

Harwood Island Public School



DATES TO REMEMBER

- SWIMMING CARNIVAL THURS 29TH JAN 2015
- KINDY CHILDREN START SCHOOL ON FRI 30TH JAN 2015
- CAPTAIN SPEECHES—TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2.30PM
- SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL - TUES 10TH FEBRUARY
- SCHOOL PHOTOS - THURS 12TH MAR

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NEWSLETTER NO. 1

29TH JANUARY 2015

Welcome back to school! We hope you're well rested and ready for another busy year. We have started the school year with 73 students, which leaves us four students short of a fourth class.

The classes this year are Mrs Skinner's K/1 class with 20 students; Mrs McLeod's 1/2/3 class with 26 students; and Mrs Davidson has 27 students in 4/5/6. I will be taking library, Learning and Support, teachers' release, and the 4/5/6 class on Fridays. I am very much looking forward to working closely with every student and teacher in the school and I know Mrs Eather feels the same way.

Yesterday the teachers spent time updating child protection and spending time immersed in the new Science and Technology syllabus. It is exciting times as we embrace new curriculum aimed at addressing the needs of today's students. We are all looking forward to delivering some great Science and Technology to your children.

Next week your children will be bringing home Harwood Island Readers Club cards as part of their homework. They do require you to supervise your children reading for a short period of time daily. All you need to do is sign and date the card. Students can read any material for the allotted time (home readers or free choice) but can only collect one signature per day, no matter how long they read for. They will be rewarded for their efforts after collecting 25 signatures. We are hoping this will increase participation in home reading especially for older children.

We have changed the time of our school assemblies to Tuesdays at 2.40. Next Tuesday, at our first assembly, students in year 6 will be making their speeches for school captain. Because of this special event, next week's assembly will commence at 2.30pm. Parents interested in watching the speeches are welcome to attend.

Jenni McKeon

Harwood Island P&C meeting

9th February 2015

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.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thursday 29th of January
Starting at 9:30 am

*Sunscreen and Rash shirt are essential with extra cream for reapplication.

*All students are expected to compete in events and/or support other students swimming in their events

*All students are to remain in the stand throughout the day unless in events or instructed by teachers

*Marshalling area and time keeping areas are out of bounds for students. If par-

ents wish to sit with their child/ren they can do so in the stands designated

*No students are allowed in the little pool unless under teachers instructions and supervision (Please do not give your child special permission to be in these areas as this becomes a safety issue for teachers and students at the carnival)

*Canteen is available, students need to bring their own lunch

*If there are any parents that can help with time keeping your assistance would be greatly appreciated

A permission note is attached to today's newsletter for this carnival. **Children who do not have a season pass at the Maclean Pool are to bring in \$3.20 tomorrow** for entry into the pool. The cost of the bus will be covered by the P&C from funds donated to the school last year.



Education & Communities

Presentation Night 2014



TENNIS COACHING

Term 1 tennis commences at Harwood School on Wednesday 4th February at 8.30am.

Cost is \$80.00/term (8 wks minimum)

Any queries please phone Alan on 0416016775.

Yours in tennis,
Alan Jurd (Head Coach LCTA)

STUDENT WORKBOOKS

The cost of students workbooks for classes will be \$50.00 per child.

Year 4/5/6: 1 HB pencil, 1 red pen, 1 blue pen, 1 pencil rubber and 1 glue stick

Year 1/2/3: Items are supplied by the school. If your child brings their own things please have them clearly labelled.

Children will need fruit for their 'fruit break'.

Kinder/ year 1: WATER bottle, fruit, cheese, carrot sticks, sultanas for 'fruit break'. *Please DO NOT send fruit in juice in packaged containers!*

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking will be held at the school each Friday starting this week.

NOTES TO RETURN TO SCHOOL

Attached to today's newsletter are notes that need to be returned to school as soon as possible.

The notes are for 'Afternoon Pick-up' and General Permission Note for a number of activities at school and beyond the boundaries of our school.

Some new families have already filled in and returned these notes.

CANTEEN NEWS

Attached to today's newsletter is the canteen order form for this term.

The canteen will be open for business on Thursday 5th February.

You can order for the whole term or have your order at the school office on Tuesday each week.

We look forward to your continued support of our school canteen.

2014 AWARDS

At the school presentation night the following students received awards:

Most Improved: Evie Brown, Zack Kemp, Cody Hamel, Riley Anderson, Mali Matthews, Linken Coram and Jenna Carter.

Academic Achievement:

Ciara O'Keefe, Mariah Gibson, Ella Bushell, Sam Carter, Tahlia Ryan, Laura Develder and Zephyr Skipper.

Student of the Year: Molly Young, Sophie Bright, Harry Evans, Tyra Hildrew, Madeline Hollis, April Shannon, Sam Hollis.

Library Research: Alyssa McGrath

Library Borrower: Riley Anderson

Citizenship Award presented by Kevin Hogan – Member for Page: Tom Everson
Iluka Rotary Award: Holly

Whiting and Celaeste Treasure.

Colvin Paine Citizenship Award: Noah Sharrock.

Sportsperson of the Year: Molly McLeod
Quota Award: Chennai Wyse

P&C NEWS

KAYAK RAFFLE

Thank you everyone who supported the Kayak Raffle run by the Harwood Island Public School P&C. Thank you again to BCF Grafton for the donation of the first prize a Kayak worth over \$500.00. The winner was Jasmine Wyse; 2nd prize – Ray Crawther; 3rd prize – Rusty Leeson; 4th prize – Jasmine Wyse; 5th prize – Sherrie Forsythe and 6th prize – Mick Brugg.

P&C RAFFLES AT THE HARWOOD HOTEL

The P&C have come on board with **The Harwood Hotels Friday Night Raffles and Joker Draw**. All money raised from the hotel raffles will go to the canteen upgrade.

Put the following Friday nights on your calendar

- 30th January,
- 28th February,
- 27th March.

If you could help out selling tickets on the night could you please call Bec Anderson.

THINGS TO DO:

- **Return Permission notes:** Swimming Carnival and bring in \$3.20 per child for pool entry.
- General Permission Note
- Afternoon Pick-up form