



## Principal's Message

### Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is “It’s up to us”.

Harmony Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone.

Our Captains, Vice Captains and the newly elected Student Representative Council met last Friday to discuss how we could celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday 21 March. This is what they decided upon -



Students will be encouraged to wear the traditional clothing from any culture and share some information about it.

Assembly at 9.15am featuring our choir and Stage 3 Circus Arts.

Buddy classes meet up to share Harmony Day activities.

World Cup Soccer – The game played in every country.

Library activities – Origami, Flags, Drama and Chinese Checkers.



### Anti-Bullying Policy

Currently I am reviewing our Anti-Bullying Policy. I have looked at a number of schools' Anti-Bullying Policies to gather ideas. The current policy is too long and is not reader friendly.

The draft Anti-bullying Policy will be presented at the next P&C Meeting as part of my Principal's Message. If you are unable to attend, please pop into the office and ask for a copy. I'm really keen for parents to have “Have their say”.

### Dogs on School Grounds

Following two serious incidents in schools recently, all Principals have been asked by their Director of Educational Leadership to place the following article in their newsletter.

It is unlawful for dogs (Companion Animal Act 1998), leashed or unleashed, to be on school grounds, unless they are assistance dogs, security patrol dogs or police dogs.

The Companion Animals Act (1998) prohibits dogs on school grounds, except where the principal grants permission (ie the above mentioned cases).

The department has the animal welfare in schools policy and [Animals in schools: Animal welfare guidelines for teachers](#) that detail the above information.

### Park St Progress

During the holidays a parent from our school contacted the local council regarding concerns about Park St. The response was a positive one (See below).

Council staff have investigated the area and subsequently have issued a works request (#3349) to install children crossing (symbolic) signs and yellow edge line marking to show the existing no stopping zone at the intersection of Park Street and Watt Street.

I advise that speed zones and school speed zones are the responsibility of Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). As such, Council staff have forwarded your request to the RMS for their review and response. If you wish to make further enquiries into this matter, please visit [Safer Roads NSW](#) (new window) website or mail your request to:

RMS

PO Box 477

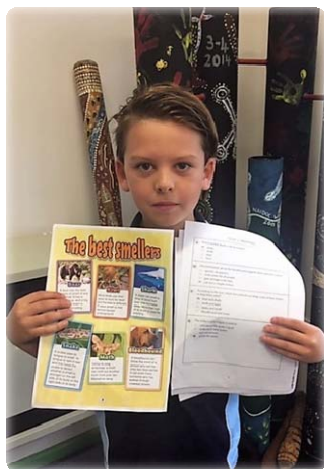
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If you have experienced or witnessed any dangerous incidents whilst in Park St, I urge you to report to the RMS website. Your action might influence the RMS to place speed and school speed zones in Park St, making it safer for our students and families, as well as the general community.

### National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN is not until Week 3 Term 2. However teachers are already beginning to prepare. Year 3 and 5 students will do a practice online test before the official tests. Teachers have also included activities that orientate students to the assessment format in their daily literacy and numeracy tests. This includes looking at previous NAPLAN tests.

Chaise from Stage 2 was very proud of his efforts yesterday morning, getting all questions right in his comprehension.



### Student Work

Each day it is always great to be visited by students proudly showing off their work. Stage 2 Whitesands are regular visitors. They love to show me their great work and progress in mathematics. This time it was addition.



### Tell Them From Me Surveys (TTFM)

Parents of students Years 4 and 5, please read the information and parent permission note regarding the TTFM survey. Our school participated in the surveys in 2017. We gained valuable insight into the engagement of our students and their sense of belongingness in the school. 95% of NSW Public Schools are participating in the surveys.

### Woolworths Successful Grant

Congratulations to Mrs Norris who put together a successful grant application to construct a permaculture garden in our school grounds. The cheque will be presented to the school at the Harmony Day Assembly.

*Glenn Sansom*

*Principal*

*Together we are Stronger and Smarter*



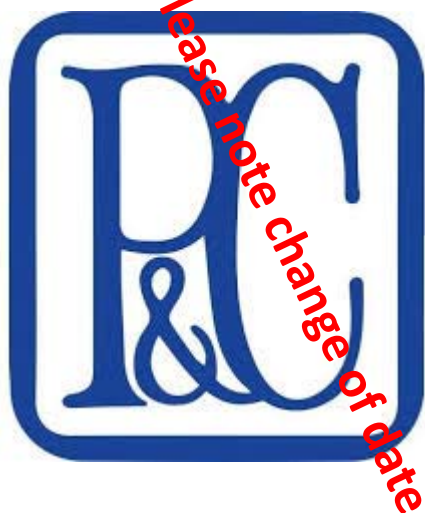
### A message from the office

#### Payments

Please note that there is now an iPad in the office for anyone wishing to make online payments. The office ladies are very happy to help anyone with this process.

