PRINCIPALS REPORT

ANZAC Day
Harbord Public School will be holding Anzac Day Ceremony in the hall on Friday April 11th for year 2-6 students in recognition of the 100 years of ANZAC.

School Photos
Summer PSSA House Captains and Vice Captains photos will be taken this Friday 21st March. Class photos K-6 scheduled for next Wednesday 26th March.

Please help us
Over the last couple of weeks staff have reported that some of their cars in the Oliver St car park, have received panel damage. Students have been seen throwing rocks after school around the “BIG” rock and bottom playing field after school. I’m sure that damaging cars is not their intention but please help us by discouraging children from throwing stones at any time within the school. We would ask that children remain under close adult supervision so that we avoid any costly complications. Thank you for your support.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5 they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

School A to Z app
Like some help with your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.
Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.

Safety around School
PLEASE EXERCISE CARE AT ALL TIMES! Remember to set the standard for your children by modelling the appropriate way to cross at the marked crossing or using the pedestrian lights.
Craig Davis
From the Deputy Principal

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2015
Year 6 students will receive information next week related to enrolment procedures for year 7 students in 2015. The information booklet includes:
Moving to Secondary School
Government Secondary Schooling options
Completing the Expression of Interest Form
Please read this information carefully. The Expression of Interest form needs to be returned to school office or child’s class teacher by Friday March 21st.

School Procedures
Thank you to students and parents who use the pedestrian access ways to enter and leave the school. Your common sense is appreciated.

School Photographs
Summer PSSA teams will have their photographs taken on Friday 21st March from 9.15am to 11.10am. We will also be taking a group photograph of our House Captains and House Vice-Captains at 9.10am.
K-6 classes have their photographs taken on Wednesday 26th March. Order envelopes to be returned to child’s class teacher.
Family portraits will be taken on Monday 30th March from 9.20am in the school hall. Order envelopes are available from office.
A group photograph of our Captains and Seniors will be taken at 9.10am on Monday 30th March.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Harbord placed 4th at the Zone Swimming Carnival. The following 12 students gained selection in the Manly Zone team to attend the Regional Swimming Carnival at Homebush on Tuesday 25th March.
Nick Walsh, Molly Prendergast, Toby Mayhew, Poppy Mayhew, Imogen Grey, Georgia Grey Jessica Colbran, Tom Sawyer, George Pittar, Jack Reid, Bodhi Spijker, Chad McKinlay.
Well done to all our swimmers and we wish the above students every success at the upcoming Regional Carnival.
Thank you to Mr Carroll and Mrs Cummins for managing and encouraging our swimming team.

Summer PSSA Sport
Round 3 of the competition will be conducted on Friday 21st March.

Combined Zone Rugby League Trials
Congratulations to the following students who gained selection in combined zone league teams following trials at Harbord Park on Monday 17th March.
11years team – Jonathan Taufa
Opens team – Nathan Gartner and Taine Allen.
The above students will now attend regional rugby league trials at Kanwal on Wednesday 2nd April.

Mathematics Olympiads
Each year talented year 6 boys and girls participate in the Mathematics Olympiads. The program commences in term 2 and each month the students sit an Olympiad. There are 5 Olympiads in total and each one comprises 5 problems to be worked out by the students.
I am currently working with a number of our year 5 boys to introduce them to the program. I will also work with our nominated year 5 girls early in term 2. The year 5 students meet with me each Thursday for 6 weeks to go through problem solving activities and fun maths facts and figures.

