Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 8. Since we live in the land down under I thought I’d start my message this week with my thought for the week rather than finish with it. My thought is a question. “Have schools outlived their purpose?” Please give this some thought and then Google ‘Sugata Mitra TED Lecture School in the Clouds.’ The lecture is about twenty minutes long and well worth listening to. It has some serious implications for twenty-first century learners.

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed as part of the Razorback Team at the SW Sydney Regional carnival yesterday. They did a wonderful job. Hayden and Caitlin C have been selected for individual representation at the state carnival as have our junior boys and girls, and senior girl relay teams. Hayden has also been named as regional champion. This is a great effort from everyone, and every team member should be proud of their achievements.

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Yours faithfully,
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The National Ride2School Day is on tomorrow, Friday 22nd March. Last year we had a tremendous response. This year we would like to go even further and have more students and parents celebrate riding, scooting and walking as fun ways to travel to school. Imagine one day with no cars around the school!

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

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Are you a confident seamstress who can help with sewing of costumes for the Primary and Senior Dance Ensembles.

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The school cross country carnival will be held tomorrow at school. The carnival for Years 2-6 will commence at approximately 9:15 am and should conclude by 11 am. The top 4 students in each age-group from 8 years to 13 years will go on to represent the school at the zone competition. There will also be a special race for all the children in Year 2 who turn 7 this year. All parents are welcome to attend and cheer on their children. A sausage sizzle for the whole school will also be held at the carnival to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell.

Students must wear their sports uniform or a uniform consisting predominantly of the colours of their sports house (Fairfax red, Macarthur green, Bradman blue, Freeman yellow) and must also remember to bring a large cold drink, something to eat (preferably energy food eg banana etc), and protection from the sun including a hat and sunscreen. If your child suffers from asthma please make sure they bring their puffer.

We also still require parents to assist on the day by acting as track officials. Track officials simply sit on a chair in positions around the course and monitor runners as they pass. Please see Miss Carter in the morning if you are able to help.

Order of races (commencing at approximately 9:30am and concluding at approximately 11am)

12 Years Girls
12 Years Boys
7 Years Girls
7 Years Boys
8/9 Years Girls
8/9 Years Boys
10 Years Girls
10 Years Boys
11 Years Girls
11 Years Boys

Sausage Sizzle
$3 for a sausage sandwich and drink (sausage sandwich only $2). Money will be collected by all class teachers K-6 before the cross country carniva.
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VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

FAMILY NAME: ________________________________

Please find enclosed: (please circle)

$43 - single child  /  $65 - family as my voluntary 2013 school contributions for my child/ren listed below.

I request these funds be deposited into the Harrington Park PS Library Fund. Please provide me with a tax receipt.

Signed: ___________________________ (Parent / Caregiver)  Date: ____________

STUDENT: ___________________________  CLASS: _____________

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CHANGED CONTACT DETAILS

Child's Name: ___________________________  Class: _____________

Please only update the contact details that have changed:

New Home Address:  _____________________________________________________________________

(Proof of residency is required for change of address – please attach)

Home Phone: ___________________________  Email: _________________________________

Mother Contact Details: ___________________________ (Work) ___________________________

Father Contact Details: ___________________________ (Work) ___________________________

Emergency Contact Details: ___________________________ (Phone) _______________________

Emergency Contact Details: ___________________________ (Phone) _______________________

Please delete previous contact details for: ________________________________

Interrelate SCHOOL SERVICES presents
A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

FAMILY ADMISSION: 1 session $25 per family  2 sessions $30 per family

(cost to the school, inclusive of GST, is $27.50 and $33 respectively)

Where: HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

When: Tuesday, 26th March 2013

Time: 6:00pm SHARP ("Where Did I Come From?")  7:15pm ("Preparing for Puberty")

Please Note: Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.

-A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

Name of Family: ..........................................................................................................................

No. attending: [ ] Session 1: "Where Did I Come From?"  [ ] Session 2: "Preparing for Puberty"

Amount enclosed: $______________  Cash  Cheque (Please make cheques payable to school)

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