Care, Believe, Succeed Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NOMINEES FOR MAY

CARE: Harrison T (1HP) For his thoughtful and cooperative nature. Harrison always considers the needs of others and makes himself readily available to them in both the classroom and the playground. He has a high regard for the wellbeing of his peers and is a wonderful role model. Well done, Harrison!

Other Nominees: Tilly M, Mackenzie R, Chloe M, Eryn W, Lilyarna G (K); Lucas R (Yr 1); Tayla S, Lucas R, Lucy O, Jack B (Yr 3); Annette A (Yr 4); Eryn R, Eve R, Jessica M (Yr 5) Ethan L (Yr 6)

BELIEVE: Monica S (5M) For her belief in her abilities and the effort she puts into everything she does. It does not matter what subject we are learning about, or how difficult the task may be, Monica approaches everything with determination. She achieves personal success every day due to these excellent qualities. Well done, Monica!

Other Nominees: Jordis M, Jordan K, Oscar L, Lola P (K); Savar N Ellie H, Michael D, Landon F (Yr 1); Franco R (Yr 2); Owen G, Isabella F (Yr 3); Jessie H, Jessica M, Maddison P (Yr 4) Cooper S, Jack S, Kayla F (Yr 5); Christina R (Yr 6)

SUCCED: Jack B (3D) For displaying commitment and dedication in all areas. Jack perseveres with tasks that challenge him and listens carefully to advice. On a daily basis he gives 100% and because of this he has achieved well deserved success. Well done, Jack!

Other Nominees: Tallen J, Ashton A, Ryan M, Zane P (K); Abby P, Jayde S, Matthew F (Yr 1); Daniela S (Yr 2); Joe L, Brooke S (Yr 3); Anastasia M, Jamie C, Robbie M, Kaitlyn F (4); Bradley S, Jake R, Joanne P (Yr 5); Paris M, Jasmine U, Brooke K (Yr 6)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. Last week we had our Care Believe Succeed Assembly. Congratulations to our nominees and the three award winners. You should all be proud of your efforts. We inducted our new parliament in a special ceremony just prior to the assembly and the student parliament sat for the first time this week.

Our student parliament have been given the job of deciding which charities will be supported by the school. The children suggested that this term they would like to do something to help Mrs Plummer and her family, and thought that a mufti day could be held. They are going to ask everyone to wear blue on the day in honour of Mr Plummer who was a police officer. The Ministers for Fundraising and Communications will provide more information next week. It was nice to see that this suggestion came from the children. It is a good reflection of the level of care that exists within our community.

We had a good P&C meeting on Tuesday evening with lots to discuss. The Mothers’ Day stall was a great success. On Tuesday the P&C donated approximately $8000 for the school sign, another $5000 for school magazines and $1000 for the online subscription to World Book Encyclopaedia, which families can access from home. The code for this is in this newsletter.

I explained at the meeting that I have a new role for the rest of this year working with the Department’s High Performance Unit as a Leadership Officer for 2 days per week. Mr Woudsma will relieve as principal on the days that I am not at school. There is some flexibility as to which days these might be, but on average I will be at Harrington Park for 3 days per week. This is a temporary appointment assisting in the creation of a new position within our system.

Children have been getting ready for the athletics carnival next week. I hope that the weather is kind to us, and that we can share an enjoyable day together.

My thought for the week is from Abigail Van Buren, ‘People who fight fire with fire usually end up with ashes.’

Have a great week and enjoy your long weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

DIARY

June TERM 2
7th: Gala Day #2
10th: Public Holiday - Queen’s Birthday
11th: AASC Futsal Yrs 1-2
12th: HPPS Debate - Eels vs Sharks @2pm
13th: Maths Olympiad #2
14th: Responsible Pet Education Kindergarten & Yr 1
15th: Author Visit for Yrs 3 & 5
16th: Yr 1 AFL Skills
17th: Responsible Pet Education Program - Kindy & Yr 1
18th: SSW Cross Country @ Hurlstone Ag. HS

