Principal’s Report

It has been delightful to watch as students kindergarten through to Year 6, have settled in well to their classroom routines for 2016. Mrs Skinner’s class has been learning all about pirates and we have enjoyed having Mrs Glass in to help with Easter Craft. Mrs McLeod’s room has been focusing on writing and have continued with their recorder lessons in music. In the 4/5/6 class we have been investigating insects and have been enjoying reading ‘Charlotte’s Web’. We want students to be lifelong learners and the students at Harwood Island Public School love learning!

Rebecca Dening - Relieving Principal

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to all of those students who participated at the PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday in Lismore. All students gave 100% and we were very pleased with the sportsmanship they displayed. Thank you also to those parents who helped transport their children:

Some results include:
Cindi: 3rd backstroke, 3rd freestyle, 4th butterfly, 4th medley
Jack: 4th Backstroke

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

We will be having a visit from our school counsellor Kerrie Bowles on Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 22nd March. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child’s education, please don’t hesitate to contact the school office for a counsellor authority form.

CANBERRA EXCURSION CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

We will be holding a Cadbury’s chocolate fundraiser to help reduce the costs for the 4/5/6 excursion to Canberra/snow (to be held later in the year). All 4/5/6 students have received an expression of interest note about how many boxes they are able to sell. Please return this note by Friday 4th March, so an order can be placed. If any families from the younger years would like to help out the senior students excursion fundraising, please contact the school for chocolate box details and we will add you to the order.

Well Done!

Congratulations to our wonderful Teacher Lindsey Wall who won the Yamba Triathlon Festival. Student Harry placed 3rd in the 7-9 years event which is a wonderful achievement.
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!
Also in K/1 News during our Science lesson next week we will be making popcorn. If you do not wish your child to have a sample of this to eat (unsalted and no butter) please let me know. Thank-you Mrs Skinner.

CANTEEN
Orders for week 4 should already be in — WK 4 - 3rd March: Beef Burger or Chicken Skewer and Fried Rice $3.00.
WK 5 - 10th March Ham Salad Wrap or Pizza $3.00. To assist with the organisation of canteen could all orders please be in by Tuesday.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at our school assembly.
Izabella - For lovely reading skills
Tess – Being a keen responsible class member
Isobel - Excellent recount for diary
Rory - Excellent work in writing
Cody - Excellent writing
Jackson - Being helpful
Paris - Excellent reading

YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE YEAR 6
A permission note was sent out last week to the Year 6 students participating in the Halogen Young Leaders Conference in Brisbane on Monday 14th March. Please return your note and money ($50 per student) asap. Pick up times will be: Ferry Park at 6am and Woombah at 6.10am. Students will be provided with a small schools polo shirt to wear and will need to wear their usual school pants. They will need to have breakfast before getting on the bus and will need to bring recess, fruit break, snacks, lunch and water bottle. They will be able to purchase dinner from Chinderah Service Centre and will need to bring money if they wish to do so. Estimated arrival time will be around 7.30pm.

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

SIBLING SCHOOL PHOTO PACKS
Any Families who would like to receive a siblings photo pack please come and see Lyn or Jenny at the office.

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 were sent home on Friday. If you would like more tickets, please contact the office.

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.

NAPLAN 2016
All students in Years 3 & 5 will complete the Literacy and Numeracy based NAPLAN tests during May 2016.

PIANO
Piano Lessons are on Thursdays they cost $13 each with a reduction for more than one child from the same family. Two = $22. Payment goes to Sharyn Macdonald.
In the 4/5/6 class, students have been learning about Insects in Visual Arts. Here, Harry and Ella have created butterflies inspired by the work of Eric Carle’s ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’.
Students from K-6 participate in PE groups every Wednesday. These groups are organised by our Year 6 leaders and the emphasis is on having fun and learning new skills.