Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 10. When you receive this newsletter I will be on my way back from Jervis Bay with some of our Year 6 students. I am writing this newsletter on Tuesday morning before heading off to Wooglemai with the rest of Year 6. These two camps provide opportunities for our children to challenge themselves outside their comfort zones. They also provide them with opportunities to explore our beautiful natural surroundings and make lots of happy memories.

Next week Year 6 will elect the school parliament. All of Year 6 have been exploring Leadership in recent weeks in preparation for this election, and I have received lots of nominations for the election. Each year our parliament decides which charities we will support as a school. All of Year 6 decided last week that for this term we will again support Kids of Macarthur. We will join with schools in the area to have a mufti day on Wednesday 10th April. This year we are aiming to provide funds again for neonatal support. Kids of Macarthur supports many projects at Campbeltown Hospital, and it is great to have the opportunity to help an organisation that from time to time we may need to call upon for help ourselves. We are asking all children to make a gold coin donation on Wednesday and to come dressed in their favourite team colours for whatever code they support.

The Eater Hat Parade was a great success last week. Thanks to all parents who created some wonderful hats and also thanks to our marvellous P&C for their support on the day. Congratulations to Mrs Tidyman and her team for a well organised event. Don’t forget the bush dance this week. It should be a lot of fun and I am hoping to catch up with many of you there.

Thanks to Mr Woudsma, who deputised for me at P&C this week. The result of the vote on hats is that baseball style caps will remain as part of the school uniform.

My thought for the week is from Ralph Waldo Emerson, ‘The selfish man suffers more from his selfishness than he from whom that selfishness withhold some important benefit.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

3D Riley R
Trying hard in maths

3D Jack K
Following instructions to draw a cartoon ninja

3D Presley G
Being a helpful peer tutor

4EW Anina V
Excellent bookwork

4EW Hayden F
Great writing and pride in his work

4EW Kyah G
Great results in fast mathematics

Canteen Helpers
Week Beginning 11th April 2013

Monday:
am Stacey
pm

Tuesday:
am Kylie, Kerrin
pm

Wednesday:
am Sam, Jo
pm

Thursday:
am Ross, Sally
pm

Friday:
am Alison, Simone, Sheena
pm CLOSED

Voluntary school contributions of $43 per child or $65 per family are now being accepted by the school office. As the money goes towards stocking our library, any contribution received will be recognised by a name plate inside one of the library’s new books.

To have your child recognised for his/her school contribution, any money received by the end of Term 2 will automatically result in a book donated in your child’s name. Your child will select the book of their choice and be given the privilege of being the first person to borrow the book from the library.

Thank you for your voluntary support of the school.

Bush Dance
The Bush Dance is on tomorrow night! Don’t worry if you haven’t got your tickets yet, you can pay on the night. Cost is $20 a family, $8 an adult and $4 a child. The event starts at 5:30pm with a BBQ and the dancing starts at 6:30pm. There are some excellent prizes to be won and a lot of fun to be had. Come and support your school!

Easter Raffle
Thanks to everyone for your support with our Easter raffle. We had 38 prizes to give away!! Congratulations to all of the winners. We will let you know how much money was raised in next week’s newsletter.

Next Term
We will be having two fundraising events next term:
• Mother’s Day Stall - Thursday 9th May
• Movie Night @ Event Cinemas - Date to be advised

Last week Year 3 and 4 went on an excursion to Minnamurra Rainforest National Park.

When we got there we went in the classroom and saw a little presentation on the history and what sort of nature there is. After that we went on the boardwalk. We went down to the picnic area and had something to eat. Next we went on the boardwalk with our tour guide, Sally. We were lucky enough to see some water-dragons and lyrebirds. Sally spoke to us about what has happened 100 years ago in the National Park. We went across a couple of suspension bridges, which were really bouncy. We saw twisty vines and some people hugged a tree that was 1000 years old.

Next we had to walk up a steep hill to get to a waterfall. It was the most beautiful thing in the rainforest. The way the water sparkled under the big hot sun. It was amazing when everyone was quiet and we could hear all the animals and the streams. We loved the excursion. We had a wonderful time.

By Emily C and Kaitlyn F - 3/4B

Stage 2 Science Day

Stage 2 had a Science Day at Harrington Park Public School on Thursday 28th March 2013. We had the Science Day because it would be great fun and it hadn’t been done previously. Also it was to help us gain an understanding of science.

We had to do a rotation of different experiments with different teachers and classes. The teachers had some Year 5 students as their assistants. We also learned how scientists predict before they do their experiment and we learned about different scientists.

I had a lot of fun and it was magnificent!

Aahana S - 4EW
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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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STUDENT: ____________________________ CLASS: __________

ICAS Competitions for Years 3-6

RETURN THIS SECTION IN AN ENVELOPE WITH PAYMENT MARKED ‘ICAS’ TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL.

I would like ____________________________ of _________ to participate in the ICAS competition.

Please find enclosed $ ____________ cash/cheque/EFTPOS entry fee for the following competition/s (please tick):

☐ Mathematics $8.00  ☐ English $8.00  ☐ Science $8.00

☐ Spelling $11.00  ☐ Writing $17.00  ☐ Computer $8.00

Mastercard/Visa Credit Card Number: _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _  Expiry Date: _ / _  CCV: _ _ _

Signed: ____________________________ (Parent/Guardian)  __________

Date

ANZAC DAY MARCH

CHILD’S NAME: ____________________________ CLASS: _____

I wish to have my child participate in the Camden RSL’s ANZAC Day Parade on Thursday 25th April 2013, being held at the Camden War Memorial and along Camden’s main street. I understand my child is required to wear his/her school uniform, school jacket and school hat.

I can be contacted on _________________ (Home) or ________________ (Mobile) prior to ANZAC Day to confirm organisational details, including meeting time and place.

Signed: ____________________________ (Parent/Caregiver)