Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. Thank you to everyone who turned up to our P&C AGM on Tuesday night. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for their hard work over the last year and to welcome the new office bearers for 2014. Our P&C are all volunteers and they contribute to our children’s education in so many ways.

The Annual School Voluntary Contribution is set at this meeting and the decision was made not to increase the amount asked for. The amount remains at $43 per child or $65 per family. All funds go to support our library, and we have major plans to develop our library as a 21st century learning hub so the funds will be put to good use. It is a voluntary contribution and over the past few years the amount received has been diminishing. I urge you to make the contribution if you are able to. Unlike other schools we do not charge for exercise book packs, and items like the school magazine are provided by the P&C. Our P&C have decided to have an incentive for families who pay the fee this year. Each family will go into a draw to win one of five $100 gift vouchers. The date for the draw has not been set as yet.

This week I received an anonymous letter expressing several concerns about the school, its leadership and some P&C issues. I addressed the issues raised about the school and its leadership at the P&C meeting, and have had a meeting with the newly elected president to share the concerns raised in the letter. I am more than happy to have a friendly chat with the author of the letter, who took considerable time to express their feelings. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your ideas. Please feel free to make contact with me to arrange a meeting.

Congratulations to all of our school swimmers for your fine performance at the Zone carnival last week. I was very impressed by your effort, behaviour and sporting spirit. Well done!

My thought for the week is from Chief Luther Standing Bear, ‘I am going to venture that the man who sat on the ground in his tipi meditating on life and its meaning, accepting the kinship of all creatures, and acknowledging unity with the universe of things was infusing into his being the true essence of civilisation.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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CARE: Georgia M (Yr 5) For always caring for others in need. She shows initiative in the classroom and is always willing to help, even giving up her own time to care for others. She is kind and caring at all times and is an excellent role model for the class. Well done, Georgia.

Other Nominees: Katarina M, Jennifer J (Yr 1), William T (Yr 2), Thomas E, Olivia B (Yr 3), Jack K, Annalysse S, Abigail H (Yr 4), Bianca B, Barbara P, Ashlyeen M, Mia C (Yr 5), Brodhin W, Hayley F (Yr 6)

BELIEVE: Olivia V (Yr 4) For being an enthusiastic and cheerful student who always gives maximum effort and takes part in all activities with a positive attitude. Olivia has made an excellent start to the year due to her conscientious approach to all aspects of school life. Well done Olivia!

Other Nominees: Priyanka N, Makayla K, Isabella T (Yr 2), Isabella B, Caitlin K (Yr 3), Madisson C, Emily M, Jai G-C, Bianca C (Yr 4), Annabelle P, Charlize B, James F (Yr 5)

SUCCEED: Abigail P (Yr 3) For being a hardworking student who always strives to achieve her best. Abigail takes pride in her work and actively listens during learning time. Her strong dedication to all aspects of school life and the belief in her own ability has resulted in her having a wonderful start to Year 3. Well done Abigail!

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Newsletter is going Paperless

As from Term 2 Week 1 our Newsletter will be paperless. Please refer to note sent home today for more information.
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

