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NEWSLETTER

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Halidon Primary School Kingsley, WA 6026

Event Calendar

MARCH

Friday 31 March

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

School Logo Forum – 6:30pm in the Library

Wednesday 4 April

Early close 2.30pm

Thursday 6 April

Running Club 8am

P&C Newsletter

Friday 7 April

Last day of Term 1

Our school uniform supplier; Uniform Concepts 5/7 Delage St Joondalup will be closed for business during the first week of the school holidays. The shop will re-open on Tuesday 18 April.

TERM 2

Monday 24 April

Staff Commence

Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC day Public Holiday

Wednesday 28 April

Students Commence Term 2

From the Principal

Hello Halidon Community

It's hard to believe that we only have 2 weeks of term left! The term has flown by so quickly. In saying that, in eight short weeks we have accomplished so much. A new board has been nominated and formed, the staff have developed their first Business Plan and as a community we are developing the understanding of a new generation of Halidon, as an Independent Public School. The School Business Plan has now been endorsed by the School Board and is posted on the school web site for the community to peruse.

Harmony Day

What a terrific Harmony Day celebrating cultural diversity. The day kicked off with an extremely entertaining assembly item put on by TA 12. I was impressed with the way the students spoke so confidently and were able to engage the audience for the duration of the assembly! Well done TA12! For those of you who missed it, we were entertained by a very talented group of students who enacted a TV show named "The Harmony Hour." They delighted us with some very important facts about the multiculturalism in our community which kept us both intrigued and entertained. The students dressed up in their cultural costumes or rainbow colours and completed a rotation of harmony day activities. The children were grouped in mixed ages and rotated around the classes completing a variety of activities. I was very proud of the way the children conducted themselves particularly the way the senior students mentored and assisted the junior students. It was a real shame that the weather prevented us from having our family picnic, but we will reschedule for next term. This confirmed my initial thoughts from when I arrived at Halidon, which was that the students are very friendly, respectful and polite. As I've said many times, I feel very blessed to be part of this community.

Community Forum

The result of the community survey regarding the school logo is extremely close – 52% in favour of the change. I believe that this is too close to make a conclusive decision. After discussion with the School Board, I would like to conduct a community forum to discuss this further. I encourage everyone to join us on Tuesday 4th April at 6.30pm in the library to explore the re-branding of our school opportunity further.

Coin Trail Reminder

On Saturday 29th April a group of Halidon mums, Teresa Holden, Anna Pettley, Karen Beenham and Marnie Delauney will be abseiling off the QV1 building to raise much needed funds for the Princess Margaret Hospital. To support these brave ladies the school will conduct a coin trail in the undercover area next Tuesday 4th April. In exchange for their donation the students will receive a raffle ticket to win a prize. Stitches the bear will be in attendance. Could all students please wear their faction shirts on this day and remember their coins to donate!

P&C News

I met with the P & C on Monday. The P & C have agreed to invest in the library upgrade! This is very exciting and I look forward to the transformation over the next term. The P & C have also contributed to the purchase of Reading Eggs and Mathletics for many years. This year will be the last year that these programs will be purchased. I would like to thank the P & C for their tireless effort to fundraise for our school so that big projects like the library upgrade can be a reality. All students in the school will benefit from the library upgrade.

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School Song

The year six students and Jamie Raine, a local songwriter has been working on a new Halidon school song for some weeks now. The song is almost at completion, with the back up music and recording the only component left to finalize. The students have been very excited about the song, giving their input into the words and the instruments used for the backup music. We will get to hear it early next term!



Works around the school

There have been a few developments with minor works around the school. Ian Douglas has been working closely with DoE to have the trees around the school trimmed or removed. This has been in the best interest of student safety with many of the trees rotting or hanging dangerously over classrooms.

Mr Douglas has also commenced the renovation of the garden at the front of the school. I would like to acknowledge the amazing work that Mr Douglas does around the school.

School Chaplain

Our School Chaplain Miss Bronlyn Raganus is conducting protective behavior lessons in some of our junior classes. *Protective Behaviours* is a personal safety program and aims to promote resilience in children, using empowerment strategies, clear communication, and awareness of “safe” behaviours. A note will be sent home to the individual classes involved in the program this term.

Miss Raganus provides an amazing service to the Halidon school community. She not only provides one to one intervention for students but also works with small groups. Miss R plays an integral part of the Social and Emotional Wellbeing component of our School Business Plan.

Anzac Day

I would like to remind the community that our ANZAC Day dawn service will be held on the first Friday after the holidays, 28th April. The service will be followed by a community breakfast and classes will be open for students to share their work with parents and relatives.

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.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday period with their children. Happy Easter everyone, Easter is the only time of the year when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket!!

Helen Demiris

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is a progress. Working together is success” Anonymous

Kiss and Drive

Since the middle of last year the school has been liaising with the City of Joondalup and Roadwise to determine the viability of a Kiss and Drive facility at the school. A few weeks ago we discussed the matter with the Mayor from the City of Joondalup, highlighting safety concerns through traffic congestion at the end of the school day. The result of these meetings and discussions is that a 'Kiss and Drive' trial will commence throughout Term 2.

