Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9. I hope that you had the opportunity to attend the Schools Spectacular last week or the chance to watch it on Channel 9 on Saturday night. It was a great performance and is a tribute to the students and teachers in NSW Public Schools. Congratulations to all of our students and to Mrs Batty and Miss Camenzuli, and to everyone else who supported them. You were brilliant!

Thank you to everyone who attended our final P&C meeting for the year on Tuesday night. Our P&C has had an amazing year and our children are much better off as a result of their hard work. Thank you!

We are gearing up to our Presentation Day and I am busy at the moment proof reading school reports and signing off on each child's Personal Excellence Award. Every child at our school is recognised for some achievement throughout the year and next week at our presentation assemblies some children will receive awards for a whole range of reasons. Not every child is recognised at this assembly, but it is important that their work is acknowledged in some way, and that is why we have Personal Excellence Awards.

Awards can sometimes be a divisive issue in a community. It has become common practice these days for every child to receive a trophy in sporting teams, because no one should miss out. I don't know if this is the best preparation for adult life. We have winners and losers in every competition, and we need to learn to accept that we can't always be winners. This may be a good place to start, but like I said it is a divisive issue and people have strong opinions on both sides of the debate.

I won one award at school and that wasn't until Year 9, when I came first in Latin. I survived up until that point without receiving awards. The important thing to remember next week is that every child is precious in someone's eyes and that their personal excellence should be celebrated and used as encouragement for further development.

My thought for the week is from Archibald Rutledge, who said, 'One of the sanest, surest, and most generous joys of life comes from being happy over the good fortune of others.'

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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Kiss and Drop Zone

Local police conduct regular checks in our area. Please use the Kiss and Drop Zone as per the guidelines ie; stay for only 2 minutes. Please also ensure that you respect residents by not parking in front of driveways. Recently we had an incident where a resident needed to attend a medical appointment but was unable to get out of their driveway as it was blocked by a parked car.

Have you visited our facebook page? We now have 401 likes and they are growing quickly.

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Term 1, 2015 Commencement Dates

Staff - Tuesday, 27th January 2015

Years 1-6 students - Wednesday, 28th January 2015

Kindergarten students - Monday, 2nd February 2015 at their designated appointment time as received at their last orientation session. (If you have not received a letter regarding a Best Start appointment time and starting time please contact the office or Mrs Martyn immediately.)
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

KA Jasmine L ‘Counting back’ to solve subtraction problems
KA Christian T Excellent effort during TEN activities
KL Chloe T Designing and making a fantastic park
KL Lukas R Designing and making a fantastic park
KL Simran S Designing and making a fantastic park
KT Riley J For beginning to add two 2 digit numbers together
KT Capri G For working hard at everything she does
KT Zac M For an improvement in his independent work habits
KV Blake M Trying hard in reading groups
KV Bailey Mc Always working well in class
KV Haze S Excellent effort during maths
1/KM Dior D For working hard on all tasks
1/KM Liam A Working hard during guided reading groups
1E Irvin V Working hard in all areas of learning
1E Lucas N Improved literacy and numeracy skills
1G Chloe M Fantastic work in mathematics
1G Alexis E Fantastic reading
1J Hayden Mc A fantastic music project
1J Rahul S A fantastic music project
1S Sebastian S Great effort in maths
1S Xander L Always contributing during class discussions
1S Nathan S Always working hard in class
2C William M Working hard to improve in reading
2C Jayde S Contributing confidently during class discussions
2C Jayden T Excellent effort during reading groups

2K Cruz L Excellent work during our problem solving activity
2K Benjiman O Excellent work during our problem solving activity
2K Lucas B Excellent work during our problem solving activity
2MC Lily S Working well in class
2MC Benjamin D Working hard in iPad lessons
2S Kai B Great effort during maths and computer activities
2S Devina S Improved effort during literacy activities
2T Xavier C Trying hard in sport and fitness
2T Samantha L Working well in mathematics
3D Savannah D An outstanding effort in creative writing
3D Aaron V Creative ideas during prop making for our item
3D Bree B Always being a kind and caring class member
3E Lincoln J Improved listening and recording skills
3E Chad T Much improved attention to tasks
3/4O Michael S Being a "quiet achiever"
3/4O Luke B Enthusiastic participation in all class activities
3/4O Liam M His outstanding efforts in maths activities
4C Keira H Writing persuasive paragraphs in all of her expositions
4G Zac A An excellent research assignment on humpback whales
4G Samuel P A very good research assignment on ants
4G Charlotte T Improvement in writing

Parents are invited to attend our Presentation Assemblies on Friday, 12th December. These assemblies will be acknowledging the achievements of students in all classes. Years 3-6 will be starting at 9:25am and K-2 will be starting at 11:45am. Each of these assemblies will be followed by the presentation of Personal Excellence Awards in the classrooms.