KA Christian T Being a sensible and reliable member of our class
KA Jasmine L Always having beautiful neat work
KA Ben J Always trying his best
KL Chloë T Being a lovely neat worker
KL Braylen L Being a sensible and reliable student
KL Lukas R Always trying his best
KT Jay C Always contributing to class discussions
KT Kay-Lee F Always being a fantastic listener
KT Grace B Her neat, beautifully presented book work
KV Lucas U Being a focused worker
KV Myah L Always having lovely neat work
KV Kalpana N Making a perfect picture graph
1/KM Harrison F Being a “Champion” worker in the classroom
1/KM Leilani E Listening and sharing her ideas
3D Taylor H Asking insightful curious questions during science
3D Zoe B Completing fantastic research during co-op library
3D Chloe W Excellent work during impromptu speeches
3E Daniella D Consistent sound work in class
3E Sebastian K Excellent performance with his home work
3E Noah K Great contributions to mathematics discussions
3J Kobi E Persistence in writing and for being a great classmate
3J Nicholas S Excellent effort with homework
3/4O Emily Mc Excellent presentation skills for her speech
3/4O Seth G Writing and presenting a great one minute speech
4B Kimberley C Excellent recall of multiplication facts
4B Madison B An excellent attitude towards her learning
4B Owen G Working well in group situations
4C William F Contribution to discussions in reading lessons
4C Braeden T Working well in groups and independently
4G Zechariah M A pleasing effort in reading so far this year
5B Jochobed N Beautiful neat handwriting in all of her books
5B Zayne L His eye for details
5C Maison M Completing his work on the Structure of the Earth
5C Isaac S Working much harder in class to complete tasks
5D Aahana S Outstanding spelling
5D Sierra D A great “Aboriginal Art” inspired self portrait
5M Jessica S Her excellent effort in fitness and sport
5M Hayden F Great listening skills while watching “BTN”
6B Jeremy S Improvement in homework
6B Jackson J Excellent attitude to learning
6J Gabby Z Her wonderful compass rose design
6J Joel V His excellent concentration and application to work
6O Mia C Great effort to improve her concentration
6O Jake M Maintaining excellent listening skills
6W Caitlin O A consistent effort in all areas of learning
6W Jackson D A settled attitude to his work

**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.

**DIARY**

**March**
- 13th: Selective High School Test
- 18th: SSW Regional Swimming
- 19th: Ride 2 School Day
- 27th: 6B Nursing home visit 10-11:30am
- 28th: Cross Country Carnival CBS Assembly

**April**
- 1st-3rd: Yr 6 Jervis Bay / Wooglemai Excursion
- 11th: Last day of Term 1
- 18th: Good Friday
- 21st: Easter Monday
- 25th: ANZAC Day
- 28th: Staff Development Day
- 29th: Students Return for Term 2

**Girls Cricket State Championship Report**

On Sunday, 23rd February I left to go to Barooga to play for Sydney South West in the Girls Cricket State Championships. Barooga is on the border of New South Wales and Victoria and it was a seven and a half hour drive to get there! From Monday to Thursday our team played 7 games, winning 4 and losing 3. We finished 7th out of 14 teams and two members of my team made the NSW team. In one game I took 4 wickets for 5 runs and took 2 catches as well. The winning team was C.I.S.

Jorja U

**CANTEEN HELPERS**

Week Beginning 10th March

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Voluntary school contributions of $43 per child or $65 per family are now being accepted by the school office. As the money goes towards stocking our library, any contribution received will be recognised by a name plate inside one of the library’s new books.

To have your child recognised for his/her school contribution, any money received by the end of Term 2 will automatically result in a book donated in your child’s name. Your child will select the book of their choice and be given the privilege of being the first person to borrow the book from the library.

Thank you for your voluntary support of the school.

Preparations are well under way for National Ride2School Day on Wednesday 19th March. Last year we had a tremendous response. This year we would like to go even further and have more students and parents celebrate riding, scooting and walking as fun ways to travel to school. Imagine one day with no cars around the school!

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:
- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Harrington Park Netball Club is looking for players turning 10 to 14 years old this year to join teams in the Camden & District Netball Association Winter Competition. For further information contact the club registrars:
Chris - 0438 579 022
Kylie - 0403 487 595 or email harringtonparknetballclub@gmail.com

National Ride to School Day

FAMILY NAME: ______________________________________

Please find enclosed: (please circle)
$43 - single child / $65 - family as my voluntary 2014 school contributions for my child/ren listed below. I request these funds be deposited into the Harrington Park PS Library Fund. Please provide me with a tax receipt.

Signed: __________________________________ (Parent / Caregiver) Date: _________

STUDENT: __________________________________ CLASS: __________

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