Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 2. Our community is once again having to deal with some sad news. Yesterday Mrs Parker lost her husband. At this stage we don’t know any details about funeral arrangements. I will keep you informed.

Our hearts go out to Mrs Parker, Ruby and Lola. As a school community we will all work together to surround them with love and care in the challenging times ahead. I have counsellors in school today and if your child expresses a need to talk with someone over the coming days, please let their teacher know and we will facilitate counselling for them.

Mrs Parker is a highly respected teacher and a valued member of staff, and we are all deeply shocked by her loss. I ask that you join with us in keeping the family in your thoughts and prayers. We will let you know of any practical means of support that you may like to assist with in the coming weeks.

Thank you to those people who attended the P&C meeting on Tuesday night. It was held at Events Cinemas in Campbelltown to examine it as a possible venue for school performances. We are currently examining the pros and cons of trying something different. It was passed at the meeting that a quote for the new netball court be accepted and this work will take place in the next school holidays. Thanks to the P&C and grounds committee for their hard work in gaining a government grant and fundraising to help make this project a reality.

We have several students representing our school at Zone and Regional sporting events this week. We look forward to sharing their successes in next week’s newsletter.

I have been asked to remind everyone about the need to follow road rules particularly in the vicinity of the school. There have been a several instances of parents double parking and not following other rules in the last week and the police have told me that they will be patrolling again this term and issuing infringement notices, which will lead to fines and loss of points. Please help keep everyone safe by obeying the rules.

My thought for the week is from Mother Teresa, ‘Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within the reach of every hand. Anyone may gather it and no limit is set.’

Have a good week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

5C Damara M A great effort in all areas within the class
5C Toby S Excellent use of spelling strategies while spelling unknown words
5D Brodie H Displaying pleasing levels of maturity when dealing with personal issues
5D Isabella B Working exceptionally well on her natural disasters presentation
5M Jack L Great work in all maths
5M James F Great effort in naming the features of 3D shapes
6B Chloe P Excellent effort in all areas
6B Tara F Excellent effort in all areas
6J Jasmine T A settled and productive start to Term 2
6J Tyanne D Excellent effort in all areas
6O Georgia T A settled and productive start to Term 2
6O Gian R His thoughtfulness and generosity
6W Joanne P Her excellent sportsmanship during class sport
6W Jake R Being a polite and friendly classmate

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Date changes for Term 2 and 3

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Cross Country Report

Last Friday we had our School Cross Country Carnival. It was the first time we'd held the carnival during an afternoon session. Luckily we were rewarded with beautiful weather which made for a wonderful afternoon. All of the students performed very well and should be praised for their efforts. All students who finished in the top 15 in their race won points for their house. I'd like to mention the Sport Captains and Vice Captains who demonstrated great leadership of their house teams on the day. I'd also like to say a BIG thank you to all of the parents who helped out on the day as track officials. This made the day run so smoothly and your assistance was appreciated by all. Congratulations to the top four finishers on each race, particularly the 7 years as it was their first ever carnival. The top four finishers have been listed below. The students who have been chosen to represent our school at the Razorback Zone Cross Country Carnival on Friday 23rd May 2014 have been highlighted below (Please note that 7 year olds do not go to the Zone Carnival and the 8/9 Boys and Girls were chosen off the fastest times):

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<td>Ellie H - 2T</td>
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<td>8 Years Boys</td>
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<td>Matthew B - 2K</td>
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<td>Jack Z - 3D</td>
<td>Jy M - 4G</td>
<td>Liam S - 3E</td>
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<td>Kaden M - 4C</td>
<td>Riley R - 4G</td>
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<td>Hayden F - 5M</td>
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The House points for the day are as follows:

Bradman- 446
Fairfax- 403
Freeman- 315
Macarthur- 267

Congratulations to Bradman for winning the carnival. Good luck to the Zone Team who is off to the Razorback Cross Country Carnival.

Miss Carter.
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Thank you.

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May 10 & 11
Muppets Most Wanted

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The Lego Movie (2D)

May 24 & 25
Mr Peabody & Sherman (2D)

May 31 & June 1
Muppets Most Wanted

June 8 & 9
The Lego Movie (2D)
Welcome to our Term 1 Newsletter from the P&C of Harrington Park Public School

Can you believe Term 1 has been and gone? I hope that everyone had a safe & happy holiday and are looking forward to Term 2.

Term 1 was a busy and exciting term, with the election of our new P&C committee. I would like to personally congratulate the new incoming committee and thank the exiting committee for their contribution to the Harrington Park Public School P&C Association and for their continued support of the association.

Our role in the P&C is to bring the school and the community into close cooperation, by encouraging parent participation in curriculum and other education issues, as well as sharing information to benefit the school community. If you have any comments or ideas, I encourage you to come along to our meetings or contact me on the P&C email: hppspandc@yahoo.com.au

Warm Regards, Alyssa (P&C President)

Introducing the 2014 P&C Committee

President - Alyssa Falkendejers
Vice President (Uniform Shop) - Stephanie
Fundraising Co-ordinator - Naomi Churton
Secretary - Jane Finall
Treasurer - Lydia Xu

CONGRATULATIONS to our Easter Raffle Winners

A big THANK YOU to all those who participated in the selling of the Easter Raffle tickets and also those families who donated baskets and chocolates for the hampers, your contributions were greatly appreciated. We raised over $2000 which will go a long way to enabling us to continue supporting the school and in particular providing vital reading and educational resources for our students. An extra special shout out goes out to the top selling students, thank you and we hope you enjoyed your prizes.

Easter Raffle - Top Selling Students
Drew A - KL - SOLD 90 Tickets
Mitchell M - KV - SOLD 30 Tickets
Oliver C - 1S - SOLD 30 Tickets
Alysha C - 6M - SOLD 80 Tickets
EASTERN RAFFLE WINNERS
3rd - Charlie S - KV
2nd - Jake H - 3J
1st - Charlie
10th Anniversary Pathway Project
The long awaited 10th Anniversary pathway project has almost reached completion and an official opening ceremony is to be held during Term 2 on a date yet to be confirmed. Much thanks go to all the families who purchased pavers and also a special thank you to Brent Evans of B.E. The Handyman, who came and laid the pavers which look fantastic. If you are in need of a handyman, Brent comes highly recommended and can be contacted on 0426 870 177.

Call for Volunteers
We have recently had a few parents express their frustrations at the lack of open times for the uniform shop. While we understand your concern, I would like to remind you that the uniform shop is run by volunteers and that unfortunately as we do not have enough volunteers we are unable to open more regularly. We are working toward a better solution and ask for your patience during this time. In the meantime if you are able to volunteer your time either on a morning or an afternoon each week, please let us know.

Voluntary School Contributions
Towards the end of Term 1, letters were sent out to all families regarding the voluntary school contributions. The contributions we have received in the last few years has significantly dropped and while they are voluntary, we encourage your support of the scheme as it is invaluable in allowing us to provide additional resources for the benefit of all students.

As an added incentive all families who have paid the contribution by the end of Term 2 will go in the draw to win one of 5, $100 Macarthur Square vouchers. The winner will be notified by telephone and the details included in the first school newsletter of Term 3.

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