We hope you are able to attend and celebrate these wonderful student achievements.

We would like to invite our school community to two assemblies to acknowledge the careers and retirement of Mrs Malone and Mr Bush. Mrs Malone’s assembly will be held on Monday, 8th December starting at 9:30am and Mr Bush’s assembly will be held on Tuesday, 16th December starting at 11:30am.

We look forward to seeing you here.
School Specialty and Sports Photos

School sport and specialty group photos are now available for order. Please find below, a list of all of the sports/specialty photographs. If you wish to order please collect an order envelope from the front office.

The photos are:
$16.00 each, 2 for $30.00, 3 for $42.00, 4 for $52.00 and 5 for $60.00.

Any additional photographs are $10.00 each. This discount is only available per family order.

Photos are also available to purchase as a sports/specialty photo book (this contains every photo that was taken) for $30.00 each.

Payment Options –
Enclose the correct cash in the envelope provided.
Credit Card payments can be made online through: www.theschoolphotographer.com.au
Please record your order number on your envelope.

Please return all photo forms to the school office by 5th December, 2014 by 3pm.
Please note no late payments will be accepted.

E Scherer
Organising Teacher

Senior Dance Ensemble Junior Dance Group Junior Girls Soccer Senior Girls Soccer Softball
School Spectacular Dance/Choir Tournament of Minds Team – Language Literature
Tournament of Minds Team – Math Engineering
Tournament of Minds Team – Applied Technology
Junior A OzTag Senior A OzTag Junior B OzTag Senior B OzTag Junior C OzTag Senior C OzTag
Senior Hockey Junior Hockey
Senior A Boys Soccer (State Knockout)
Junior A Boys Soccer Junior B Boys Soccer
Senior B Boys Soccer Recorder Group
T-Ball Teams Senior Girls Futsal Senior Boys Futsal Junior Choir
Opera House Choir Girls Knockout Softball Boys Knockout Softball Senior B Boys Cricket Junior B Boys Cricket Boys
Knockout Hockey Girls Knockout Hockey Debating
Hot Peppers Junior Ukulele Junior A AFL Senior A AFL Junior B AFL Senior B AFL Junior Girls Cricket
Senior Girls Cricket Junior A Netball Senior A Netball

Junior B Netball Senior B Netball
State Knockout Soccer
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Library Monitors
State Knockout Netball Razorback Zone Representatives Regional Representatives
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HEAT Team
School Swimming Team School Athletics Team School Cross Country Team House Captains
School Parliament School Captains

CARE for others BELIEVE in yourself SUCCEED through effort
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.
Harlington Park Public School Canteen Menu

Snack Food
- Cold Drinks (sugar free) $1.00
- Red Rock Chips $1.00
- Jumpin' $0.00
- Popcorn $0.00
- Cheese Roll $0.50
- Fish & Chips $1.50
- Mousse $1.50
- TV Twist $0.50
- Party Sticks $1.00
- Ho Kids $0.50

Ice Creams
- Ice Cream $1.00
- Juice $1.00
- Yogurt $0.50
- Paddle Pop $1.00
- Small Ice $0.60
- Play Water $2.00
- Juice $1.00
- 300ml Big Milk $2.00
- 300ml Friendly Milk $2.00
- 300ml Plain Milk $2.00

Drinks
- Sausage Roll $1.50
- Pizza Bites (Cheese) $3.00
- Pizza Bites (Ham) $3.00
- Chicken $2.50
- Ham $2.50
- Cheese $2.50
- Cheese Roll $2.00

Sandwiches
- Lunch - Hot Food Available Every Day
- Breakfast (8.30am - 8.50am)
- Toast (jam or Vegemite) $0.50
- Spanish Stew $0.50
- Juice (Apple or Orange) $1.50
- 300ml Big Milk $2.50
- 600ml Big Milk $3.00
- Cup of Juice $0.50

Breakfast
- Cereal $0.50
- Cereal with Apple $0.50

Daily Lunch Specials
- Thursday $3.00
  - With Cheese and Salad $2.00
  - With Salad $2.00
  - Chicken Burger $2.00

Parties
- Wednesday $3.00
  - Cheese and Chips $2.00
  - Noodles $2.00

Other
- Tuesday $3.00
  - Sweet colourful fruit $2.00
  - Weights with choice of drink $2.00

All other items are clean.
Non-caloric items are clean.
Food made with flour has some added sugar.
Items marked as Amber foods per the guidelines for School Canteen on some valuable nutrients, but may also contain higher levels of saturated fat and sugar.
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