Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 5. Firstly I’d like to apologise about the absence of a newsletter last week. Technology challenges beyond our control left us without computers or the internet last week until half way through Friday. I’m happy to report that everything is back online now.

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One survey made comment about the new bitumen area, and I would like to clarify some of the points raised. The cost of the bitumen was approximately $65,000, not $100,000. It was never meant as a netball court. It’s main purpose was to provide a functional play area where we previously had a dustbowl. The school grounds committee is currently looking at different types of markings for the play area, and students form part of this committee. The project was funded by the State Government, the P&C and the school, with each party contributing a third of the cost. The money could not be spent on new buildings. We do not determine that level of capital works, and the cost of new buildings is beyond our budget. We did receive 6 new classrooms as part of the ‘Building Education Revolution’ at a cost of approximately $3 million. It was also suggested by the same respondent that families could each donate a brick in an attempt to provide a new building. The P&C attempted a similar venture to provide a new footpath, but sadly we didn’t get enough donors to complete a path. I was pleased however that the person took some time to share many ideas with us, including the introduction of an app for enhanced communication which is already being explored. I would be more than happy to discuss any points raised by people in surveys if they would like to contact me. It is impossible to respond to everyone in surveys and this makes it impossible to reply to anyone.

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Many people respond with differing points of view which leads to our ideas and issues are raised as part of our planning process. I wish to assure everyone that took time to respond that points raised by people in surveys if they would like to contact me. It is impossible to respond to everyone in surveys and this makes it impossible to reply to anyone.

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Have a great week.
Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

November

3rd-14th: Swimming Scheme
10th: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
11th: School Spectacular Choir Rehearsal
School Spectacular Dance Rehearsal 3 - 3:45pm
Year 1 Vision Screening
2015 Kindergarten Orientation 9:10 - 10am
13th: Yrs 1-2 AFL 9-11am
17-28th: Yr 6-7 Transition
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

**KA Keenan F**
- Amazing dancing at our performance
- 2T Isaac W
- For creative and descriptive writing

**KA Matthew A**
- A wonderful effort at performing on stage
- 2T Ellie H
- Great effort and beautiful smiles during dance performance

**KA Amelia L**
- Beautiful behaviour at our performance
- 2T Ariyelle G
- Great effort and beautiful smiles during dance performance

**KL Jake M**
- His wonderful effort during reading groups
- 3D Bailey C
- Working hard in all areas

**KL Ray O**
- Wonderful improvement in his writing
- 3D Daniela S
- Outstanding description writing

**KL Abby Z**
- Her excellent effort in handwriting
- 3E Ethan B
- Fantastic effort during reading

**KT Nathan D**
- Being a perfect student at our performance night
- 3J Ben M
- Perserverance and challenging mathematical concepts

**KT Grace B**
- Her fantastic dancing at our performance
- 3J Jake H
- An outstanding effort at Chess competition

**KT Emily S**
- Her exceptional behaviour at our performance
- 3J Olivia R
- A consistent effort in writing activities

**KV Azra M**
- Behaving beautifully during our performance
- 3/4O Samuel S
- A great effort in his persuasive writing

**KV Bailey M**
- Behaving beautifully during our performance groups
- 3/4O Lucas T
- Excellent application to all his work

**KV Aiden A**
- Behaving beautifully during our performance
- 4B Jack K
- Having fantastic manners

**1K/M Elisha S**
- Beautiful manners throughout our performance
- 4C Chloe C
- Being considerate to others

**1K/M Kate D**
- Working hard to find the main idea in reading
- 4G Sonja C
- Working well across all key learning areas

**1K/M Xavier G**
- Excellent use of time connectives in writing
- 5B Priyanka S
- Extending herself in spelling activities

**1/KM Cooper E**
- Fantastic effort during every performance practice
- 5B Lewis A
- Working consistently in all key learning areas