#### Year 6 Parents & Carers

Please return expression of interest for high school placement as soon as possible.



Next  
P&C Meeting  
**Wednesday 27**  
**March**  
**6.00pm**  
library



## Term 1 Canteen Dates & Meal Deals

Week 9—27 March—Stage 3 Voyager

Week 10—3 April—P&C Canteen

Week 11—TBA—Stage 3 Currumbene

## Canteen Volunteers needed

Please provide 100 points ID to front Office.

**Week 10—Early Stage One**

**K Collingwood**



## Diary Dates

**Friday 22 March**

District RL

**Tuesday 26 March**

Zone Soccer

**Wednesday 27 March**

Oz Harvest Stage 2/3 2pm Library

Cybersafety Parent session 3 15pm Library

Cricket Knockout

**Friday 29 March**

Infants AFL gala day

**Monday—Wednesday 1 April—3 April**

Life Education Van

**Tuesday 2 April**

Zone Netball

**Thursday 4 April**

Cross Country

**Friday 5 April**

Stage Two—Sharknet Assembly

**Monday 8 April**

Knock out Netball

**Thursday 11 April**

Easter Hat Parade & BBQ

**Saturday 20 April**

White Sands Easter Festival

**Thursday 25 April**

ANZAC Day March

Stage 3 Fundraising lunch order  
Wednesday 27 March



Hot Dog and Fruit box \$5.00  
order due in by Monday 25 March





What happens when you mix together a bunch of year 5 and 6 students, a Wombat and a pile of mixed rubbish? You get a really informative, ultra-engaging, and super-fantastic lesson on how to improve your recycling habits. Thanks to a visit from Wombat (reality TV star of "The Block") our students are much wiser when it comes to making decisions about what can and can't go into our recycling bins. Our Wednesday morning library lesson started with a meet and greet from our "Green-Team" of Axl and Bill, followed by a highly engaging presentation by Wombat and Fiona from Shoalhaven City Council. I was really proud of the number of thought-provoking questions that our Stage 3 learners asked Wombat during the presentation. The HPS students are certainly interested in making our world a better place, so please take notice if your child starts to question your shopping decisions and join in the movement for a plastic-free future.



Wombat ended his visit with a tour of our gardens, chook pen, compost heap and recycling areas where he was deeply impressed with what our school was doing! Keep up the good work! In further exciting news, Shoalhaven City Council has sponsored our trip to the World Environment Day Expo at the council chambers in June. During the Expo day our students will stage a performance and will be able to meet Craig Reucassel (from War on Waste). Watch this space to see how family and friends can attend the event next June as well.



**LOVE**  
the **LIBRARY**



We've been successful with our application for a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our project, Our Food Forest!

Students will be guided through the process of creating a Food Forest. This will be a year long project that aims to promote sustainable practices as students learn where some of their fruits come from and how they can be returned to the system as chicken scraps for our school chickens or compost for our organic compost bins. Students will discover the importance of soil regeneration, they will learn how to prepare a garden bed, and they will adopt valuable lifelong lessons in gardening.

Huskisson Public School is one of 538 primary schools and early learning centres throughout Australia receiving a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.

The grants are being funded with money made from the sale of the Woolworths recyclable Bag for good™ which was launched in 2018 when the supermarket stopped using single-use plastic bags.

The children and teachers are looking forward to working and learning from this project and we'll keep you updated on the results.

[Click on](#) the Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant map below to read about our project.

<https://landcareaustralia.org.au/woolworthsgrants/maps/detail.php?id=map&school=Huskisson PublicSchool&project=Food Forest>



## Save the Date!

Parent work shop.  
Help your child to be cyber-safe.  
Wednesday 27 March  
Huskisson Public School  
Library 3.15pm

## Tell Them From Me student survey Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

### Tell Them From Me student feedback survey (Term 1, 2019)

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 11 March and 12 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Monday 25 March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

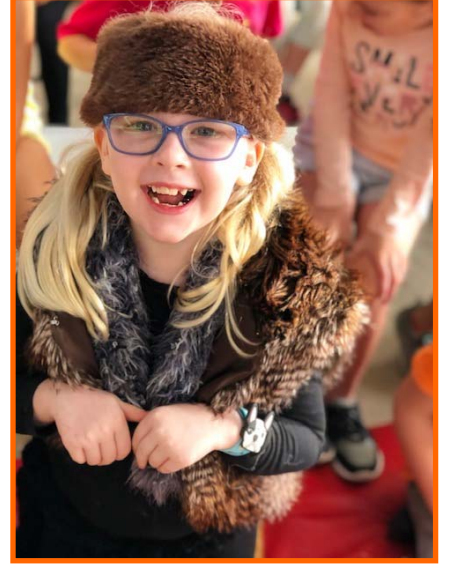


## Class Parents Wanted

Are you interested in being the middle person between the school and class parents. Getting information out and organising social events with your child's class.

