Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 7. Last Friday I attended the book launch for Twugai, an anthology of Aboriginal children’s writing. Paige from 6B was one of the authors of this wonderful book. She took part in the launch and the book signing. Her work is now included in our school library, and I’m sure that many children will enjoy reading it.

Breanna from 6B did well coming third in the Regional Public Speaking competition. This is a great achievement and we are very proud of her efforts.

The final Kindergarten Orientation session took place on Tuesday of this week. We are expecting approximately 90 Kindergarten children next year. If you know of anyone who still intends to enrol, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible, and if you know of anyone who won’t be returning to our school next year please ask them to let us know also, as this enables us to predict classes and organise class groups for the new year.

I discussed school uniform at the orientation assembly, including footwear. Parent and student surveys commented on how some children have not been wearing the correct black leather shoes which are part of our uniform. The P&C have also raised this as a concern. Please try to send your children to school in full school uniform including the correct footwear. I thought that it was timely to give you this reminder now as new school shoes are usually purchased over the summer. We have a great school uniform and we expect our children to wear it with pride.

Good luck to all of the children performing in the Schools Spectacular next week. I’m sure that our singers and dancers will make us proud. I’m really looking forward to watching their performance.

My thought for the week is from Stephen Covey, ‘Be a model, not a critic. Look at the weakness of others with compassion, not accusation. It’s not what they are doing that’s the issue. The issue is your own chosen response to the situation and what you should be doing.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best
Principal

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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

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DIARY

November

17-28th: Yr 6-7 Transition
21st: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm
24th: Book Club Issue 8 - Orders due
25th: School Spectacular Dance Rehearsal 3 - 3:45pm
26-27th: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
28th: Schools Spectacular Preview Performance
29th: Schools Spec - Matinee & Evening Performances

December

1-2nd: Year 6 Canberra Excursion
2nd: P&C Meeting @ 7pm
3rd: Year 5 Taste of High School
Year 6 Orientation Day
CAKTEEN CLOSED FOR RECESS
9th: Canteen Chicken Strips Day No other lunch orders
10th: Year 6 Mini Fair
11th: 6B Nursing Home visit
12th: Presentation Day
14th: Year 6 Farewell @ Wests Leagues Club
17th: Last day of Term 4 for Students
18th: Staff Development Day

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Have you visited our facebook page? We now have 380 likes and they are growing quickly.

www.facebook.com/HarringtonParkPublicSchool
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

