Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 3. The week began sadly with the funeral of Mrs Plummer’s husband. Everyone at the funeral learnt about a life of service that was well lived. At this stage I am not sure when Mrs Plummer will be returning to work. She has sent her thanks to everyone for their kindness and support.

Last Friday our school competed at the zone cross country and had a record number of students selected in zone teams to compete at the regional cross country. Our children were very well behaved and displayed excellent sporting spirit. I was very proud of them all on the day. Thanks to those family members who came along to support the children and thanks to Miss Carter for her hard work in preparing the team.

This week Year 2 had their excursion to the Sydney Aquarium and Maritime Museum. I’m sure that they will have learnt lots in relation to the themes that they have been studying. Thanks to everyone who supported the day.

Our school parliament is coming together nicely and we are about to form ministries. It will be interesting to see who becomes treasurer and what sort of budget is formulated. Our parliament is a practical way for children to learn about the functions of parliament, and it also gives them an opportunity to make a difference in our school.

Some of you may have seen our general assistant being taken away in an ambulance on Monday and several people have asked how he is. I’m happy to report that Mr Quirk is on the mend. He will be in hospital for several days, but is expected to make a good recovery and be back with us soon. I’m sure that you will all wish him a speedy recovery.

My thought for the week is from Ralph Nichols, ‘The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best
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### Week 2

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**Hockey**

Sydney South-West fielded the youngest team at the Championship with four Year 5 students and six Year 6 students. The team performed admirably to finish in 9th place from the 14 teams competing, finishing with 3 wins and 4 losses. This was a great result with four boys returning next year.

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Blake played a significant role for the team throughout the Championship as one of the team’s three leading guards. Although he gave away plenty in height, his speed and skill created many scoring opportunities for his team.

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Years 3-6 need to be recording the books they read and entering the details online in their reading log on The Premier’s Reading Challenge website. Years 3-6 need to read 15 books from the reading list and 5 free choice books in order to complete the challenge. If you have read at least 5 books so far then you are on track and well on your way to completing the challenge. All books need to be entered online by 31st July. If you are having any problems entering your books online please see the Teacher Librarian and they will be more than willing to lend you a hand. The Premier’s Reading Challenge website can be accessed through your student portal or you can enter the web address:  
www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Let’s try and increase our number of participants from last year. Happy reading!! Have fun!!

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

As you may be aware, the Woolworths Earn and Learn program has begun again for 2013. For every $10 spent in a Woolworths store you will receive a sticker. These stickers can be placed on a sticker card and placed in a collection box located in the school foyer area or in the Harrington Park Public School box located in the Mt Annan store.

Last year we earned over 35,000 points and the school received valuable classroom resources. It is hoped that in 2013 we can earn even more points to receive more resources for the school.

**Mothers Day Stall**

Our Mothers Day Stall was held last Thursday. It was a great success and it was so wonderful to see all the children so excited about buying a present for their mums. We hope all of the mums loved their presents and had a lovely Mothers Day on Sunday.

A big thank you to all of the helpers we had on Thursday. Thank you Mel C, Kim E, Symone P, Nicole H, Lucinda O, Amanda F, Megan S, Silvana B, Jo B, Jo M, Tracey W, Raelean B, Ross Z and Stephanie J. Your help was greatly appreciated.

**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop is open Tues 8.30-10.30am and Thurs 2.30-4.00pm so call in and get your winter uniforms now.

We are currently out of stock of size 6 & 8 long sleeve polo shirts, we will be sure to let you know when they arrive.

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**~ CLASS KF GETTING CREATIVE ~**

KF have been learning about 2 dimensional shapes. Here are some creative shape pictures they have made.
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