Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 8. If you watch the news you cannot help but think that the world is an angry place at the moment. The Middle East and Ukraine dominate the news with scenes of anger and frustration.

It is often said that schools are microcosms of the wider world. On the whole, schools are one of the safest places in society, but occasionally people can bring their anger into school also. Children sometimes have disagreements and we treat these as learning opportunities, and in most cases they are successfully resolved. Sometimes grown ups get involved by directly approaching the children of others and this tends to escalate situations.

I ask that as adults, if parents and caregivers have any issues with someone else’s child that they approach a member of staff or the school office and report the matter. This way the problem can be solved far more quickly and all of our children feel safe. We welcome parents and caregivers into the school, but we cannot accept students being reprimanded by people other than staff or their own parent or caregiver.

Tomorrow is Harmony Day. This is a day which focuses on Peace and Harmony. Children will be involved in lessons over the next week relating to Harmony Day and we will be holding a school event in the not to distant future related to the topic.

My thought for the week is a Chinese Proverb.

If there is light in the soul
There will be beauty in the person.
If there is beauty in the person,
There will be harmony in the house.
If there is harmony in the house,
There will be order in the nation.
If there is order in the nation,
There will be peace in the world.

Let’s all try to make Harrington Park Public School a place of harmony. Who knows if we can do our bit, maybe there will be order in the nation, and eventually peace in the world. We are all responsible for our choices.

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Best

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**Cross Country Carnival**

Our annual Cross Country Carnival is being held next Friday 28th March for Years 2-6. It will take place in the morning session and normal classes will resume after lunch. Students are to wear full sports uniform or house colours and comfortable shoes appropriate for running. Please note: If your child is wearing house colours, the shirts must be plain with either no writing or minimal writing on them.

There will also be a sausage sizzle lunch available on the day. Although there will be a small number of additional sausages available, pre-order slips will be coming home this week to make organisation easier on the day.

If your child has asthma, it is a good idea that they carry their puffer with them while racing. If your child does have asthma and the school does not know, please notify the office asap.

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**Canteen Menu Changes**

Please take note of the attached menu as there are changes. E.g. sauce is $0.20, salad sandwich is $4.00, plain salad bowl is $4.00, salad bowl with meat or cheese is $4.50. New items are chicken and corn roll and pizza roundas which are available everyday.

Lunch recycle bags are available from the canteen for $10.00. Buy a recycle bag before Easter and get a free Easter egg.

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**Canteen Helpers**

Week Beginning 24th March

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**Newsletter is Going Paperless**

Only 3 weeks of our paper newsletter to go. As from Term 2 Week 1 our Newsletter will be paperless. Please see attached form.
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

KA Courtney W Fantastic reading 3D Bailey C Trying hard during formal handwriting lessons
KA Anton C Beautifully presented work 3E Ethan B Great research about the moon
KA Noah W His great effort during writing time 3E Breiamber M Excellent effort researching facts about the moon
KL Alyssa T Being a keen and enthusiastic student 3E Kohan A Improved handwriting
KL Jake M Being a kind and caring class member 3J Eillan A Consistent achievement in all maths tasks
KL Ray O Always being a hard worker. Well done! 3J dukley A
KT Reece T Always completing his work 3J Mason D Perseverance in all classwork
KT Riley J Adding numbers together using dots 3J Olivia R Consistently demonstrating on task behaviours
KT Emily S Using sounds she can hear in her writing 3/4O Kiera M Enthusiastic contributions to class discussions
KV Summer R Wonderful work during reading groups 3/4O Michael S Improving his handwriting and working well in literature circles
KV Mosawer H Always being a hard worker 3/4O Michael S Great work in maths
KV Damien D Trying hard at everything he does 4B Orlando F Excellent participation in class activities
1K/M Lauren K Trying her best at writing 4B Charli N Excellent illustrations in visualising activities
1K/M Liam A Working hard to finish his work 4B Kiera M Being a co-operative group member during reading sessions
1K/M Isaac M Making excellent connections when reading 4B Jack B Excellent results in spelling
1K/M Xavier G Showing persistence when faced with a challenging task 4C Jacob T Consistently demonstrating on task behaviours
1E Logan G Great work during sentence and vocabulary lessons 4C Breanna S Contributing to discussions and problem solving during maths lessons
1E Ashton A Great work during sentence and vocabulary lessons 4G Portia V Excellent results in spelling
1G Jett T Making connections to other books in reading 4G Riley R Improvements in reading fluency and number fact knowledge
1G Tyler A Writing well structured recounts 5B Jessica M A great PIP on snowboard cross
1J Hayden M Improved reading 5B Nathan R A great PIP on snowboarding
1J Cindy H Improved reading 5C Tara M Being a kind and helpful class member
1S Georgia D Dedication to her work 5C Krishal P Excellent recall of time tables
1S Bailey J Working hard with his reading 5D Keira Mc Always working to achieve her personal best
2C Aaron F Being an excellent student and a great classmate 5D Bryce C Working hard to improve his spelling
2C Imogen S Always trying her best 5M Bianca B Great effort in persuasive writing
2K Bella T Excellent work in mathematics, especially addition 5M Liam S Working well in reading group activities
2K Lucas B Great effort during reading group activities 6B Ashlee S Consistent creative homework presentations
2MC Maddison L Beautiful handwriting 6B Blake Mc Excellent attitude and effort in all class areas
2MC Sidney F Beautiful handwriting 6J Tyanne D Her dedication and application to work
2S Annabelle M For sharing fantastic news about her favourite after school activity 6J Connor E His excellent work and study habits
2S O’Lissa S For fantastic improvement in handwriting 6O Blake L Improvement in both concentration and writing
2T Ashleigh O Trying hard in mathematics 6O Emily M Continuing to be an excellent worker
2T Sharee F Outstanding calculations using the split strategy in maths 6W Jack S Always trying hard when completing tasks
3D Darcy C Including great descriptive language during writing 6W Ella C A conscientious effort when completing a task on characterisation