**1E Charlize P**
- Working hard in her new school
- 5C Talon G
- Thinking creatively during art activities

**1E Hunter F**
- Showing great enthusiasm for everything
- 5C Maison M
- Excellent persistence during art activities

**1G Samuel A**
- Showing improvement with his writing and reading
- 5D Abbey H
- Always trying her best, beautiful manners and great big smile

**1G Jett T**
- Writing a great recount
- 5D Jasmil L
- Great work with angles

**1J Jayden T**
- Excellent effort in our ‘Ghostbusters’ performance
- 5M Hannah P
- Great effort put into completing her biology book

**1J Cindy H**
- Excellent effort in our ‘Ghostbusters’ performance
- 5M Aiden D
- Improved effort in mathematical activities

**1S Zane P**
- A super effort during performance practice
- 5M Alysha C
- Exceptional work in spelling activities

**1S Cooper S**
- A super effort during performance practice
- 5M Gabi P
- Terrific effort when completing reading activities

**2C Lucas R**
- Excellent performance skills in our concept item
- 6B Aiden W
- Consistent effort in all areas

**2C Imogen S**
- Excellent performance skills in our concept item
- 6B Paige E
- Consistent effort in all areas

**2K Charlene J**
- Producing a wonderful Kennings poem
- 6J Lachlan S
- Application and achievement in Term 4

**2K Keeley B**
- An excellent cartoon drawing
- 6J Isabella T
- Her great effort with exposition texts

**2K Bella T**
- Wonderful limerick writing
- 6O Gian R
- Displaying high concentration in all lessons

**2S Pasquale M**
- Beautiful behaviour and excellent effort at our concert
- 6W Nicholas T
- A well studied and creative narrative

**2S Savar N**
- For outstanding effort in all activities and at our concert
- 6W Cassie K
- A concentrated effort in mathematics

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**Year 6 News**

Year 6 will be holding their annual mini-fair on Wednesday, 10th December, 2014. One of the fund-raising activities will be a White Elephant Stall and we are asking for donations of any pre-loved goods to sell at this stall. We ask that there be no glass items and that all goods are in working order.

All donations can be brought to Mrs Oliver’s room (6J).

Students will also be holding a raffle. Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

The Year 6 Farewell will be held at Wests Leagues Club on Monday, 15th December, 2014.
On Wednesday, 29th October the boys in the Milo Cup Cricket Team played in the State Finals at Blacktown. The boys won their first game against Leumeah PS. In the second game Harrington Park beat Regentville PS. They played their third game against Gladesville. Unfortunately they lost. This put them in the playoff for third and fourth against Mackillop College. The boys won that game to become the third best in the State. All of the boys enjoyed the games and played well.

After the game there was a presentation. There were some NSW players signing signatures. They handed out a lot of awards. There was a best and fairest trophy for a girl and a boy. They awarded the trophies to the winning teams of the girl division and the boy division. At the end of the presentation they handed out little packets of Milo. The boys enjoyed it very much.

Written by Joshua L and Charlize B 5D

Year 6 Parliament has agreed to support a Charity Stall Day on Monday, 17th November 2014.

Students at Harrington Park Public School will be able to donate to a stall(s) that interest them. Stalls can only represent registered charities.

If you are interested in running a stall for your favourite charity please see Mr Best with your information.

Morgan W - 6B
(on behalf of our Year 6 Parliament)

State Selection

Congratulations to Georgia M in Year 5 for her selection in the NSW U13 Indoor Hockey Team.

Proud Sponsor of our Care, Believe, Succeed Assembly
On Thursday, 30th October, 13 students attended Belonging Day at Narellan Public School Annex. They participated in some fantastic activities that celebrated their heritage. The children watched a performance as well as looking at artefacts, researching famous people, painting a boomerang and playing Indigenous games. All of the children had a wonderful day and are looking forward to the next Belonging Day.
The Canteen will be holding a ‘Lolly Day’ on Wednesday, 19th November 2014.

Fairy Floss - $3.00 bag.
Freddo Frog - Dairy milk, Carmelo 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)