PSSA CRICKET - FIRST ROUND
Last Thursday 18th February, our school cricket team competed against Iluka PS in the first round of the PSSA Knockout competition. While Harwood Island may not have come out on top this time, they played a great game with all the team working well together. Iluka’s bowling was good making it harder for Harwood to score runs. Sam top scored for Harwood with 14 runs. There was great bowling by both Harry and Sam to keep Iluka down to 59, runs with a good many runouts assisted by the keepers Jackson and Riley. The final score was Iluka 59 to Harwood 52. Congratulations to all the team and to the teachers and parents that assisted.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The zone carnival is on Thursday the 25th February to be held at Lismore Memorial Pool, the start time is 9am sharp if all participants could be there by 8.30am to be able to use the warm up lanes. Mrs McLeod will be the supervising teacher so please report to her as you arrive to be marked off. Good luck to all the students swimming on Thursday.

SAFETY FIRST
Due to Work Health and Safety we ask that all students access and exit via the front gate of the school and not through the car park as this is dangerous for all concerned.

Principal’s Report
I would like to thank all of the families who joined staff at school for the Harwood Island Public School term 1 ‘Meet and Greet’ yesterday afternoon. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet some new people, chat about the school and generally get to know each other better. The staff and I really appreciate the support we receive from our wonderful school community in building positive partnerships in providing a quality education for our students. This term has already started to have a sporting flavour and I would like to congratulate our PSSA cricket team for their excellent effort in their game against Iluka last week. The teachers were very proud of the amazing sportsmanship and we commend our students on their commitment to training for this game.

This Thursday is the zone swimming carnival in Lismore and we would like to wish those students who have qualified the very best of luck. We know that you will represent our school with pride and try your hardest as always. This Friday see’s the start of our Hockey coaching clinics and we know the students are going to really enjoy learning some new skills in a safe and fun environment thanks to a Sporting Schools Grant. Leading a healthy lifestyle, including incorporating a range of physical activities and sport is an important value we seek to instil in all our students. I wish you all a prosperous week and as always, if you want to discuss any aspect of your child’s education, please don’t hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment at a mutual convenient time.

Rebecca Dening - Relieving Principal
CANBERRA EXCURSION IN 2016
This year students in years 4/5/6 will have the opportunity to participate in an excursion to Canberra and the snow. As yet, details are still being finalised, but if you would like to start to make small part-payments, you are more than welcome.

THINGS TO DO
Fees for workbooks are now due.
$50.00 per child
This amount can be paid in instalments or you can pay directly into the school account.
For information on this please contact the office on 6646 4213.

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’.

HOMEWORK: Each night children are to write out their spelling and tables. They have a book to read for homework and year three students have a short activity to complete on a sheet.

Kinder/ year 1:
Don’t forget to bring water bottle, fruit for fruit break e.g carrot sticks, sultanas or even cheese. Please DO NOT send fruit in juice in packaged containers!

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

CANTEEN
Orders for week 3 should already be in—WK 3 - 25th February: Beef Taco’s or Chicken Salad Wrap $3.00
WK 4 - 3rd March: Beef Burger or Chicken Skewer and Fried Rice $3.00.
To assist with the organisation of canteen could all orders please be in by Tuesday.

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE - YEAR 6
Thank you to the Year 6 students participating in the Halogen Young Leaders Conference in Brisbane on Monday 14th March who returned their Expression of Interest note. Tickets have now been purchased and bus seats confirmed. The total excursion cost for parents will be $50 per student (the school has subsidised this excursion). Pick up and drop off locations/times to be confirmed closer to the date.

HOCKEY
All students K-6 will be involved in a hockey clinic that is running at the school starting this Friday and is funded by a grant from Sporting Schools Australia. The clinic will run over 6 weeks and we ask that the students please make sure that they have their hats, water bottles and joggers for these days. All other equipment will be supplied by the coaches on the day and 3 age appropriate groups will run.

NETBALL
We are putting a call out to parents to see if anyone is interested in coaching our PSSA netball team one afternoon. We are putting a school team together for the PSSA Netball comp. If you are interested please let the school know.

P&C EASTER RAFFLE
The Harwood Island P&C will be running an Easter raffle again this year and is asking for donations of easter goodies to add to baskets. Any donations can be delivered to the front office and are greatly appreciated. Tickets will be sent home next week.

EISTEDDFOD
All K-6 students have begun dance practice for the Grafton Eisteddfod (held in term 2). There will be a K-2 item in the junior section and a 3-6 item in the senior section. Thank you Mrs Davidson and Mrs Skinner. More details will be provided closer to the time.

P&C PUB RAFFLE
Thank you to all who helped out with the pub raffle last Friday night.

STUDENT BANKING
Student Banking will be held at the school each Friday. Please bring your deposit book to the school office on arrival, thank you.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at our school assembly.
Lexi - Great listening skills
Lily - Great story writing skills
Noah - Fantastic start to the year
William - Fantastic start to the year
Maddison - Excellent writing
Riley - Being helpful
Ella - Excellent reading
Max - Library award

PLAYGROUND SAFETY
Following requests by students to perform gymnastics in the playground we have sought policy advice. The following skills are not permitted in schools.
• Gymnastic Bridges
• Any form of somersaults
• Head Stands
• Dive Rolls
Students have been informed and the school is working towards securing a gymnastics program to run as part of our sports program this year.
ICAS TESTS 2016

Children in Years 3 to 6 can enter all test listed.
English and Mathematics are also open to Year 2 children.
For more information contact the school office and a permission note can be sent home with your child.