Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 3. I hope that all of the mothers in our community were spoilt on Sunday. Thanks to our P&C for their wonderful work with the Mother’s Day stall. I hope that you all enjoyed your gifts.

NAPLAN has been held this week. We try not to make our children worried about this program. I liken it to measuring a child’s height at a certain age, so that we can see how much the child has grown in a two year period. We measure the learning growth every two years starting in Year 3. All of the children are different heights at the same age and we don’t punish them for not being as tall as some others in the class, and it’s the same with learning. Every child is on an individual journey, and grows at a different rate. You cannot fail NAPLAN. The true benefit of the tests is the diagnostic material that it provides to schools for individual students and trends in learning for the school. We just want everyone to try to do their best so that we can get as accurate a measurement as possible. It is a snapshot of a child’s learning on a given day, and we all have good and bad days.

Tomorrow we will be having a mufti day to support Mrs Parker and her family after their tragic loss. Mr Parker’s funeral will be on Monday and many staff members will be attending. We have made arrangements for relief teachers to fill the gaps and all students will be supervised on Monday, but normal programs may vary slightly. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers, and any support for them will be gratefully received.

Our school is hosting the national launch of Eco Schools on Wednesday 21st May. This is a great honour for Harrington Park. Congratulations to the staff and students who have worked hard to make this happen, especially those involved with the HEAT group and student parliament. Many thanks to our P&C who have donated continually to provide our Learnscape and support our environmental initiatives as well as the work they have done at working bees and on the grounds committee. A special mention must also go to Mr Quirk who has worked tirelessly to improve our grounds. We ask for your support to continually improve the grounds by reminding children not to shortcut through gardens before and after school, and to stay off areas where we are trying to regenerate growth.

Tara in Year 5 has made the NSW Gymnastics team and will be competing at the National Titles. She is raising funds to attend and will be selling chocolates tomorrow at a stall in the playground. Chocolates are $1.00 and will be on sale at recess and lunch.

My thought for the week is from Rudolph Bahro, a German ecologist, ‘When the forms of an old culture are dying, the new culture is created by a few people who are not afraid to be insecure.’ Have a good week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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**School Photos**

The school photos are being taken on Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th May. Order forms for the school photos have been sent home this week and can either be returned on photo day or to your child’s class teacher or school office prior to the day. Any families wishing to also have sibling photos taken can collect a yellow order envelope from the school office.

Thank you
P&C

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**CANTEEN HELPERS**

**Week Beginning 19th May**

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**FRIDAY 16TH MAY, 2014**

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

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

KA
Natasha J  Excellent effort during reading groups
Cooper C  Always doing his best
Jacob S  Improved listening and concentration
Abby Z  Her excellent effort in writing
Riley C  Being a lovely neat worker
Simran S  Her wonderful effort in reading groups
Jake B  Recording number sentences to subtract
Alessandra Z  Excellent improvement in her reading
Capri G  Trying hard while reading to point to the words
Kalpana N  A wonderful improvement in her reading
Myah L  Fantastic effort during writing lessons
Bailey M  Always doing his best work
Lauren K  A terrific ‘sight word’ sentence
Dior D  Always giving all tasks 100%
Julian S  Great work in his new school
Arshiya M  Working hard during number groups
Chloe M  Excellent effort during literacy groups
Chelsea R  Excellent effort during literacy groups
Oscar L  Excellent effort during literacy groups
Ruby C  Improved reading

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Abby Z  Her excellent effort in writing
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Alessandra Z  Excellent improvement in her reading
Capri G  Trying hard while reading to point to the words
Kalpana N  A wonderful improvement in her reading
Myah L  Fantastic effort during writing lessons
Matthew B  For his amazing news about his wonderful mum
Simone W  Outstanding involvement in class dancing

1/KM
Lauren K  A terrific ‘sight word’ sentence
Dior D  Always giving all tasks 100%
Julian S  Great work in his new school
Arshiya M  Working hard during number groups

1E
Julian S  Great work in his new school

1G
Chloe M  Excellent effort during literacy groups
Chelsea R  Excellent effort during literacy groups

1J
Ruby C  Improved reading

1M
Isaac M  Working hard in maths lessons
Annabelle F  Using great expression during role play

1S
Annabelle L  Excellent effort during literacy groups
Sebastian S  Increasing confidence to contribute to discussions

2C
Diana A  Excellent behaviour and work habits
Aiden O  Providing clever answers during class discussions

2K
Flynn B  An excellent improvement in his hand writing

2T
Annalise S  Wonderful contributions to class discussions

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

As teachers promote "Read More in May" in classrooms with help from Geronimo Stilton, we would like to invite families to encourage reading at home too. See the attached information sheet "Reading begins at Home!" with some great tips on how to make reading at home a beneficial experience.

Our Issue 3 flyers were sent home last week. Extra flyers are available from the Library, just pop in and pick them up. Browse through them over a cuppa and make your selections. Some titles are only $4!