KA
Anton C
Trying hard with his reading

Prudence S
For excellent improvement with her reading

Courtney W
For a great improvement in reading comprehension

Sarah L
Her excellent effort when writing

Braylen L
His fantastic effort during maths activities

Jaxon S
His excellent participation in class discussions

Siella R
Trying hard to count backwards to subtract

Xavier R
His excellent fairy tale stories

Annabelle P
Always working hard

Aiden A
Writing wonderful imaginative stories

Leishiya A
Her wonderful ideas during story writing

James H
His excellent effort during reading groups

Harrison F
Beginning tasks without fuss and working hard

Katarina M
Always beginning each task with enthusiasm and no fuss

Isaac M
Having terrific responses to our big book discussion

Julian S
Great poetry writing

Jemma W
Wonderful poetry writing

Tallen J
Fantastic improvement in handwriting

Chelsea R
Great work in math

Eva R
Fantastic thinking during math

Lucas D
Fantastic work in division

Anthony R
Fantastic work in division

Charlotte J
Great maths problem solving skills

Lucinda G
Always being a polite class member

Jonas L
Being a helpful classmate and respecting his classroom

Catherine F
Always showing a positive attitude and being kind

Samuel P
Excellent work during all maths activities

Charlie T
Excellent work during maths

Ezkicel C
A great improvement in his narrative writing

Alix P
Great narrative writing

Aiden F
Impressive spelling results

Zoe Lee B
Always displaying a positive attitude in class

Brock G
Always being a cheerful classmate

Priyanka N
Excellent effort during all class activities

Patrick C
Working hard during literacy groups

Kieran P
Working well as a cooperative team member

Anthony B
Improved fluency when reading

Hannah R
Making an effort to apply herself in all areas

Bailey C
Producing excellent writing while using the computer

Kaitlin F
Excellent understanding of patterns in numbers

Jack P
Working well in all areas

Mason D
Always trying his best in all activities

Ebony A
On excellent explanation of multiculturalism

Olivia A
Contributing to class problem solving activities

William F
Using persuasive language in his exposition

Olivia P
Being a helpful class member

Brooklyn B
Improved writing

Charlize L
For applying herself diligently to all tasks

Caleb S
Working well in writing

Lucas R
Excellent work in writing

Presley G
Excellent results in measurement

Year 5 Taste of High School

Year 5 Taste of High School will be held on Wednesday, 3rd December at Elizabeth Macarthur High School.

Please complete the permission note sent home separately and return it to school.

If you have any questions please contact your child’s class teacher.

On Monday we held a Charity Stalls Day. It was very successful with over $1000 raised for the 7 charities represented.

Thank you to the students and parents who manned the stalls for the following charities: McGrath Foundation, Junior Diabetes Research Foundation, Cerebral Palsy Alliance, Miracle Babies, Cancer Council, Boxes for Christmas and World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

Our students enjoyed this activity with most stalls providing something special such as cupcakes, sherbets and popcorn for each donation received.

We would like to thank our school community for supporting this worthwhile event.

An accurate tally of the amount raised will be announced in next week’s newsletter.

Morgan W
Year 6 will be holding their annual mini-fair on Wednesday, 10\textsuperscript{th} 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 transition fortnight will commence Monday, 17\textsuperscript{th} November, 2014 and conclude Friday, 28\textsuperscript{th} November, 2014. Students should have their timetables and will need to bring them each day to ensure they know which classes they will need to attend. The Year 6 teachers will be teaching the following High School subjects:

- Mrs Oliver – Dance and PDHPE
- Mr Oliver – Art and Computers
- Mr Bush – Mathematics and Geography
- Mrs Williams – English and Asian Studies

If you have any queries please contact your child’s teacher.
Stickybeaks Eco Lunch Bags $10.00 each
Available in blue, red, green, pink, yellow and purple. Can be purchased from the canteen or uniform shop.

Canteen Price List Revision
Please note the following revisions for canteen price list.

- Playwater: $2.00
- Sauce: $0.20 extra
- Toasted sandwich: $0.20 extra

Also, please be advised that fruit stack ice blocks are no longer available.

Oran Park Skate Facility
A concept design has been developed for the Oran Park skate facility. Join us in November to have your say about the future of this exciting facility! Not a skater? We’d still like to hear your ideas about social spaces and public art.

Community Ideas Hub
Oran Park Markets, Oran Park Podium, Oran Park Town
23 November 10 am – 12 pm

Free skate clinic and workshop
Kirkham Skate Park
29 November 10 am – 12 pm

For more information, visit our online forum at www.oranparkyouthhub.com.au, follow us on Instagram (@oranparkyouthhub) or call Anna.

P&C News

Book Club—Issue 8
(Last one for 2014)

Flyers were distributed last week. If you require more flyers please see the Library. Orders are to be returned to the office by Monday 24th November.

If you wish to order for Christmas and make it a surprise, then clearly mark your envelope and order form so that the books can be kept at the office for you to pick up.

We trust your children have enjoyed books ordered this year. It’s great to have your support. Many new books and resources were ordered for our Library from the Reward Points gained.

A special thank you to the dedicated Book Club team (Kylie C, Jo B, Stephanie J, Nicole H and Lucinda O.) who have counted money and organised the orders this year.

An extra special thank you to Mrs Howell for her patience and skills in reconciling the orders each issue.

Stay tuned for changes to the way Book Club operates at HPPS in 2015.

The Book Club Team

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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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