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NEWSLETTER

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Halidon Primary School Kingsley,

Event Calendar

MARCH

Tuesday 21 March

Harmony Day

School banking in the senior wet area
8.10am – 8.30am
Assembly TA12
Uniform shop open 8.30 – 9am

Wednesday 22 March

Early close 2.30pm

Thursday 23 March

Running Club 8am
P&C Newsletter

Monday 27 March

P&C Meeting 1.30pm in the library

Wednesday 29 March

Early close 2.30pm

Thursday 30 March

Running Club 8am
School Newsletter

Friday 31 March

School Board meeting 7:30am

Disco – Theme 'FAMOUS PEOPLE'

Years K – 2: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Years 3 – 6: 6.45pm – 8.15pm

APRIL

Tuesday 4 April

School banking in the senior wet area
8.10am – 8.30am
Assembly TA2
Uniform shop open 8.30 – 9am

Wednesday 4 April

Early close 2.30pm

Thursday 6 April

Running Club 8am
P&C Newsletter

Friday 7 April

Last day of Term 1

From the Principal

Hello Halidon Community

Phew what a busy couple of weeks we've had! As mentioned in a previous notice we have a school board! Congratulations to those nominees who have been selected for a position on the inaugural school board. Our successful nominations are as follows:

Parent members:

Scott Russell
Michelle Moyes
James Hogg
Jodie Drewett
Michelle Vich

Staff Members:

Helen Demiris
Andrew Schmidt
Danica Schoppe
Jill Duncan

Community members are yet to be determined and will be a topic of discussion when the board convenes. Our first meeting is tomorrow and I'm looking forward to working with the members through the first cycle of the School Business Plan. Well done to the successful applicants and thank you to those who nominated.

Harmony Day Festivities

There is excitement brewing for our Harmony Day celebrations next Tuesday 21st March. In celebration of our cultural diversity and to promote the message "everyone belongs" we are asking students to support Harmony Day celebrations by dressing in traditional cultural costume OR in rainbow colours for a gold coin donation which will be collected on the day and go to the charity "All together Now".

TA 12 will be commencing the day by entertaining us with a whole school assembly. After assembly the all students will participate in rotational activities related to cultural diversity in Australia. After lunch the students will return to their classes until the end of day. At 5.00pm we invite everyone back to school with their picnic rugs and dinner to enjoy a family and community picnic. I have organised for an ice-cream van to attend. 10% of all sales are returned to the school. This is a fabulous way to not only celebrate the cultural diversity in our country but also enjoy a family picnic within our own community. I would like to remind everyone that as it is after school hours supervision of children will be the responsibility of parents. The picnic will be held in the front section of the school and classes will not be open. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Mayor Troy Pickard

On Monday Mayor Troy Pickard accepted an invitation to visit Halidon PS and speak with Andrew and myself. We spoke of developing a partnership between the City of Joondalup and Halidon PS. Mr Pickard was very eager to be part of our school community and we were grateful that he took time out of his busy schedule to visit with us. We discussed the provision of a kiss and drive area for Halidon and a representative from the City will visit us shortly to explore opportunities. Watch this space – as they say!!

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Mars One Project

Mr Buzza has organized for Josh Richards to speak with the students on 30th March about his opportunity to be part of the Mars One project. (Mars One https://community.mars-one.com/last_activity/ALL/18/82/AU/ALL/5/3) Josh has been successful in being part of a team to establish a permanent human settlement on Mars. Several unmanned missions will be completed, establishing a habitable settlement before carefully selected and trained crews will depart to Mars. Josh will be part of this crew. Josh is from Perth and he is a physicist, an engineer and a stand-up comedian. He will be in Perth speaking with students about the project, about the importance of science and engineering and about achieving your dreams.

Anzac Day

After consultation with the Halidon P & C we are very pleased to announce that we will conduct a dawn service at school for ANZAC day commemorations on Friday 28th April. To accommodate the service I have sought permission to change the configuration of the school day for this special ceremony.

The proposed format is as follows:

6.30 a.m.	Service Commences
7.15 a.m.	Service concludes and breakfast is served (provided by the Halidon P&C)
7.45 a.m.	Breakfast ends and classrooms are open for parents to visit
8.45 a.m.	First teaching session commences
10.40 a.m.	Break
11.00 a.m.	Second teaching session commences
12.30 p.m.	School day concludes

It is anticipated that most students will attend the Ceremony to commemorate the ANZAC tradition. However, it is understood that not all students will be able to attend from the proposed start time and there will be supervision provided for students who are unable to be picked up from school at 12.30 p.m.

I appreciate that the reconfiguration of the school day could pose some problems for parents which is why I am informing you as soon as possible.

Halidon's Wall of Fame

In my office I have the "Halidon's Wall Of Fame". This wall is designated to pieces of student work that teachers have considered improved, high effort, exemplary or all of the above! Students have taken great pride in showing me their work and being photographed. Pieces of work will be rotated monthly.



