weetbix.com.au
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.

Reminder notices for outstanding fees have been sent home. Please find below payment authority to assist with payment

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT REMINDER

Name of Student: ………………………………………………… Class:…………………………

PAYMENT OPTION (please tick one)

{   } I enclose cash / cheque payment of $ …………………

{   } I enclose credit card authorisation of $ …………………

Credit Card Authorisation: MasterCard / Visa (please circle)

Card Number _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _

Exp date ……/……

Cardholder’s name ……………………………………………

Signature …………………………………

Daytime Telephone Number ………………………………… Amount $

Please return complete form, together with cash, cheque (made payable to “Harbord Public School”) or completed credit card authorisation. Please have the correct amount if paying by cash.
Year 6 Farewell 2013

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

On Tuesday 29th October at 6:30pm an information evening will be held for the Year 6 Farewell to be held on Monday 16th December.

The information session will be held in the staffroom. Committees will be formed and a theme will be chosen. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Each year parents organise and prepare the Year 6 Farewell. Your help is appreciated and will ensure the Year 6 Farewell is a memorable experience for your child.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ms Natalie Langby
Year 6 Supervisor
Relieving Assistant Principal

THE CROSSING OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS
By GRACE RIDDELL 5C Winner Year 5 Young Writers’ Competition

I am William Charles Wentworth. I was chosen to cross the Blue Mountains with Blaxland and Lawson because two years ago, in 1811, a caterpillar plague destroyed all our crops, leaving the colony of NSW with very little food. The next year there was a drought and too many people were arriving in the colony. Something needed to be done, so Blaxland, Lawson and I decided to try to cross the Blue Mountains, as many others had since 1789.

We started our expedition on the 11th of May 1813. We were given four convicts, four horses and five dogs to take with us. Once we crossed the Nepean River we started heading up the main ridge. The path was covered with trees and we had to cut through them to make a pathway for the horses. This made our progress very slow and we only travelled about five kilometres a day.

I found it very hard to sleep one night. The silence was eerie and I wasn’t surprised to hear the dogs barking. There was something rustling in the bushes. I thought at first that one of the horses had broken free. I think the others thought that too. The next morning we saw footprints surrounding our camp. I looked at Blaxland and he nodded. We had been surrounded by the natives.

As we continued up Mount York we saw campfires and abandoned shelters, but we never saw any natives face-to-face. There was very little grass and the horses often went hungry. The ridges were not very wide and if we fell we would’ve broken our necks and died. We cut notches into the trees so we could find our way back easily.

We soon reached the top of Mount York. We walked along it for a bit until we found a valley perfect for the horses and us to get a rest and a good drink. The horses were exhausted so we took off some of their load and dug trenches so they could get down. We shot a kangaroo and we had the best meal we’d had for days.

We spent the next three days heading west and on the 28th of May we reached the top of Mount Blaxland. We saw grassy plains perfect for grazing sheep and cattle. We had found what we were looking for. Blaxland decided to turn back.

The return trip only took us five days. We crossed the Nepean River and arrived back on the 6th of June. We were rewarded with 1000 acres of land and were treated like heros. I still can’t believe I did something so important.
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

Save the date for **Spring Fair 2014**...........

- **Sunday 31st August**
- We are looking for volunteers for the “SPRING FAIR 2014 COMMITTEE”
- Please email Suellen on suellend@bigpond.com

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WHAT’S ON IN TERM 4 – 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 (7/11 - 5/12, 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 (16/10 - 27/11)

**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 (21/10 - 25/11, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Tuning in to Teens Course**
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents' needs & behaviour.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (29/10 - 26/11, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Toddlers Workshops** (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 17 - 31/10 (3 wks/2.5hrs (7.00-9.30pm)

**Resilient Kids Workshop**
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (13/11, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop**
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (22/10, 7.00-9.30pm)

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

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

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