WE’RE AN EARTH HOUR SCHOOL

P&C Easter Raffle

The P&C will be holding an annual Easter raffle to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade, which will be held on Thursday 10th April.

Anyone wanting to donate eggs for the Easter Baskets to be raffled off, please drop them to the school canteen by Friday 4th April.

Tickets will be sent home with students next week and a prize will be given to the student who sells the most tickets. Funds raised will go to the P&C to benefit the school and your help in selling them is greatly appreciated.

Any students requiring extra tickets can also be arranged.
The EnviroMentors is Keep Australia Beautiful NSW’s education program. It focuses on motivating communities to participate in simple and practical ways to improve their local environment. The workshop for Stage 2 classes will aim to change the littering behaviour of the students through a whole school approach to litter prevention. The EnviroMentors is sponsored by Camden Council so there is no cost to our students for the workshops to be held on Tuesday 1st April and Wednesday 2nd April.

Years 3 and 4 have already started preparations for our Stage 2 Performance in Term 3. Details are as follows so keep this date clear in your diary!

Date: Thursday 14th August
Times: Matinee Performance 12:00pm
Evening Performance 7:00pm

On Monday, 31st March 2014, Year 3 and Year 4 students will be involved in a day of fun filled science experiments at school. The students will be separating into 6 groups to participate in 6 different, wacky experiments. We will be learning how to make scientific predictions and conclusions. To get into the spirit of the day the children are allowed to wear lab coats (mum or dad’s old white shirt) over their school uniform and safety glasses if they wish.

The CSIRO Starlab Planetarium will be visiting our school on Tuesday 8th April 2014. The CSIRO Starlab creates a dynamic interactive forum within which students can take a hands on role. Following the presentation, Year 3 will continue to explore the concepts of space through hands on activities throughout the day.

Congratulations to the following students for their effort and commitment in swimming.

On Tuesday, 18th March 2014, the following students represented the Zone at the Regional Swimming Carnival with tremendous results.

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Congratulations to the Senior Girls 4 x 50m Relay, Junior Girls 4 x 50m Relay, Senior Boys 4 x 50m Relay. Congratulations to Hayden C - 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly, 200m 1M and 100m Freestyle. Congratulations to Caitlin C - 50m Freestyle. These students will be representing Region at the State Carnival on 9th and 10th April 2014.

Congratulations and good luck to all competitors.

We are still awaiting some back-orders from Issue 1. Hopefully these will arrive shortly and will be delivered to your child’s classroom.

Issue 2 flyers went home last week. Some great books are available from the following clubs. Great opportunities await to encourage your children to read. Why not take a look during a quiet moment.

Busy Bee has the Possum Magic Plush Boxed Set for $19.50 which includes a small cuddly, plush possum (nice gift idea)

Wombat for all those Big Red Dog fans, 10 books for $20 with Clifford on lots of different adventures

Lucky has The Bus to the Zoo for only $2 !!

Arrow includes My Royal Story 4 pack for only $27

Star has the very popular Andy Griffiths 13/26/39 Story Treehouse (3 pack) for $28

Extra has numerous activity packs for Holiday fun including: Balloon Science, Make and Create with Clay, Glitter art, Origami Fashions and a Volcano Kit.

There is something for everyone. Orders are due Monday 24th March 2014, with delivery before the Easter holidays. Get your orders into the office with the correct money soon.

The Book Club Team
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Thank you.

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