Owls

When I first arrived at Halidon I noticed a Tawny Frog Mouth Owl family that we have in the trees outside the Intermediate Block. This is a very unique feature of Halidon and one I have not seen at the neighbouring Kingsley Schools. Last week a different species of owl arrived! A Boobook owl has now taken up residence in the tree above the ECE gate. Its plumage is magnificent. Check it out....quietly!



Musical Performance

Woodvale Secondary College students entertained us with their musical performance on Wednesday. We were privileged to see the concert they are performing in Tasmania in a National competition. Our musical students were able to see the results of hard work and perhaps a pathway they may like to take when they reach secondary school! Great performance students and best of luck in Tasmania!!



Happy fortnight and see you all on Tuesday at the Harmony day picnic.
Helen Demiris

PARKING

Parking is an issue at almost every metropolitan school and we are no exception. In order to minimize disruptions and to maintain a safe and orderly environment around the school it is important that the following points are considered when parking:

Staff Car Park – Other than staff, this is out of bounds for parking at all times. By having parent cars also in the car park it makes it extremely difficult to guarantee the safety of students as children do run through the car park even though they are regularly reminded not to do so. **Please do not park in the staff car park.**

Verge Parking – the City of Joondalup does regular checks of verge parking and issue infringement notices for people who block driveways, obscure vision for other road users, especially around corners and roundabouts and for parking in areas that have 'No Parking' and 'No Standing' signs. Please respect our neighbours and the road signs.

HALIDON STEM NEWS

Looking for Loose Parts

What do things do when they don't have a job to do?

They become loose parts!

We'd like our Halidon students to find new uses for these loose parts.

These pieces will be very useful for the engineering projects that the students will be working this year.

What do loose parts look like?

Bottle lids, containers, popsticks, skewers, buttons, bread tags, bubble wrap, small boxes, shells, used matchsticks, wool, nails, nuts and bolts, matchboxes, buttons, bolts, nuts, washers, beads, juice box straws, cereal boxes, freezer bag ties.

The list is just the start.

To work with our loose parts we could also use any "pre-loved" tools such as hammers, pliers and screw drivers. Donations of loose parts and tools can be brought to the Science/STEM Room in TA10.

OFF TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to these Halidonians & members of Woodvale Little Athletics Club, Erin, Aven and Grace, for achieving outstanding results in last weekend's Little Athletics Zones Comp. All three students have qualified for the State Championships this weekend at HBF Stadium. Grace qualified in 2 events, Erin qualified in 3 events & Aven qualified in 5 events. Wishing you all the very best of luck!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the many parents/carers who have settled their voluntary Contributions.

Contributions can be paid on-line, by cheque or cash.

ON-LINE

- Recipient: Halidon Primary School
- Bank: ANZ
- BSB: 016006
- Acct Number: 340951726
- Reference: STUDENT/s Surname

CASH

Complete the envelope provided and place cash along with tear-off slip inside, then deposit into red box located outside the office.

Please tender the correct amount.

CHEQUE

Please make payable to "**Halidon Primary School**", fill in the envelope provided, place cheque and tear-off slip inside and deposit into red box located outside the office. The **P&C Contribution** has been set at **\$45.00 per family**. The P&C contribution can be included in the same payment method used to settle the school contributions.

Time payment plans are available following contact with the Manager Corporate Services

Your attention to this payment will be kindly appreciated as it assists in vital resources for all students.

HALIDON'S STUDENT LEADERS



Back row L – R:

Prefects: Marek M, .Annie W, Jett E, .Eliza B (Head Girl), Aven D (Head Boy), James B, Hayley R, Lucy T

Front row L – R:

Faction Captains: Megan T and Leah T (O'Connor), Elisha L and Cerys C (Forrest), Mary D, and Luke P (Giles)

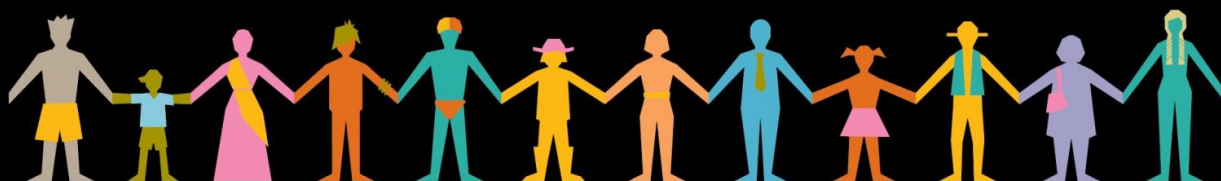
Avoiding nuts in lunchboxes

In an effort to provide a safe environment for students with allergies to nuts Halidon PS is seeking the support of the whole school community to help make our school nut free by ensuring all sandwich fillings, cakes, slices, biscuits, muesli bars, chocolate bars and dips which may contain nuts are not brought to school. Foods of particular concern are nuts hidden in chocolate (such as M&M's), peanut butter and dried fruit & nut combinations. Parents are encouraged to remind their children not to share any food with other children at recess or lunch.



Australian Government

HARMONY DAY



21st March 2017

Donate and Dress Up!

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*A **gold coin donation** will be collected on the day and given to the excellent charity **All Together Now** which promotes inclusiveness and racial equality for all, through education.*



EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au