If you are please see Ms Lewis in the office for more information.





# Harmony Day



**Huskisson Public School**

**Thursday 11 April**

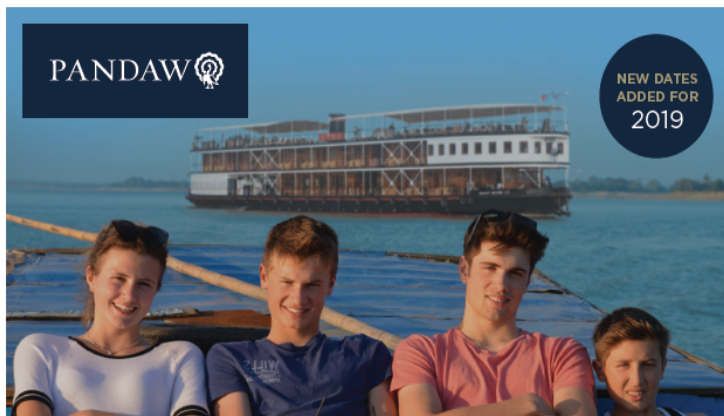
# **Easter Hat Parade**

**11.00-11.30—cake stall**

**11.30-1.00 Parade**

**1.00-1.30 Sausage Sizzle**





## Under 18s Travel FREE

A special opportunity to share an educational family adventure on selected dates during school holidays. Explore Asia in the comfort of a Pandaw vessel including daily excursions, full board, local drinks, cultural performances, movie nights and free mountain bikes to explore rural villages, temples and countryside.

**FIRST CABIN:**  
Two adults pay full price

**SECOND CABIN:**  
One or two children between the ages of 5 and 18 travel for FREE



## Yellow Line Theatre is starting up Youth Theatre classes in Jervis Bay in Term 2 this year!

When: Every Monday, 3.15pm – 4.45pm

Who: 10 to 16 year olds

Where: Vincentia Public School

The classes will be held weekly in 2019, on Monday afternoons during school terms 2, 3 and through to performance in Term 4. The first weekly session will be held on May 6. For details, and for information on how to get involved, please contact us:

-Russell on 0412641598

-email: [yellowlinetheatre@gmail.com](mailto:yellowlinetheatre@gmail.com)

-visit our website: [YellowLineTheatre.com](http://YellowLineTheatre.com)

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



### EXPRESS YOURSELF: DRAMA WORKSHOP

MONDAY 15th APRIL 10:30 - 12:30

In a supportive environment, learn basic theater skills through theater games, improvisation and role-playing. Children will develop imagination, intuition and confidence while exploring and connecting with their creative selves

Ages 7 - 12

\$20 per child, 3 children \$50

### MAKE A MARK: MIXED MEDIA ART

THURSDAY 18th APRIL 10:30 - 12:30

Join professional artist, Dr. Kurt Brereton to create a mixed media artwork using mark making, found images, and self generated images. Play with different mediums and learn techniques such as lino printing and painting to create a work of art.

Ages 12-17

\$25 per child, 3 children \$60

### ROLL UP! CIRCUS SKILLS WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 23RD APRIL 10:30 - 12:30

A chance to run away and join the circus with Tina Green! Learn hoops, spinning plates, juggling, unicycle, diablo, handstands, human pyramids and more in this fun, physical workshop.

Ages 7 - 12

\$39 per child

### EARLY BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Tickets available online [www.southcoasttickets.com.au](http://www.southcoasttickets.com.au) or call 4441 5675 for more information or to book over phone Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, Woollamia Rd, Huskisson 2540

[jervisbaymaritimemuseum.com.au](http://jervisbaymaritimemuseum.com.au)

JERVIS BAY  
MARITIME  
MUSEUM  
& GALLERY

## 2019 KIDZFIX TEAM SHOALHAVEN MOTOR EXPO

ARCHER RACECOURSE - NOWRA  
SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 9AM

TRUCKS  
CLASSIC & HISTORIC CARS  
CLASSIC MOTORCYCLES  
HOT RODS & STREET MACHINES  
(ENTRY \$5.00 PER CAR OR BIKE)

REGISTRATION: [pig\\_shirley@mail.com](mailto:pig_shirley@mail.com)  
[allanbrucehodes@gmail.com](mailto:allanbrucehodes@gmail.com)  
[willys@aapt.net.au](mailto:willys@aapt.net.au)  
Tony Emery 0411 691 949

Trucks  
Cars  
Hot Rods  
General Inquiries

GENERAL ADMISSION \$5.00 ADULTS

(INCLUDES ENTRY MAJOR RAFFLE—DRAWN ON THE DAY)

FOOD VANS COFFEE DRINKS  
JUMPING CASTLE TRAIN RIDES

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