Welcome back to the 2016 school year and a very warm welcome to all of the new students and their families who are starting with us at Harwood Island Public School. I hope everyone had an opportunity to relax over the summer break and are now ready for another exciting and productive term.

Due to some late changes over the holidays and contrary to the advice you received at the end of last year, I’m very honoured to take up the position of Reliving Principal in your school for Terms 1 and 2. I sincerely look forward to working with the students, staff and community at Harwood Island P.S. over the coming months. I am more readily available on a Thursday or Friday should anyone wish to meet with me to discuss any aspect of your child’s education. Please contact the office for an appointment.

Rebecca Dening

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Thursday 4th February the school will be holding a swimming carnival at the Maclean Pool.
*All students are expected to compete in events and/or support other students swimming in their events.
*All children 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 parents 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. The cost will be $4.50 per child. If your child has a season pass at the pool the cost will be $1.50 for the bus.

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
* General Permission Note (for a number of activities at school and beyond the boundaries of our school.)
* Swimming Carnival Permission and money
STUDENT WORKBOOKS
The cost of student workbooks for classes will be $50.00 per child.
Year 4/5/6: 1 HB pencil, 1 red pen, 1 blue pen, 1 pencil, 1 rubber, 1 ruler and 1 glue stick, 1 pencil case, 1 drink bottle and fruit break daily.
Year 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. First day for banking will be Friday 5th February. Please bring your deposit book to the school office on arrival, thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TENNIS COACHING
Tennis coaching re-commences at Harwood school on Wed 3rd Feb & 8.30am.
Cost is $80/term (8 weeks). Racquets are available for use & purchase. All ages from Grade 1 up are welcome. Any questions or queries please phone Alan on mobile 0416016775.
Yours in Tennis,
Alan Jurd (Head Coach LCTA)

GUITAR LESSONS
Ryan Enns is one of the more experienced and professional guitarists in the Clarence Valley. He is working with students of Harwood Public School developing their musicianship and performance skills on acoustic guitar. Lessons are scheduled on Friday during school time.
To be involved in this great program all you require is to fill out a CVC on enrolment form and have your own guitar. Those returning students will need to re-enrol and new students can also apply. These forms will be available from Ryan, the school office and are also available on our website www.cvcon@cvcon.com.au.

LIBRARY
Children will need a library bag to borrow books each week. Library times are as follows:
k/1—Wednesday
2/3 and 4/5/6—Tuesday

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
School assembly will be held every Tuesday in the library starting at 11.40am. Our first assembly will be on 2nd Feb. All are welcome to attend. Year 6 students will be giving their Captain speeches next week.

ABSENT DAYS
Attached to the newsletter will be ‘Absent Day’ notes. If your child is away from school, please return to for record keeping purposes.
I give permission for my child/ren ________________________________ to attend the Harwood Island School Swimming Carnival to be held at the Maclean Pool on Thursday 4th February 2016.

Transport will be by bus that will leave the school at 9.15am

Cost for pool entry and bus will be $4.50 per child.

If you have a family season pass at the Maclean Pool you will only have to pay for the cost of the bus - $1.50 per child.

Special needs of my child which you should be aware (e.g. allergies, medication etc) are:

______________________________________________________________________________________

To the best of my knowledge he/she has no medical conditions, disability or injury that puts them at risk in participating in this activity.

In the event of illness or injury, I authorise the school to seek medical assistance on my behalf that my child may require in an emergency. I understand that my child is covered by the school’s ambulance insurance and I am aware that I will be responsible for all additional costs for medical treatment of my child/ren (other than the cost of an ambulance).

Please circle and indicate the current swimming ability of your child/ren:

Non-swimmer Limited (can swim across the pool) Confident (can swim a whole lap)

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Name parent / Carer Signature Date

Amount enclosed ______________________  Season Pass No. _____________