Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Education Week. I am about to head off to see the 2567 Showcase when I finish writing this, and I’m sure that our children will shine. Education Week provides the opportunity to display all of the wonderful things that happen in our public schools.

This week I won’t be spending many evenings at home. On Monday I enjoyed watching the reactions of parents and friends as they experienced our Art Exhibition. Mr Hugh Davis, from the Australian Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, officially opened the exhibition. He spoke of the many exhibitions that he had experienced, and how with every exhibition the organisers look for a ‘Wow factor.’ It was really good to see that upon entering our show his first word was ‘Wow!’ he was very impressed by the standard and range of art on show. Congratulations to all of our children and their wonderful teachers.

Wednesday night was the chance to display our dancing talents. Thanks to the dedicated teachers and wonderful dancers for the great job that they do in raising the profile of our school.

Tonight I will be at the Public Education Ambassadors Presentation Ceremony. Congratulations to Helena who has been selected as our ambassador. I’m sure that she will represent us well.

It was great to have so many visitors today for our open day. Thank you to everyone who was able to come for a visit today. I hope that you enjoyed sharing school with your children.

I haven’t discovered the perfect school yet, but I am very proud that at Harrington Park we have a commitment to the pursuit of excellence. As long as parents and staff continue to work together for the benefit of our children we will continue to make our good school even better.

Next week the ‘Kiss and Drop Zone’ will be painted for extra safety. Please encourage your children to enter our competition to design a sign with a slogan about using the zone correctly. The best two entries will be chosen to be used on signs.

Thank you for making our school your school of choice, and remember that ‘Public schools create the public!’ Happy Education Week!

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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**TERM 3**

**August**

2nd: School Tree Planting Day
5th: State Futsal - Jnr Boys & Senior Girls @ Penrith
     AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball
6th: K-3 Book Week Performance - ‘Herman and Rosie’
     P&C Meeting - 7pm
     AASC - Yrs 3-6 Athletics
7th: Regional Public Speaking
8th: HPPS Eels debate vs St Andrews PS
12th: AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball
13th: Primary Proms Preliminary Rehearsal
     ICAS Maths Test
     Yr 5 My Girragundji Theatre Show @ Campbelltown
     AASC - Yrs 3-6 Athletics
14th-16th: Yr 4 Berry Camp
16th: Milo Cup
20th: Pizza Day
21st: Maths Olympiad #4
23rd: Gala Day #1
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

3D Jack B Creative ideas using ‘Picasso head’ computer program
3D Kyle S Working well on his cubist sculpture
3D Jack B Working well with his team to make a paper square metre

PIZZA MEAL DAY

The Canteen will be having a Pizza Day on Tuesday, 20th August. All money raised will go towards purchasing whirly birds for the canteen. This will help keep the canteen staff and parent volunteers cooler in the hot weather. Thank you for your support.

Sorry no other lunch orders on this day.

Combo which includes Slice of Pizza, Drink and Packet of Chips will cost $5.00 pre-ordered and paid. Additional slice of pizza will be available to buy on the day at $2.00 a slice. Orders and money to the Canteen by 15th August 2013.

An order note will be sent out closer to the date.

ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools) Computer – 2013

The following students achieved credit (top 25%) and distinction (top 10%):

Credit
Year 3: Aria M, Brianna H
Year 4: Hayley G
Year 5: Ashlee S, Paige E, Bradley S, Breanna C
Year 6: Portia Z, Helena T

Distinction
Year 3: Travis F, Annalysse S
Year 4: Lochi K, Lucy M
Year 5: Jayden T

We are still in the developmental stages but if you ‘Like’ us on Facebook we will utilise this when we have important messages to send out as another form of communicating with the community.

We will advise you in the newsletter when the site is fully up and running.

Find us at:
www.facebook.com/HarringtonParkPublicSchool

CANTEEN HELPERS
Week Beginning 5th August

Monday: am Kylie, Kerrin pm Kylie
Tuesday: am Kyle S pm Kylie
Wednesday: am Sam, Jo pm Alyssse
Thursday: am Ross, Sally pm Alyssse
Friday: am Sheena pm

Our first school relay event was an afternoon to remember. The sun was shining down on Fairfax Oval where 800m runners were competing it out to the supportive cheers of their respective houses. It was great to see the large number of students entering in each age group.

Then came time for the relay. The fastest 2 boys and 2 girls in Year 6 from each house lined up against some very enthusiastic teachers who dressed especially for the occasion. Once the whistle was blown Miss Camenzuli took off with a good strong start. The baton was then passed to Mr Woudsma who ran at lightning speed for the second leg. Miss Davis kept the handsome lead with some great sprinting before passing the baton for the final leg to Mr Martin. His initial burst of speed was followed by running in circles before he crossed the line! What an entertaining event!!


A great afternoon was had by all!!

Now that all school athletics events have been held we have tallied the points to reveal the winning house for Athletics is...

Bradman with 652 followed by Fairfax on 478. The next two positions hotly contested were Freeman on 416 narrowly defeating Macarthur who had 414.

All the best for athletes continuing on to Razorback Zone on 2nd and 3rd September at Campbeltown Stadium. Students will be notified of their selection this week.

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House Competition
Homework is an important part of learning, but sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. These ideas and resources cover a range of popular topics to kick-start your child’s home project activities.