June Term 2 continued
14th: K-6 Athletics Carnival
15th: Sausage Sizzle—Yr 6 fundraising
17th: ICAS Writing test
18th: Athletics Carnival High Jump Finals 8/9 yrs
19th: Yr 5 IMAX Excursion
20th: ICAS Spelling test
21st: AASC Futsal Yrs 1-2
28th: High Jump Finals 10 yrs
19th: High Jump Finals 11 yrs
20th: High Jump Finals 12/13 yrs
28th: Last Day of Term 2
July TERM 3
15th: Staff Development Day
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

4B  Dominic W  A wonderful retell of Hattie and the Fox  
4B  Nicholas W  Always being a reliable and hardworking student

4B  Phillip S  For having fantastic visualising skills resulting in wonderful illustrations

4B  Lewis A  Participating in discussions during our energy audit

4C  Zac C  Leading his team while measuring light and electricity

KM  Billy N  Being especially helpful in the classroom

KM  Tilly M  A wonderful effort with his reading contract

KM  Alyssa C  Excellent contributions to discussions on Natural Disasters

KT  Ava S  Super results in weekly spelling tests

KT  Declan P  Great contributions to class discussions on Natural Disasters

KT  Nicholas T  Her great effort during spelling activities

KT  Felix M  His great work and effort during 3D shape work

5M  Emily F  Identifying 3D shapes based on their properties

5M  Chelsea C  WONDERFUL effort in mathematics lessons

5NT  Austin A  Working hard in all topic areas

6W  Sidney D  Always striving to do his best in all of his work

5M  Callum S  Displaying excellent listening skills

6W  Sidney D  Consistent effort in all tasks

6W  Habib A  Always trying his best

Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival is fast approaching with classes across the school practising running and field events in preparation for the big day on Friday 14th June.

Cost:  
- $3 - Sausage Sandwich & Drink (juice popper)
- $2 - Sausage Sandwich
- $1 - Drink (juice popper)

We invite all families to come and enjoy the day with us. There will be a sausage sizzle run by Year 6 with proceeds going towards the Year 6 Fundraising and gift to the school.

Students are encouraged to wear their house colours and bring flags, mascots etc, to add to the carnival atmosphere of the day. Don’t forget your hat and joggers.

800m Event

This year our 800m event for Years 2-6 will be held after the carnival on Tuesday 25th June. We will be running a 4 x 100m relay around the oval as a final event. Each class from Years 2-6 will compete.

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.

Sticker cards are available at all Woolworths stores.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

CANTEEN HELPERS

Week Beginning 10th June

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Our next issue of Book Club has been given out this week. Flyers are due into the office by Monday 17th June. Extra flyers are available in the library. Orders should arrive back before the end of term. Spend a moment to find something that will interest your child over the holidays.
Last Wednesday the boys in 3D thought Santa had come early when Mr Clinch, Mr Armstrong and Mrs Kiggins from Masters Home Improvement arrived with a box full of goodies for them. Everyone received their very own toolbox full of tools to use when working on their bikes. The boys were very surprised when Mr Clinch, the store manager gave them a talk about the importance of working hard at school and then started handing out the gifts. One student excitedly said, ‘This is the best day of my life’. It was great to see the smiles on the boys’ faces. They couldn’t wait to put their new tools to good use and start working on their bikes. A big thank you must go to Mr Clinch and the generous people at Masters.

STATE KNOCKOUT CRICKET REPORT

On Monday the boys’ cricket team played Dalmeny in round three of the State Knockout competition. Fielding our youngest team ever, the boys were always going to find it tough. We batted first and after 25 overs were 6 for 90. Jeromy top scored with 19 runs which included 3 much needed fours. Ryan S, the team captain opened the bowling and had the Dalmeny openers not knowing what to do with his mesmerising spinners. After 5 overs, Dalmeny were 3 for seven and an easy win was looking very likely until their remaining opening batter started swinging like a woodcutter. He showed little respect for our bowlers, top scoring on the day with 33. With 1 over to go and Dalmeny needing just 5 runs to win, it was time for the boys to step up and that they did. The final score was HPPS 90 - Dalmeny PS 88.

