



Harwood Island Public School

Newsletter No. 9 – 25th March 2014

Dates to Remember:

- AFL Clinics 21st, 28th March & 4th April.
- High School Day year 6 Wed 26th Mar
- Basketball Yr3/4 Mon 31st Mar
- School photographer 4th April
- Basketball Yr5/6 Mon 7th April
- School Cross Country Wed 9th April
- **Last Day term 1 Fri 11th April**
- **First day term 2 Tues 29th April**
- Maclean Show Wed 7th May
- District Cross Country 8th May
- **NAPLAN years 3 & 5 13-14-15 May**
- ICAS computer test Tues 20th May
- Safe Pet Care Thurs 29th May
- Questacon at School Tues 3rd June
- ICAS Science Wed 4th June
- High School Day Wed 11th June
- ICAS writing Mon 16th June
- P&C Mon 16th June 5pm
- ICAS Spelling Tues 17th June
- **Last day term 2 Fri 27th June**

Harwood Island P&C meeting
Monday 16th June
5.00pm.

Everyone welcome!

We are now on Facebook so please go on Facebook and like



us.

Our website gets updated weekly. School newsletters can be viewed online in colour.

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WHAT'S DUE NOW?

**Canteen orders*

**School fees \$50*

**Easter Raffle Donations*

**Year 6 Transition Day permission note*

**School Photographer Student and Family Envelopes NOW DUE BEFORE APRIL 4!!*

**ICAS Permission Note for Yr2-6*

**Easter Raffle Tickets*

**Year 6 shirts expression of interest*

ENROLMENTS 2014

Due to the arrival of 3 more children our numbers now stand at 74. We need 78 children to form a new class! If you know of any new arrivals to our area please send them to see us!

MACLEAN SHOW HOLIDAY

This year a half day holiday has been gazetted for the Maclean Show. Attached to today's newsletter is a letter outlining changes to the Maclean Show Holiday. Please read this carefully and return the attached note for our records and to assist us with organisation on this day, thank you.

BASKETBALL GALA DAYS

This term the Raymond Laurie Sports Centre will be holding two Basketball Days. Our school has nominated teams for both days with students from Years 3/4 playing on Monday 31st March and Year 5/6 playing on Monday 7th April. Children will leave the school, by bus, at 9.10am and return to school before 3pm. The cost will be \$6.50 per child to cover entry fee and bus fare. All children in years 3/4 have been given a permission note. today

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY

Year 6 students will have their first Transition Day this Wednesday 26th March at Maclean High School. Please return permission with payment before Wednesday 26th March, thank you.

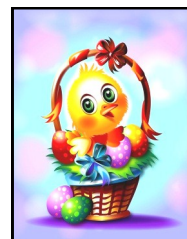
CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The School Photographer will be at the school on **Friday 4th April**. Children are to wear their sports uniform as this is our sports day. All envelopes are to be in before this day.

EASTER RAFFLE

Items are still needed to make up our Easter Basket/s to raffle. Please send all items to the school office.

Thank you to all the families who have sent in - wine, chocolates etc, and thank you to 'Hooked on Seafood' who have donated 2x\$10 vouchers to our raffle. Some families have already sold their tickets which is a great effort, thanks. All funds raised will go toward to cost of upgrading the school's canteen area and school excursions. Your help with this fundraiser is very much appreciated. If you require more tickets to sell, see the ladies in the office.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received 'Student of the Week' certificates at our assembly today. Rory McLeod, Sam Jackson and Sam Carter - working well in all areas; Taylah Develder - improved work habits; Harrison and Maddison Earle - welcome back to Harwood; Seth Harrison - trying hard in maths and Natalia-Lee Amour - wonderful reading. Great work!

ATTENDANCE

If you are planning a long absence from school for a family event or other reason, **please see Mrs Eather** beforehand. Children may be eligible for an exemption from school. Plus your class teacher may require work to be done while your children are away so they don't slip behind the rest of the class.



