THANK YOU

Another great year at Harbord Public School has sped by again. Our Senior Students have completed their 7th year of Primary school and are well prepared for all that 2014 has in store for them. Harbord Public School has an outstanding student body and I thank them all for their contribution to the school and to their education. We are fortunate enough to have an exceptional teaching and administrative staff who work tirelessly in support of your children. A huge thank you to our P&C and the incredible work they do on behalf of the 1100 students. Thank you to the canteen coordinators, volunteers and OOSH Team.

Finally, thank you! People don’t always get why schools do what they do. What might appear easy or simple is often a more complex task. It is like Newton’s third law of motion, for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. So it is with schools. Thank you for your trust in our professionalism as we endeavour to do the best that we are able for all students. We never lose sight that as a school we have over a thousand individual students that we care for.

CLASSES 2014

At this stage the school is preparing to host 44 classes for 2014. For next year we look forward to welcoming Mrs Nicole Arnold and Mr Ben Wiggins who have received permanent appointments to Harbord. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Narelle Walton and Mrs Leanne Smith have also been appointed as permanent members of our staff. On a sad note we say a fond farewell to Mrs Kay Abrahams from our administration office who announced her retirement after over 20 years of service to our school. We are all sad to see her go!

CROSSING SUPERVISOR 2014

The school received verbal confirmation that a Crossing Supervisor will be appointed to manage the crossing on Wyadra Street next year. This is a fantastic boost for the safety for all those who use this crossing during the morning and afternoon peaks.

SCHOOL RETURNS

For students in Year 1-6 school will resume on Wednesday January 29 2014. Kindergarten students will commence on Thursday 30th January 2014.

SCHOOL SECURITY

Please report anything suspicious to
School Security: 1300 880 021
Police Assistance Line: 131 444
Dee Why Police: 9971 3399

From all the staff at Harbord Public School we extend to you our season greetings and wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas.
From the Deputy Principal

Mr Podgorny
Charles Podgorny, an overseas student from the University of Indiana, has completed his overseas teaching stint at Harbord PS in term 4 on class 5W. Mr Podgorny has proven to be a welcome addition to Harbord with his friendly, capable manner and distinctive accent. The students of 5W have been good hosts and have made Charles feel very welcome. Charles also spent 2 weeks with Mr Holmes and he was able to work with all the primary classes and add to the sporting program with his American games and sports. Thank you to Miss Wade and Mr Holmes for their work with Charles this term. A big thank you to the Westdorp Family for providing a home for Charles during his stay. Charles indicated that Jenny and Michael and Amelie (4T) and Jake (2FS) have been wonderful hosts over the last 9 weeks.
Charles has loved his stay and will remember Harbord and the northern beaches fondly. He particularly wanted to thank the students and staff for making him so welcome. Charles will be returning to Highland Indiana at the end of the term and is already looking forward to the cold weather. Charles will commence his teaching career in 2014 and I know he will make a fine teacher and draw upon the many experiences gained during his time with us.

Year 6 Farewell
We all enjoyed a lovely evening at the Year 6 Farewell. The year 6 parents did a wonderful job decorating the hall, organising the food and mementos to ensure the students had an evening to remember fondly.
Well done to our year 6 staff, Mrs Langby, Mrs Wallace, Mrs White and Mr Hughes-Clapp for their guidance and leadership with our year 6 students in 2013.
We wish our year 6 students all the best for 2014 and thank them for their contributions to the College of Knowledge over the last 7 years. Well done year 6 2013.

Some Thoughts for the Holidays
- Appreciate the abilities of your children and allow them to find their own paths.
- Trust them to cope with new situations and experiences. I can assure you they don’t need these experiences to be stage managed or pre planned.
- Trust the school to look after your students. We want the best outcomes for the children as well and we trust the students to cope with the upcoming demands, responsibilities placed upon them.
- School concerns should be addressed in an adult manner with an interview or a chat. Lengthy emails or letters based on heresay and mis-information create problems for all concerned. It is difficult to recant information when it is found to be incorrect and in some cases quite offensive.
- Be very aware of gossip because that is what it is and it rarely has anything to do with the facts.
- The school plans extensively for classes for the following year based on the best educational outcomes for all students. Wish lists and personal requests or demands from parents are not part of this educational process.
- Think about how you can support your child and the school and allow your child to grow and develop by experiencing real day to day concerns by themselves. Constant interference and stage managing is of no benefit to any child.
- Teachers contact parents if there are real concerns evident at school.

Holidays
I wish all our staff and students and their families a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and a well-earned rest over the holiday period.
School recommences on Wednesday, 29th January 2014 for our year 1-6 classes and our Kindergarten students commence on Thursday, 30th January 2014.

Brian O’Rourke
This week students will receive a list of items they require to purchase to equip them for the new school year. This will allow parents to take advantage of ‘Back To School’ specials during the holidays and for the students to be ready to start work when they return. These lists are also on our school website in case your paper copy is misplaced during the holidays. Go to the ‘School Years’ tab and choose the grade your child will be going into in 2014.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING US KNOW!

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING 2014

PLEASE NOTE: NOT APPLICABLE FOR YEAR 6 (we already know you are going on to High School)

However, the school realises that for many families circumstances change and that some students may be leaving us to travel overseas or to move interstate and to new schools. If your child is not currently in Year 6 and will not be returning to us in 2014 please notify the school as soon as possible.

You can use the following link to our school email Please write “Not returning in 2014” in the subject line and include your child’s details along with your new location or change in circumstance. This would be most helpful.

SCHOOL 2014

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Term 1 Kindy starts Thurs 30th Jan 2014
Year 1 to Year 6 starts 29th Jan 2014
Changed address, moving or contact details changed? Please complete and return to the office

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CHICKS 4 CHICKS WOMEN WHO FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT HELPING OTHER WOMEN PRESENT....

Dance for “Chicks’ Sake!”
An event to raise awareness for abused women.
All proceeds will go to the Manly Warringah Women’s Resource Centre.
The people you will help are closer to home than you may think.

Freshwater Guides, 10yrs +, Opening Next Year
After the great success of the recently opened Jnr Guides 7-10yrs, a Guide Unit will be opening next year for girls 10ys +. Spaces are very limited with only 8 remaining. Located in the Girl Guide hall behind Waves, meetings will be on a Friday evening. To find out more about the unit or Guiding in general, please contact Fiona Morgan at freshwaterguides@gmail.com or visit Girl Guides at www.girlguides-nswact.org.au

Calling all Netball Players aged 8 through Seniors. Curl Curl Sports Netball Club is a family orientated club and is taking online netball registrations for the 2014 winter season from 2nd January 2014 and closing 31 January 2014. Please register online and also refer to our website for more information – www.curlcurlsportsnetball.asn.au
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January 14 WK 2 13th to 17th
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