Well done boys. Good luck in round four.

Uniform Shop News

Now available at the uniform shop, for your convenience, are short sleeved t-shirts in your children’s house colours, ie: yellow, red, blue and green, just in time for next week’s athletics carnival. At a cost of $6 each, we will have sizes: 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

FREEMAN (Yellow)    FAIRFAX (Red)    BRADMAN (Blue)    MACARTHUR (Green)

4C’s Energy Audit

This year 4C are participating in the Climate Clever Energy Savers project. We have been working very hard to investigate how we use renewable and non-renewable energy in our homes and at HPPS.

On Monday, Tristan came to help us with our project. We used iPads and LUX measuring devices to investigate how our classrooms and the office block are using lighting and appliances. We measured energy consumption in kilowatts. We found out some mind blowing results!

We are now starting to develop our action plans to help our school become even more energy efficient.

4C are very excited to share their ideas with the staff, students and parents of HPPS. Once we have developed our plans and they have been approved by Mr Best and the Climate Clever Energy Savers committee you will get to be part of our mission.

We would like to thank everyone who allowed us to come into their classrooms or office and also to the teachers who have completed our surveys.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!!

World Book Encyclopaedia

Go to: http://worldbookonline.com

Login: harringtonparkr
Password: Library
Last Wednesday we competed in the Razorback All Schools Rugby League Tournament. We played at St Gregory’s College. In our first game against Tahmoor, we won 20-0. Adam steamed through their defence and scored twice. Our defence was strong.

In the 2nd game, we played Warragamba. This was our grand final and we led 6-0 early. We were on the wrong end of the penalty count and unfortunately went down 12-6.

In our final game against St Claire, we were back to our best with an 18-0 win. It was a good day and we were probably unlucky not to win the day. Robbie ran the ball strongly and Adam was almost unstoppable. We also showed speed in our back-line.

Thanks to the parents who helped and cheered us on. Thanks also to Mr Bush who was sick on the day but helped with selections and training. We have the nucleus of a great team and will be ready next year.

This report was written by: Ryley K, Beau and Mr Woudsma

**Girls Rugby League Report**

Ten girls from our school played at the All Schools Rugby League Carnival last Wednesday. We started the day with skills clinics and learnt how to play the game. We then played four games. We won three and drew one.

It was a fantastic day and a big thank you to the CRL Development Officer for making it fun.

Girls Rugby League Team
This term, 4B have been learning about Position and Time in maths but we have been doing it in a really fun way. We have been using games to help us learn.

We have made a game called ‘Battle Star Search’, which is a bit like Battleships, to help us learn all about position and co-ordinates. We have played a game on the Smart board called ‘Stop the Clock’ which helps us convert analogue to digital times. We have also played Clock Dominoes and Time Bingo. When we play ‘Stop the Clock’, Toby is our class champion!

We enjoy playing these games because firstly we get to make them, we are learning about maths while we are having fun and we are also taking turns and cooperating with our friends.

We think that playing maths games are a great way to learn, maybe you should try some of these games at home.

Last Thursday the Senior Boys and Senior Girls Futsal teams went to the Regional Futsal Championships at Minto. Both teams played really well throughout the competition and showed excellent sportsmanship. The Senior Boys had to play 6 games on the day in a very tough pool. They won 2 and lost 3 which placed them third in the competition. This was a wonderful effort in a very hard competition. The Senior girls had to play 4 games in their pool. They drew the first three games and won the last. This placed them second in the pool and into the final. The final was very tough however, with the girls determination and fighting spirit they came away with the win.

This win gave them the title of Regional Champions and they are now off to the State Championships in Penrith next term. The Junior Boys had the privilege of not even having to play in the competition as there were not enough teams entered so they have automatically made it through to State as well. I’m sure they would have played well as they have been training hard. Congratulations to all three teams I am very proud of your commitment and effort both at training and during the games. Good luck in the State Championships! Thank you to all the parents that came and supported the children on the day. It was very much appreciated.

Mrs Bligh
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