



Deputy Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Carers,

Term 1, Week 10

The term is quickly coming to an end and this week we have had parent/teacher interviews. Thank you to the parents who came to the school and met with the teachers to work on learning goals for 2017. It is through a joint partnership between home and school that we can together make the best impact on student learning.

Staff Development Day—Term 2

Our School Development Day for Term 2 will occur on Monday 24th April, this day will be followed by ANZAC Day and consequently all students return to school on Wednesday 26th April. Staff Development Days are provided for schools and their staff to further develop skills and understandings in providing high quality teaching and learning practices. The professional learning activities we will be working towards are directly related to our School Plan.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) at Harcourt Public School.

PBL is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It was developed in America approximately 15 years ago and is now being implemented in over 50% of DET schools and regions across NSW. Harcourt Public staff recently were introduced to PBL through staff development sessions and will be developing and implementing this program across the entire school over the next few years. PBL is not a curriculum but rather a set of systems and practices. It will be driven and monitored by the Harcourt staff, led by the school executive and our parent community. It is data based and focuses on monitoring and rewarding positive school behaviours. These positive behaviours are identified and critically taught in line with Harcourt Public School's core values.

Harmony Day 2017

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's success as a diverse society united by a common set of values. It is about bringing people together (EVERYBODY BELONGS) to promote Australian values and the Australian way of life. It's a day to understand and commit to the benefits of living in a country that embraces common values of respect, fairness, participation, acceptance and a fair go for all. Last week classes explored Harmony Day in a variety of ways. Students were encouraged to reflect on their cultural background and come dressed in their traditional national costume or the colours of a flag. Alternatively, students wore something orange (e.g. t-shirt, ribbons, hat, socks, scarf) as the official colour of Harmony Day.

Stewart House



Stewart House Donation Envelopes Stewart House donation envelopes have gone home. Please return these by Friday 7th April so your donation can go into the prize draw (see the Stewart House envelope for details). Please support this wonderful charity that gives back to students at our school each year.



Every year 1,800 public school children attend our safe haven next to Curl Curl Beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.

Regards,

Paul Keevers—Deputy Principal