



# Harwood Island Public School

Newsletter No. 6 – 4th March 2014

## Dates to Remember:

- AFL Clinics Fri 28th Feb, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March & 4th April.
- School Photographer Thurs 13th Mar
- High School Day year 6 Wed 26th Mar
- 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
- ICAS Science Wed 4th June
- High School Day Wed 11th June
- ICAS writing Mon 16th June
- ICAS Spelling Tues 17th June
- Last day term 2 Fri 27th June

### Harwood Island P&C meeting

**Monday 10th March 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. or try the mobile phone website at [www.rems.mobi/grim.php?id=637](http://www.rems.mobi/grim.php?id=637)

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## WHAT'S DUE NOW?

*\*General permission notes*

*\*Canteen orders*

*\*School fees \$50*

*\*Afternoon Pick-up*

*\*School Photographer Student and Family Envelopes*

*\*ICAS Expression of interest for Yr2-6*

## YOUNG LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Year 6 children and I travelled to Brisbane to attend the Young Leadership Conference yesterday. I did not speak too much about this conference before we left because I had never attended one and I was reserving my judgement until I had actually seen it for myself. So in fact, our year 6 were guinea pigs to see if this activity is worthwhile.

The conference was AMAZING and I believe that every child benefitted from hearing the various inspirational speakers and being involved in activities alongside 3000 other school leaders from across Queensland and Northern NSW. I was extremely proud of our yr 6 leaders as they threw themselves into every activity with enthusiasm. Harwood Island kids even got up and danced just because they could!! I was very proud of their confidence levels and willingness to get involved. I would now like to make this an annual event for all future Harwood Island leaders.

Peggy Eather

## NORTHERN RIVERS PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

What a great effort all our swimmers put in at the Northern Rivers PSSA Swimming Carnival. Everyone represented our district very well. A special congratulations to Cindi Coram who will now go on to compete at the North Coast PSSA Swimming Carnival in Lismore. Good Luck!!



## AFL CLINICS

The first of the AFL Clinics was held on Friday with children from ALL classes participating in their groups.

The children all participated and despite the intermittent showers of rain all children learnt to pass an AFL ball.

We all look forward to this Friday for the next instalment of this fun program. Let's hope the rain stays away for at least Friday morning!

## ICAS COMPETITIONS

ICAS is an external assessment program for schools in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling. ICAS is coordinated by the University of NSW and is available for children in years 2-6. Students receive a certificate to recognise their achievement. Please see the attached information sheet that outlines cost for each test.

Please return your expression of interest forms if you would like your child/ren to sit any of the tests.

**Please note:** If we do not get 3 children to sit each test, the costs increase. This is an outside organisation and the school has no say in the fees charged. We will let interested parents know the costs as soon as we know final numbers.



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## AFL Clinic



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

All children should have an envelope from the 'School Photographer'. *Each child is to return their own envelope, even if the payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope.*

If you would like a family photo taken please return this envelope with payment DO NOT put it in another envelope.

No photo package will be produced

unless the 'School Photographer' has received an envelope.

## 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.

Flyer attached to today's newsletter.

## NITS

There has been a report of Head Lice (NITS) at the school. Please check your child's hair and treat with a recommended treatment if needed before sending your child to school. Let's try and keep these little creatures under control! Your support is greatly appreciated.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received 'Student of the Week' certificates at our assembly today. Sophie Bright - excellent spelling; Phoebe Gibson - being a quiet and cooperative worker; Bailey Anderson - being a keen cooperative student; Jayarna English - being polite and well mannered; Cody Hamel - great reading; Jackson Moss - fantastic class member; Jenna Carter, Thomas Everson, Sam Hollis, Molly McLeod, Noah Sharrock, Zephyr Skipper and Holly Whiting - fantastic representatives of our school. Great work!

## CANTEEN NEWS

On the menu this week we have Tandoori Chicken Wrap \$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.

## SPECIAL FOODS AT CANTEEN

We now have treats for *food sensitive kids*.

- Organic fresh popcorn with celtic sea salt
- Organic gluten/dairy/egg free mini cakes (*contain almonds*)

## STUDENT BANKING

Banking day is Thursday each week. Please have deposit books at the school office before recess on this day, thank you.

In the school foyer we have the prizes on display that can be earned by banking at the school.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ST MARY'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Parents who would like their child/ren to receive the Sacraments of confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharis, information and enrolment forms are available at the school office. Please phone Mrs Bull or Mrs Woodhouse on 66464213 and information will be sent home with your child/ren. Forms must be at the Maclean Parish office by 25th March.

Dates for Sacraments are: **Confirmation:** 3rd June 2014 - St Mary's Church Maclean

**Reconciliation (Confession):** August 2014 (date to be confirmed); **First Eucharist:** 14th Sept '14

## CANTEEN ORDER FORM Week 6 - Thursday 13th March

Ham and Cheese Pizza @ \$3.00  number of serves

Milo @ .50c  number of serves

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_