Four parking bays on Halidon Street will be reserved for Kiss and Drive (these bays will be marked prior to the commencement of Term 2) and it is essential for the smooth running of Kiss and Drive that parents do not park in these bays.

Please be patient and show your understanding as we implement the Kiss and Drive process and smooth out any 'teething problems'.

The procedure for Kiss and Drive is outlined in the attachment sent with this newsletter.

Wedding Bells

All staff at Halidon would like to wish our School Chaplain, Miss Raganas a wonderful day on Saturday for her wedding. Miss Raganas will be away in Week 10 and will return as Mrs Cathie next term.

ICT update

As Halidon seeks to continually improve the learning environment for all students, significant changes have been made to how computers and iPads are distributed through the school. The Computer Lab has been decommissioned and will be converted to a Conference Room and the computers that were housed there will be distributed for use in classrooms as an integrated tool for curriculum delivery. In addition, the school will place 35 new iPads into the school so that all classrooms will have their own sets to be used as a valuable learning tool by students. It is anticipated that these changes will better equip our students to be '21st century Learners'.

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.

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.

WALL OF FAME

STATE CHAMPION



Congratulations to Aven for winning a gold medal in the triple jump at the Interstate Championships that was held over the weekend of the 18th March.



Alex displays his wonderful work to Ms Demiris which now has pride of place on her "Wall of Fame".

ASSEMBLY – MERIT CERTIFICATES

At the assembly held on the 31 March which was hosted by TA2, the following students were presented with Merit Certificates and congratulated on their super efforts.

TA1	Year PP	Jack B	Darcy S
TA2	Year 2 Year PP	Noah H Chase McL	
TA3	Year 1 Year 2	Sophia Barnes Jacob R	
TA7	Year 4	Abbey S	Angus W
TA8	Year 2	Jake L	Henry W
TA9	Year 3	Baki B	Taya D
TA11	Year 4 Year 5	Lochie A Ryley S	
TA12	Year 5 Year 6	Hayden M Megan T	
TA13	Year 6 Year 6	Leah T Luke P	Henry D

GOLDEN BROOM AWARD: TA8

RUNNING CLUB

50 LAPS:

Kai C Year 2 TA8

STEM (Science Technology English Maths)

Students engaged in Mr Buzza's STEM classes.



HALIDON HOLIDAY MARBLE MAZE CHALLENGE

Halidon! Are you ready to be part of the Marble Maze Challenge?

During the April school holidays

design and make a

marble maze then enter it into this

Halidon Science competition.



A **marble maze** is a pathway that a marble can follow with a few tricks and traps along the way to test the skills of the maze operator.

Marble Maze Design Rules

For this competition, your maze has to follow these design rules

- The area of the model is not bigger than an A3 page.
- The maze has a start and a finish point.
- It is made using **loose parts** (reclaimed/recycled/repurposed materials)
- Some “tricks and traps along the way” e.g. tunnels, trapdoors, different levels, moving parts
- Give your maze a name (but put your name on the model too)

You can include some drawings with your entry to show some of the different ideas you had.

Get inspired by looking with some research before you start.

There are hundreds of ideas on the internet.

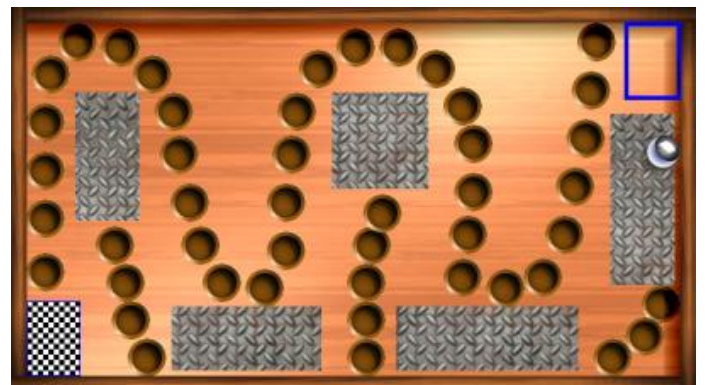
All family members are welcome to help out with the entry.

Entries need to be brought to the Science Room in Week 2. Judging will start on 2nd May.

There will be a few small prizes awarded in each year level (including the Kindy).

Engineers; Start your Imaginations!

Mr Wes Buzza - Halidon Science





Team TA 12's Assembly

On the 21st of March Team TA 12, put on their Harmony Day assembly. We started with our main item Harmony Hour presented by Bronny and Ronnie. We shared with the students of Halidon fun filled facts, harmonious messages and lots of laughter. TA 12 had worked hard to learn a poem called Multiculturalism Isn't a Bad Word by Taku Scrutton. Our final presentation was a jump jam routine. It was a cultural dance that was very fun to learn. In our assembly we shared the message everyone belongs. This means that even though we are diverse and have lots of differences we are all the same in one way or another. Like the poem said, it is our cultural way of life that brings everyone together and we hope that diversity will still be celebrated in many years to come.

By Hayley R and Eliza B.