Education & Communities

AROUND OUR SCHOOL TODAY



Mrs Battye getting our school display ready for the show

SAVE IPAD TOKENS

We are participating in a competition to win 10 iPads for our school. Please collect tokens from the Daily Examiner and return them to the school office. Your assistance with this promotion would be greatly appreciated.

AFL CLINICS

The children are really enjoying this program that is being held each Friday during sport. Only two more AFL clinics to go! We have been very lucky with the weather so far. The children are progressing well, developing their ball skills and team play.

ICAS COMPETITIONS

An information sheet and permission note for the competitions has been sent home. Permission note and payment are to be returned to school before the 10th April, thank you. If you need more information regarding the ICAS competitions please call the school and we should be able to help you with your enquiry.

STUDENT BANKING

It's great to see so many of our children banking with the school. This is a great way to teach your children how to manage their money and they also get rewards that are on display in the school foyer. Banking day is Thursday and all deposit books are to be at the school by recess, thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS

On the menu this week we have Spring Rolls \$3.00 and Milo .50c. There are also lots of delicious treats for recess priced 50c to \$1.50 each. Order form for next week is on today's newsletter.

All orders have to be at the school no later than Tuesday each week. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN! We look forward to your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

LOWER CLARENCE ARTS & CRAFTS ASSOCIATION INC

The 49th Annual Open Competitive Original Arts Crafts & Quilts Exhibition will be held at Gulmarrad Public School from 4th - 6th July 2014. Friday and Saturday 9am-4.30pm and Sunday 9.30am - 2.30pm.

If you would like to enter this competition, entry forms are available at the school office. There is a \$2.00 entry per art work. Sections and other conditions are noted on the entry form.

JAY WASHINGTON BASKETBALL CLINIC

Jay Washington all the way from Sacramento, California is coming to Yamba to share his wealth of basketball knowledge. Jay has over 10 years experience in coaching and training as well as his 4 years of Pro Basketball in America, Europe and the Philippines as a player.

When: ***Thursday 24th April 2014***

- Beginners fun Session 9am-10am
- Advanced Trawlers Rep Session 10.30am - 12.00 pm

What: ***Beginner and Advanced coaching clinics for Junior Basketballers in the Lower Clarence Region.***

Where: ***Raymond Lawry Sports Centre***

Cost: ***\$7.00 per child***

RSVP by Tuesday 22nd April 2014 - Phone 66468822

CANTEEN ORDER FORM Week 9 - Thursday 3rd April 2014

Hamburger @ \$3.00 number of serves

Milo @ .50c number of serves

NAME: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Macleean Show Holiday



Dear Parent/ Carer

Due to changes in the way in which local holidays and events are gazetted by the State Government, and after public consultation conducted through Clarence Valley Council, it has been decided that the Maclean Show would be a half- day public holiday this year.

This means that Harwood Island Public School will be open until 12:10pm on the Wednesday 7th May, 2014. However, we acknowledge that many students and their families will still want to participate in the full day's events. As such, whilst the school will remain open for the morning, it is unlikely that normal lessons and routine will operate. Any student who attends school in the morning will be required to stay at school until 12:10pm, unless parents sign them out of school as per normal school procedure.

We anticipate that buses will run to their **normal** school timetables on the day and so **no buses will be available to transport students home when school closes at 12:10pm.** (This is to be confirmed).

To assist with our planning and organisation we are asking parents/ carers to complete, detach and return the note below if their child will **NOT** be attending school on Maclean Show Day (Wednesday 7th May 2014) This note will be sufficient to explain any student absence for the day.

We look forward to a safe and enjoyable Maclean Show and thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Peggy Eather
Principal
Harwood Island Public School.

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Explanation of Student Absence – Wednesday 7th May 2014.

My child(ren) will not be attending school on Wednesday 7th May as they will be participating in or attending the Maclean Show. I understand that I am responsible for the care and supervision of my child(ren) on this day.

Parent/ Carer Name:.....

Parent/ Carer Signature.....