Diary

October
17th: Gala Day #1 (Wet weather catch up)
22nd: Performance @ Event Cinemas (ES1, Stage 1, 5B, 5M)
Matinee: 4pm
Evening: 6:30pm
Public Speaking Final @ Mawarra PS 10am
23rd: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal @ Lidcombe
27th: Schools Spectacular Dance Rehearsal
28th: Schools Spectacular Choir Rehearsal
29th: Boys Milo Cup Cricket State Final @ Blacktown
29-30th: Sports / Specialty Groups Photos
31st: Grandparents Day
CBS Assembly @ 11:30am

November
3rd-14th: Yrs 2-6 Swimming Scheme
4th: Year 1 Vision Screening
2015 Kindergarten Orientation 9:10 - 10am
P&C Meeting 7pm
6th: Canberra Final payment due
10th: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
11th: School Spectacular Choir Rehearsal
Year 1 Vision Screening
2015 Kindergarten Orientation 9:10 - 10am
14th: Year 6 Mini Fair
17-28th: Yr 6-7 Transition
18th: 2015 Kindergarten Orientation 9:10 - 10am
20th: 6B Nursing Home visit
21st: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm
26-27th: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal

Year 6 Camp Reminder
Year 6 students who are attending the camp to Canberra must return their FINAL PAYMENT by Thursday, 6th November.

A Night at the Movies Performance
Any parents requiring tickets for the 4pm Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Class 5M and 5B’s performance "A Night at the Movies", on Wednesday 22nd October 2014, please see Mrs Smukulis asap. The evening performance is sold out.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 2. Our school is once again buzzing with activity. Some children are busy preparing for next week and the performances at Events Cinema. This is a trial which was negotiated with the P&C who held a meeting at the cinema with staff to explore its use as a venue, as some parents had indicated that they believed our hall to be too uncomfortable and crowded. After much discussion with the staff it was felt that we would run both school based and off site concerts this year and seek feedback from parents after all concerts had been held to determine where we would go in the future. Some parents have already indicated that they would prefer to be having the concerts here. Everyone will be given the chance to have their say after next week. All opinions will be considered before a final decision is made. I hope that you take time to let us know what you think.

Thank you to those parents who took time to give us feedback with the surveys. The information is now being collated in preparation for the planning conference. Two planning meetings will be held on Thursday 6th and 13th November from 4 to 7pm. This will be in place of the second school development day at the end of the year. Children will still have their last day on Wednesday 17th December.

There have been several cases of Chicken Pox reported this week. Please consult a doctor if your child is showing any sign of this illness, and keep them at home until they are past the infectious stage if they are diagnosed as having Chicken Pox. We do have some children at our school who are at risk if they contract some typical childhood illnesses and we all need to work together to protect our children.

My thought for the week is from Lao tsu, ‘A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.’

Have a good week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

Kindergarten 2015 Enrolment
Please contact the office as soon as possible if you have a child enrolling for Kindergarten next year. Early information helps us organise a much smoother transition and orientation. If you have friends or relatives enrolling a Kindergarten child for 2015 we would appreciate your assistance by reminding them to enrol soon.

Thank you
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

**KA**
- Noah W: A fantastic effort during performance practice.
- Mia D: Working hard to learn sounds and sight words.
- Amelia L: Improved confidence during reading and writing tasks.

**KL**
- Chloe T: Always being a hardworking student.
- Jessica S: Working quietly to complete her work.
- Jayden S: Producing lovely neat work.

**KT**
- Alex C: A great effort when practising our performance.
- Braedyn B: Working hard to count forwards and backwards to add and subtract.
- Reece T: A fantastic effort in writing.

**KV**
- Myah L: Always trying hard during handwriting lessons.
- James H: Excellent reading during reading groups.
- Damien D: Writing a wonderful recount of his holidays.
- Cameron W: For taking great care to write in her new handwriting book.

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Students at Harrington Park Public School achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS this year. Congratulations to all the students who participated. I’m sure it has been a valuable experience. Computer and Science results have already been published and following are the results for Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. The certificates will be presented at upcoming Stage Assemblies. Well done everyone!

**WRITING**
- Distinction: Y6 Bradley S
- Credit: Y4 Ireland E, Jayden T, Jack O
- Merit: Y4 Maison D

**SPELLING**
- Distinction: Y3 Joel B, Y4 Seth G, Y6 Bradley S
- Credit: Y4 Annalysse S, Maison D, Noah O, Y5 Liam M, Y6 Blake M, Brianna C, Jayden T, Jack O
- Merit: Aria M

**ENGLISH**
- Distinction: Y3 Erin C, Y6 Jayden T, Bradley S, Brianna C

**MATHEMATICS**
- High Distinction: Y5 Noah P, Y6 Bradley S
- Distinction: Y3 Joel B, Y4 Brianna H, Hayden B, Y5 Lucy M, Y6 Jayden T
- Merit: Y3 Jessica O, Y4 Ashlee S, Ireland E, Y5 Tara M, Lochi K

A special congratulations to Bradley S, in Y6 who achieved Distinction or High Distinction in each of the six ICAS Tests. An outstanding effort!!

Irene Malone

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On Wednesday we travelled to Newport for our Round 5 match in the State Knockout. We had a two hour road trip to get there but we arrived at a very nice ground, close to the beach and with lots of shade and a cool sea breeze blowing across the field.

Newport batted first, and they got off to a very good start with some aggressive batting. Some very good bowling, especially by Jorja U, Abbey H and Demi C helped to slow down their scoring rate.

Then it was our turn to bat, and chasing a large total we got off to a great start thanks to our openers Emily F and Emily B, who batted for 8 overs against some very fast and accurate bowling. This was followed by another good partnership between Jorja U and Paige E and then Briannan E also batted very well to top score.

Despite our very good batting performance, the Newport total proved too much and they were well deserved winners. It was a very good performance by our team despite the lack of practice recently. The girls should be very proud of their efforts this year and the big improvements they have made. Hopefully some of them will continue playing cricket in the future.

A big thank you to all the parents who made the long drive to Newport and supported the team.

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Sizes 8, 10 & 12 short sleeve polo shirts have arrived.
If you have any spare time to cover books we would appreciate your help. Please see the library on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mrs Drew
The Canteen will be holding a ‘Lolly Day’ on Wednesday, 19th November 2014.

Fairy Floss - $3.00 bag.
Freddo Frog - Dairy milk, Carmello Koala, Popping Candy, White, 100x1000’s, Strawberry or Peppermint - $1.00 each

Orders and payment need to be paid to the Canteen by Friday, 14th November 2014.

I would like to order Fairy Floss - $3.00.
Freddo Frog - Dairy milk, Caramello Koala, Popping Candy, White, 100x1000’s, Strawberry or Peppermint - $1.00 each

PLEASE CIRCLE CHOICE

Childs Name: ____________________________  Childs Class: __________________
Amount Enclosed: ________________________ (CORRECT MONEY ONLY)

The Canteen will be holding a ‘Chicken Strips Day’ on Tuesday, 9th December 2014. Sorry, no other lunch orders on this day.

Combo includes 2 Strips, Popper and a Packet of Chips for a cost of $6.00. Orders and payment need to be paid to the Canteen by Thursday, 4th December 2014.

Additional Strips can be purchased on the day for $2.00 each.

I would like to order a ‘Chicken Strips Deal” (2 Strips, Popper and a Packet of Chips ) for $6.00.

Childs Name: ____________________________  Childs Class: __________________
Amount Enclosed: ________________________ (CORRECT MONEY ONLY)
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Please return to the school office by Friday, 24th October 2014