Find out more:
other-subjects-and-assignments

Kids who find maths easy in the early years of school can be turned off quickly if they get confused and can’t work it out. Here are 10 ways to get your tween through the more challenging times.

Find out more:
mathematics/mathematics-tips/tips-for-tweens-who-find-maths-hard

4C are pleased to announce that they have finished working on their proposals for their Climate Clever Energy Saving Project for 2013. We have been working on our proposals for over a term now and are very happy with our finished products. We have been working in our interest groups to plan FOUR different proposals to help educate teachers and students about the importance of sustainability and use of electricity in our schools and homes. To help us understand more about renewable energy we have been completing lots of research tasks, an interest project, an energy audit using iPads, surveying teachers and researching suitable products online. Our goal is to continue to help reduce our energy bill and to change people’s behaviours in encouraging them to use renewable energy sources more often. Last week, we delivered our proposals to Mr Best and sent them away to the CCES committee for their approval. We will present our plans to the school community once our proposals have been returned to us! So watch this space!

Student bank books should be sent to the office each Wednesday morning and will be returned to the classroom the following day.

School Safety Program
Working together to keep our kids safe...

PLEASE STAND BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE

To improve the safety of your children while they are waiting to be picked up in the Kiss and Ride/No Parking bay, Council is installing a yellow ‘Pedestrian Safety Line’.

Much like the safety line on a train platform, this area will clearly show children the safe distance from the kerb to avoid conflict with vehicles.

Children should

Please stand behind the yellow line

until the vehicle has stopped. We would ask that you reinforce this message to your children and help them be safe.

Next week our kiss and drop zone will be painted as set out above. Please remind kids to stand behind the line.

A road and community safety initiative brought to you by
Junior AFL team had 3 wins and 1 draw. The Junior’s made the grand final and were the champions of mixed juniors.

Senior AFL team had 1 win, 2 losses and 1 draw.

HPPS Junior B’s came 2nd place in the competition.

HPPS vs Currans Hill
HPPS vs Elderslie
HPPS vs Warragamba
HPPS vs Mawarra
HPPS vs Mt Annan

BYE
BYE

Junior Netball B’s

Game 1: HPPS vs Camden South Won 9-3
Game 2: HPPS vs Elderslie Won 17-0
Game 3: HPPS vs Currans Hill Won 7-3
Game 4: BYE

HPPS Junior B’s came 2nd place in the competition.

Senior Netball B’s

Game 1: HPPS vs Camden South Lost 6-4
Game 2: HPPS vs Elderslie Won 13-2
Game 3: HPPS vs Currans Hill Draw 1-1
Game 4: HPPS vs Mawarra Lost 9-1

The Senior Girls Competition. Well done!!

Juniors were undefeated on the last gala day and only lost one game over the 3 gala days. They won the Junior Girls Competition. Well done!!

Jnr Soccer B's

Game 1: HPPS vs Mt Annan Lost 2-0
Game 2: HPPS vs Mawarra Lost 4-0
Game 3: HPPS vs Warragamba Lost 1-0
Game 4: HPPS vs Elderslie Draw 1-1
Game 5: HPPS vs Currans Hill Draw 0-0

With the exception of 2 draws, the seniors won every game. They won the Senior Girls Competition.

Game 1: HPPS vs Elderslie Won 1-0
Game 2: HPPS vs Mawarra White Won 4-0
Game 3: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Green Won 1-0
Game 4: HPPS vs Currans Hill Won 1-0

Jnr Hockey

Game 1: HPPS vs Camden St Navy Win 2-0
Game 2: HPPS vs Camden St White Win 4-0
Game 3: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Lost 0-1
Game 4: HPPS vs Mt Annan Red Win 1-0

Snr Hockey

Game 1: HPPS vs Camden St Navy Draw 0-0
Game 2: HPPS vs Camden St White Win 4-0
Game 3: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Lost 0-1
Game 4: HPPS vs Mt Annan Red Win 1-0

HPPS vs Elderslie White
HPPS vs Elderslie Green
HPPS vs Elderslie Red

We started very strongly with some early comfortable wins. We were getting tired as the day progressed. Lachlan S was a great leader as he organised the team positions for each match, keeping everyone happy. Well done boys, great team spirit and excellent behaviour. Best and Fairest was Lucas for giving 100% in every challenge.

Senior Netball A's

Game 1: BYE
Game 2: HPPS vs Currans Hill Lost 7-3
Game 3: HPPS vs Cobbity Won 4-0
Game 4: HPPS vs Mt Annan Won 11-5

The Senior AFL team had 1 win, 2 losses and 1 draw. We were getting tired as the day progressed. Lachlan S was a great captain, offering to play goal keeper against his wishes. Generally all the boys were well behaved and played well as a team. Best and Fairest was Lucas for giving 100% in every challenge.

Game 1: HPPS vs Mt Annan Draw 1-1
Game 2: HPPS vs Mawarra Draw 0-0
Game 3: HPPS vs Warragamba Lost 1-0
Game 4: HPPS vs Elderslie Lost 2-0
Game 5: HPPS vs Currans Hill Win 4-1

Jnr Girls Soccer

Game 1: HPPS vs Elderslie White Won 2-0
Game 2: HPPS vs Mawarra White Won 2-0
Game 3: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Green Draw 0-0
Game 4: HPPS vs Currans Hill Won 3-0
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