

Harwood Island Public School



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 4TH MARCH
- ARCHIBALD EXHIBITION—3/4/5/6 10TH MARCH
- YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION THURS 11TH MAR
- SCHOOL PHOTOS - THURS 12TH MAR
- YEAR 6 YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE IN BRISBANE FRI 20TH MAR
- DRUM EXPERIENCE - 19TH MARCH
- BASKET BALL GALA DAY YRS 3/4 MON 23RD MARCH
- BASKET BALL GALA DAY YRS 5/6 - MONDAY 30TH MARCH
- CROSS COUNTRY - TUESDAY 31ST MARCH
- LAST DAY OF TERM - 2ND APRIL
- RETURN TO SCHOOL - TUESDAY 21ST

Harwood Island P&C

Next Meeting

30th March

5pm

Everyone welcome!

We are now on Facebook so please go on Facebook and like us to keep right up to date.



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

Good luck to our swimmers heading off to the regional competition tomorrow. Ruby Stewart-Wayland, Laura Develder and Cindi Coram will be representing us in the pool after placing in the top 4 in the zone competition last week. All our swimmers swam well and were great representatives of the school. With the swimming almost over, we are heading into cross country, with the last Tuesday of term set for our cross country day. We are also getting our basketball skills into order for the gala days to be held in Yamba on the 23rd and 30th March.

There are lots of permission notes to return and other things to take care of in this newsletter. I hope you've got them all marked on your calendars.

Jenni McKeon

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all the families who have brought in items for our Easter Raffle. We still need more! Could all donations of goods be sent to the school office, thank you.

Attached to today's newsletter are 10 tickets to sell in the Easter Raffle. Your assistance with this fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographer will be at the school on Thursday 12th March. All children should have received an envelope last week.

If you would like photos of your child/ren, please fill in an envelope for each child and return to school with your choice of pack with payment. There are many payment options listed on the envelope. If you would like a group photo of your children envelopes are available at the school office.

TRANSITION DAY

All year 6 students have been given a permission note to attend the first 'Transition Day' to be held at Maclean High School on Wednesday 11th March. Children will be picked up and delivered back to school by Wards bus at a cost of \$4.00 per child. WHS requirement is that **ALL** students must be wearing **COVERED-IN** shoes/joggers on this day and bring a drink and a snack for in-between or after workshops. Please have permission notes and money back at the school office before this day, thank you.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

This event was delayed due to bad weather and wet grounds. It will now be held this Thursday. All children are to bring gloves to school for this activity.

ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2014 EXHIBITION

Children in Years 3/4/5/6 will have the opportunity to travel to the Lismore Art Gallery and view the Archibald Exhibition. The children will have an 'Educational Tour' that will cost \$5.00 per child. The cost of the bus will be covered with funds raised by the wonderful ladies who run our canteen. This is a great opportunity for our children and we thank them for their support. Permission notes have been handed out to children in Years 3/4/5/6.

HARWOOD ISLAND READERS CHALLENGE

Don't forget to sign the card every time your child has read for the required time. One signature a day, but you can read every day of the week. Congratulations to Lily Jackson for being the first to return her filled in card.



Education & Communities

NORTHERN RIVERS PSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday 26th February students from our school competed at the NRPSSA Swimming Carnival held in Lismore. All the children who attended represented the Lower Clarence Small Schools District extremely well. Cindi Coram, Ruby Stewart-Wayland and Laura Develder will now go on to compete at the at the North Coast PSSA Regional Swimming Carnival to be held at Lismore tomorrow. We wish them luck in their races.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates today. Evie Brown - wonderful reading skills; Lily Bright-Taylor - lovely reading; Jack McLeod - excellent tennis skills; Ruby Stewart-Wayland - excellent use of similes; Mali Matthews - being responsible for his own learning; Zack Kemp - great work with writing; William Turner - trying hard in class and Kiarah O'Sullivan - improved work habits. Well done!

4/5/6 NEWS

Don't forget that Sports Day is Monday for our class and Library is on Tuesday.

Mrs Davidson

K/1 NEWS

K/1 PARENT READER HELPERS NEEDED

Please see Mrs Skinner if you can help.

Days - Wed or Thurs morning.

Time - 9.30 to 10am

Your help will be very appreciated, even if you can only help occasionally.

Thanking you Tracie Skinner

2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS and ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

The University of NSW is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the ICAS.

ICAS assessment have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years .

Dates for tests this year are:

Digital Technologies - 19th May

Science - 3rd June

Writing - 15th-19th June

Spelling - 16th June

English - 28th July

Maths - 11th August.

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form attached to today's newsletter and return it , with your entry fees, to the school office by Tuesday 31st March 2015 as all entries will be processed in the last week of Term 1.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

CANTEEN NEWS

On the menu this week we have **Hoisin Beef, Vegetable Stir Fry and Noodles - \$3.00 and Milo - .50c.**

An order form for next week is on the newsletter.

Don't forget we have lots of delicious healthy treats for recess from .50c to \$1.50.

We look forward to your continued support.

P&C RAFFLES AT THE HARWOOD HOTEL

The P & C will be holding raffles at the Harwood Hotel on Friday nights to raise money for our school.

Put the following Friday nights on your calendar

- **6th March**
- **3rd April**
- **1st May and**
- **29th May.**

Please contact Bec

Anderson if you can help out on either of these nights. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking will be held at the school each Friday.

There are two new School Banking Rewards now available for Term 1 while stocks last.

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

LUNCH ORDER - WEEK 6 Thursday 5/3/15

Chicken Burger - \$3.00

Number of serves: _____

Milo .50c

Number of serves: _____

Name: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

THINGS TO DO:

- **Book Packs for 2105 - \$50.00 per child. DUE NOW!**
- Donations of Easter eggs etc for the Easter Raffle. Please bring to school office.
- Bring gloves for Clean Up Australia collection on **Thursday 5th March.**
- Yr 3/4/5/6 Return permission note and money for Archibald Exhibition - **9th March**
- Year 6 - Transition Note and money - **Wednesday 11th March**
- Return School Photographer envelope and payment - **Thursday 12th March**
- ICAS entries and payment due on **Tuesday 31st March**
- Return Easter Raffle tickets for draw on - **Cross Country 31st March**

PERMISSION NOTE FOR 2015 ICAS TESTS

I give permission for my child/ren _____ in year/s _____

To participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child/ren to enter:

Subject Paper	For School Years	Official Sitting Date	Entry Fee Per Child	Fee Enclosed	Child's Name
Digital Technologies	3-6	19th May 2015	\$8.00		
Science	2-6	3rd June 2015	\$8.00		
Writing	3-6	15th-19th June 2015	\$17.00		
Spelling	3-6	16th June 2015	\$11.00		
English	2-6	28th July 2015	\$8.00		
Mathematics	2-6	11th August 2015	\$8.00		
TOTAL					

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Amount enclosed: _____