Please organise your orders with correct money (cheques made out to Scholastic Australia) and a clearly labelled envelope into the office post box by 3.15pm Monday 14th May.

Many Thanks - The Book Club Team

Rock through the Ages

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

The P&C would like to say a big thank you to all of the mothers that helped out at the Mother’s Day Stall.

Save the Date

Friday 13th June a disco will be held at the school.
Saturday 21st June a fundraising bingo night will be held at the school.

Applications for OC class placement in 2015 close this Friday (16th May). All paper application forms must be returned to school by this date and all online applications must also be completed.
Student Banking

Student bank books should be sent to the office each Wednesday morning and will be returned to the classroom the following day.

Regional Hockey Carnival

Last Tuesday, the Boys and Girls Razorback Zone Hockey teams played in the Sydney South West Regional Carnival at Narellan. Both teams had a number of players from Harrington Park including Chloe P, Jorja U, Georgia M, Emily C, Montana P for the girls. Cody S, Jeromey S, Samuel K for the boys. A great day of hockey was enjoyed on this beautiful Autumn day. Georgia M was particularly busy playing back to back games as goalie throughout the whole day. Some additional players were also selected to support other zones who were short of players. Thanks to Alysha T, Blake L and Riley R who also played some great hockey.

Both Razorback teams won all their games and played with great sportsmanship and were declared Sydney South West Champions on the day.

A special congratulations must go to the following players who will represent Sydney South West at the State Carnival later this term. They are: Georgia M, Jeromey S, Cody S and Samuel K. Well done!

Mrs Creasey

Ride 2 School

In conjunction with the National launch of Eco-Schools on Wednesday 21st May, we will be having a Ride to School Day. These days have been hugely successful in the past. It would be great to show the visiting dignitaries how many children can ride to school.

Hansard Report

On Monday in parliament we debated many important motions. The motions that were carried are:

- Fix the Smart Board in 3/4O
- Place easier toilet roll dispensers in all toilets
- Investigate automatic taps
- More ride to school days
- Have a student day to spread mulch
- More lunchtime games
- K-2 disco
- Crazy hair days

The parliament thought that these were all good ideas that we should try to make happen. Next week we will be visiting our assigned classes to listen to more fantastic ideas. Thank you.

Chelsea L and Amelia M - Hansard Reporters

Give Way the Right Way!

A Road Safety Program for children aged 5-9 years old

6th May 3:30pm—5pm

1 week program

20th May 3:30pm—5pm

Campbelltown Bicycle Centre
(Corner Broughton Street and Moore-Osley bypass Access via King Street)

Registration $5 per child. Children must attend all workshops.
Places are limited so book early! (Afternoon tea provided)

Ph 6647 1283 9447 3496 E info@camdenconnections.org.au
Community Office 8, Queen Street Narellan NSW 2567

Give Way the Right Way!

A Road Safety Program for children aged 9-12 years

3rd June 3:30 -5pm

1 week program

17th June 3:30 -5pm

Campbelltown Bicycle Centre
(Corner Broughton Street and Moore-Osley bypass Access via King Street)

Registration $5 per child. Children must attend all workshops.
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Thank you.

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**EMAIL ADDRESS FOR NEWSLETTER**

Student Name/s: _____________________________________________

Student Class/es: _____________________________________________

Parent Name: ________________________________________________

I would like the school newsletter emailed to the following address:

___________________________________________________________________

(Please print clearly)

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ______________

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Student Name/s: _____________________________________________

Student Class/es: _____________________________________________

I do not have access to the internet and would like to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ______________
Tips on making reading at home a beneficial family experience.

★ Look through the Book Club brochures with your child and talk about books you would like to read together. Discuss what you think the books might be about.

★ Be a reading role model and let your children see you reading—for enjoyment, for news and for information in cookbooks, magazines, online etc. This way they see that reading is important for many reasons.

★ Assign a place in your home for your family’s books to show your child that books are special and deserve an organised storage space. Fill your home with lots of reading materials.

★ Pick a comfortable space in the home that is assigned just for reading and read together—one person can read the book aloud or you can take turns, have older siblings read to younger siblings or perhaps have everyone sit quietly in the designated area and read independently.

★ Make reading a daily habit by setting aside at least 10 minutes every day entirely for reading. It could be at bedtime or straight after homework.

★ Tie books and TV together; for example, read about sea life after watching a ‘Whales’ TV special. Or connect books and experiences together; for example, after a school excursion to the zoo, read books about animals.

★ Write easy-to-read notes and leave them in lunchboxes, on pillows or on mirrors and promote a sense of fun and eagerness about reading. Write your shopping list clearly and ask your child to help you read it in the supermarket.

★ Cut up old magazines and make a scrap box of pictures and words then have fun creating a new story by pasting the cut-out pictures and words.

YOUR FAMILY COULD WIN $250 WORTH OF BOOK VOUCHERS JUST BY READING MORE IN MAY.
Ask your teacher about how to get involved or visit:
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