



Harwood Island Public School

Newsletter No. 13 – 6th May 2014

Dates to Remember:

- Maclean Show Wed 7th May
- District Cross Country 8th May
- **NAPLAN years 3 & 5 13-14-15 May**
- ICAS computer test Tues 20th May
- Nth Rivers PSSA Cross Country 23rd May Corndale
- 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?

School fees, Canteen orders and District Cross Country permission notes

MACLEAN SHOW HOLIDAY

The school will be operational until **12:10 pm tomorrow Wednesday 7th May as it is a half day holiday.**

There will be **no buses** to take children home so parents must be available to pick up children at this time.

Thank you to the parents who have already let us know that their child is either staying home or coming to school. Please call the school in the morning to let us know if your child is staying home if you have not already sent a note into school informing us of your decision.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received 'Student of the Week' certificates at our assembly today.

K/1 - William Turner - For being a co-operative student. Ciara O'Keefe - For excellent reading skills.

1/2/3 - Tyra Hildrew - For great work in all areas. Sophie Bright - For fantastic work in spelling. Cindi Coram - For excellent diary writing.

4/5/6 - Linken Coram - For great work in writing. Taylah Develder - For improved writing. Sam Hollis - fantastic writing. Sam Hollis - For fantastic writing. Great work!

YEARS 3/4/5/6 CAMP

The children in Years 3/4/5/6 will be going to 'Adventure Land' in Forster from Wednesday 8th October to Friday 10th October. This is an Outdoor Education Experience where they will get to experience many exciting activities over a fun filled 3 day camp.

The cost of the camp will be \$265.00 per child. If you would like to start to pay this off you may do so.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

A permission note went home last week with the children attending the District Cross Country being held at Iluka on Thursday 8th May. If you have not returned your note please return ASAP. Mrs McLeod and Mr Dougherty will be accompanying the children to Iluka.

NAPLAN

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all children in years 3 and 5 will be sitting for NAPLAN. The tests will be held in the morning in the 4/5/6 room. Please make sure that your child is well rested before the tests and that they are very punctual.

WORK EXPERIENCE

We are very happy to welcome John Dowsett back to Harwood Island School. John is a previous student who is coming to our school every Wednesday to participate in a work experience program. John will be working with all grades and learning all about what it is like to be a Primary School teacher.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

All children had the opportunity to purchase a present for their mum for Mothers' Day. There are still some gifts available, so if you would like to purchase more or if you were away or forgot you can still buy something special for Mum. See Mrs Woodhouse in the office if you would like to purchase something. A big thank you to all the parents who came along yesterday to help with the stall.

We wish all mothers a very Happy Mothers' Day for Sunday.

Happy Mother's Day



Education & Communities



UNIFORMS

Due to rising costs the school uniforms will be going up as of Term 2.

Library Bag	\$7.00	School Cap	\$7.00
Bucket Hat	\$7.00	School Hat	\$15.00
Blue Shirt	\$13.00	Sports Shirt	\$21.00
Grey Shorts	\$12.00	Girls Skorts	\$13.00
Sports Shorts	\$9.00	Track Pants	\$20.00
Jackets	\$25.00		

If you are buying either a school jumper or tracksuit pants from elsewhere please ensure they are **PLAIN NAVY BLUE** with **NO** logos or decorations. Also tights or leggings are not appropriate for school unless worn under the uniform.

Can Breakfast Make Kids Smarter?

Last year the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing published findings from their research that says it does.

The research found that children who regularly have breakfast on a near-daily basis had significantly higher full scale, verbal, and performance IQ test scores.

Why? After a whole night of fasting, breakfast serves as a means to supply "fuel" to the brain. Meanwhile, social interaction at breakfast time with others may promote brain development. Mealtime discussions may facilitate cognitive development by offering children the opportunity to expand their vocabulary, practice synthesizing and comprehending stories, and acquire general knowledge, noted the authors. So the advice is eat breakfast – it may make you smarter.

<http://www.nursing.upenn.edu/sia/Pages/Can-Breakfast-Make-Kids-Smarter.aspx>

CANTEEN NEWS

On the menu this week we have Macaroni and Cheese \$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.

STUDENT BANKING

For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits every Thursday at school during Term 2 and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

Major Prize.

- Five nights' accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet 'n' Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and

A \$3000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up Prizes.

130 Toys "R" Us Gift Cards to the value of \$250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

PLUS, a separate draw of \$1000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

So come on Harwood Island Public School lets get saving and remember your deposit can be as little as twenty cents just as long as you make 3 deposits!

For full terms and conditions please visit <https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/accounts/savings-accounts/youthsaver-comp-terms.html>

COMMUNITY NEWS

What is the Family Energy Rebate? The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the costs of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2013 – 2014 the rebate gives: • A \$125 credit against electricity bills for eligible applicants who receive electricity from an electricity retailer. • A \$137.50 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a caravan or mobile home park and receive electricity from the park operator. **Am I eligible for the Family Energy Rebate?**

To be eligible you **MUST**: • Be eligible for Family Tax Benefit A or B during 2012- 2013 and have received a relevant payment; and Be the primary account holder of an electricity retailer, OR a long-term resident of a caravan or mobile park home, whose name appears on the electricity bills supplied by the park operator.

For more information & assistance: Phone: Service NSW 13 77 88

Email: fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

CANTEEN ORDER

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FORM Week 2, Term 2 - Thursday 15th May, 2014

Chicken Wrap ☐ @ \$3.00 number of serves

Milo @ .50c number of serves

NAME: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____