Brian O’Rourke
Primary Ethics Classes
The start of Primary Ethics Classes for 2014 was a little rocky with the change-over of Ethics Class coordinators and a growth in demand and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.
It is important that prior to making changes to the children’s scripture classes and registering for Ethics that all parents understand what the Primary Ethics classes are all about. This information is best found on the latest Primary Ethics web page http://www.primaryethics.com.au
Currently there are ten Ethics classes and a waiting list across all grades. We aim to fill the waiting list from the beginning of each term if a place becomes available. Additional places in ethics are dependent upon the recruitment of enough teachers and the ability of the school to provide can locate appropriate classroom space. If you think you might be interested in training to become a volunteer Ethics teacher please visit http://www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicsteacher.html
Email any queries to Pamela Low - harbordethics@gmail.com

Parent Teacher Interviews Term 1 2014 - Information for Parents

Once again this year we are booking Parent Teacher Interviews online.
The main week for interviews is Week 11, the last week of term, Monday 7th April to Friday 11th April.
Bookings will open on Tuesday 25th March at 9am

Parents...
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
For students in *Years 1 – 6: Enter the event code EMPB2 and press “Go”
For students in Kindergarten: Enter the event code PX4CB and press “Go”

*There is a separate log-in for 2HB and 4G as their interviews are being held prior to week 11 (use Event code WCFJ6). These details have already been sent to parents of students in these classes.

Booking interviews is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3:

1 Enter your details First enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address.

2 Choose teachers On the next page, choose your teacher

3 Choose times Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teacher is available (make sure you scroll across the page to see and consider all options). Simply click on the time that suits you. You can then add interviews with additional teachers if you have more than one child. When you have finished, your interview time(s) will be emailed to you. If something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

If you are experiencing difficulties with the site or process, please ring Ms McKenzie during school hours.
Year 1 Excursion – Tuesday 25th March, 2014

All Year One students will be travelling by bus to the Sydney Aquarium and IMAX Theatre in Darling Harbour to support their learning about ‘The Sea’.

- Students need to arrive at school at 8.40am and will return at approximately 3.00pm.
- Students need to wear full school uniform and will need to bring recess, lunch and drinks in disposable packaging and carry it in a strong, labelled plastic bag.

Fiona Groves
Year One Excursion Co-ordinator

Chess
Social Chess club will begin Friday the 7th of March in 1I’s room at 8.30. Students from Years 1 to 6 are welcome to attend.
Jeanette Iacovitti (Chess Co-ordinator)

Canteen News

Volunteer Roster:

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Flexischools online ordering: Online ordering is the only way you can place an order for your child’s lunch from the canteen. Please register at www.flexischools.com.au

Jan Baldwin
Canteen Manager
0400 816 650 or 9939 1651
World Water Day 2014

This week (17th – 21st March), Harbord P.S will be raising money for World Water Day (officially Saturday 22nd March). Students are being encouraged to donate 100cents for 100ml to help raise money to provide clean water for people living in third world countries. Individual classes will be colouring in paper water bottles to demonstrate the amount of money raised. On Tuesday Judy Charnaud from OzGreen is coming to speak to K-6 about worldwide issues surrounding access to clean water.

Donation ideas:

- Encourage children to donate some of their canteen spending money.
- Encourage children to participate in extra chores at home to earn some money to donate.
- Perhaps parents could forgo a coffee and donate the money instead. ☺

We will be displaying a Harbord Water Tank mural in the library to show children how much money has been raise and the SRC have made informative World Water Day posters to encourage everyone to get involved. Thank you everyone for supporting this vital cause.
FUNDRAISING UPDATE AND NEWS

Year 5 Cake Stall  Thurs 27th March
From 2.45pm
All money raised goes to Year 5
All cakes and goodies are to be taken to class rooms in the morning,
please do not bring anything that needs to be kept cold
We also need Year 5 parents to help on the stall, in the afternoon
*******NO NUTS*******

Save the date
Spring Fair 2014 ........
Sunday 31st August
We are looking for volunteers for the “SPRING FAIR 2014 COMMITTEE”
please email Suellen on suellend@bigpond.com

NOTICEBOARD

FOUND
Mobile phone found in staff car park Wyadra Ave 10/3 Please contact office ph 99054276
Self-development through drama!
Boost your child’s creativity, confidence and communication skills.

Enrolling Now – Ages 5 to 17
Contact 9982 9085
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