Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C meeting on Tuesday night. There are lots of things in the pipeline including our disco and bingo nights. I hope that you are able to support these initiatives. Thanks also to the P&C for again purchasing a subscription to World Book Online for our school and every family in the school. We will give you the link to access this through the newsletter.

Congratulations to Karly in Year 6 who has been selected to represent Australia next month in Florida as part of Tim Cahill’s All-Stars Kicking Koalas in the 2014 Disney Cup. More than 100 girls applied and 50 were selected for trials. Karly is one of ten chosen from the trial to be in the team. I’m sure that she will have a great time and we wish her well.

Last week I wrote about our school rule ‘Be Safe.’ This week I’d like to write about another rule that we have, which is ‘Be Kind.’ Some people feel that this is a somewhat soft rule, but it is often one of the hardest to follow. Indira Gandhi said, ‘You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.’ Many times people in our community, adults included find it hard to forgive and show kindness. Kindness is a centre piece of most of the world’s religions. The Dalai Lama said that kindness is his religion. Being kind is often hard to do but it reaps great rewards. I shared a story with our senior students this week about a lady who performed a random act of kindness in a shopping centre. She had noticed that a woman with a young baby was distressed and in tears. She bought the lady a cup of tea and nursed her baby and helped her to settle down before going on her way. The next week in the newspaper was a small notice from the distressed woman thanking the lady who had been kind to her. She thought that nobody cared about her anymore and she was contemplating suicide, but was worried about what to do with her baby. The act of kindness that she had received caused her to change her mind.

My thought for the week is from Henry Rubin, ‘Kindness is more important than wisdom, and the realisation of this is the beginning of wisdom.’ I challenge you to be kind to others, especially those who you find it hardest to be nice to.

Have a great week.
Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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**CARE** for others  **BELIEVE** in yourself  **SUCCEED** through effort

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**CARE: Will C (Yr 4)** For always showing care and consideration towards his classmates. Will is a great friend to many children. He helps them to resolve problems and finds the fun in all situations. His infectious smile makes those around him feel good. Well done, Will!

**Other Nominees:** Blake M, Zari D, Aviendra M (K); Ariyelle G, Abby P (Yr 2); Tuskin G, Amanda C (Yr 3); Barbara P, Bianca B, Jessica S, Gabriele P, Bethany L, Bryce C, Hannah T (Yr 5); Tara F, Blake L (Yr 6)

**BELIEVE: Phillip S (Yr 5)** For displaying determination and perseverance when meeting the challenge of improving his recall of multiplication facts. Phillip made very pleasing progress in all areas of number. His behaviour and work habits have been an inspiration to his peers. Well done, Phillip!

**Other Nominees:** Oscar C, Ayla B, Jake B (K); Flynn B, Takara F (Yr 2); Maisin D, Charlotte T, Jy M, Paige F, Tamzyn H (Yr 4); Dylan Z, Talon G (Yr 5)

**SUCCEED: Connor E (Yr 6)** For successfully learning a difficult repertoire for the Festival of Instrumental Music. Connor is a dedicated member of the Recorder Ensemble. His commitment to this group and to all aspects of his learning is extremely commendable. Well done, Connor!

**Other Nominees:** Aiden A, Christian C, Jay C (K); Bailey J (Yr 1); Matthew B, Sharae F (Yr 2); Erin C, Ebony A (Yr 3); Krishal P, Nathan R, Rayan E, Dylan K (Yr 5); Bradley S, Ellie B, Demi C (Yr 6)

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**DIARY**

**June**

9th: Public Holiday - Queens Birthday
10th: Starlab Planetarium @ School - Yr 4 and 3/4O
State Knockout Basketball
11th: Hot Dog Day (Canteen Closed)
State Knockout Girl’s Hockey @ Narellan 12pm
12th: Regional Cross Country
13th: School Disco
16th: ICAS Writing
Kindergarten Living Eggs Program commences
17th: ICAS Spelling
18th: Year 1 Taronga Zoo Excursion
21st: P&C Bingo Night
23rd: Let’s Bridge the Gap Performance
The Beatty Clan Crew Performance

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**Boy’s Softball Knockout**

The boys Softball Knockout Team travelled to Kelso Park, Panania on Monday 2nd June to play Panania PS in the third round of the knockout draw. Despite initial gloomy weather, we bravely fought against a knowledgeable Panania team and were defeated 14-5. It was a pleasure to see the team improve dramatically during the game, and with many Year 5 students, this experience will hold them in good stead for next year’s knockout.

Many thanks to Mr Quirk who assisted with our many training sessions, and the willing parents who took time to support us at the game.

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

3E Jade C  Always trying hard in class
3E Jack S  Excellent recall of times tables
3E Deanna C  Great application to all areas of work
3J Noah W  Being more focused in class
3J Elizabeth L  Trying hard with difficult concepts in maths
3J Ashli L  Always taking pride in the presentation of her bookwork
3/4O Sarah R  Great effort & enthusiasm for class activities
3/4O Samuel S  Using his initiative to research Narwhals for literature circles
4B Charles K  For creating interesting guided inquiry
4B Caleb S  For creating interesting guided inquiry
4C Jacob T  Always trying his best in reading groups
4C Maddison C  Trying hard in maths lessons
4G Jack B  A very pleasing improvement in his reading fluency
4G Portia V  A consistent effort towards completing her homework
5B Tyler S  A great personal interest project on the snapping turtle
5B Clayton E  Confident presentation to the class during news
5C Sienna S  Working hard on her timetables in class
5C Dylan S  Working extremely hard during class. Well done!
5D Ben C  Improved levels of concentration and application
5D Will B  Greater levels of participation during class discussions
5/6O Kirstie W  Outstanding effort in spelling
5/6O Lachlan J  Great effort in mathematics
5/6O Felix M  Improvement in all areas
5/6O Breanna C  Excellent attitude & effort in all areas
5/6O Jai A  Excellent manner and consistent hard work
5/6O Isabella P  Consistent work in all subjects
5/6O Lachlan S  Accuracy and speed with mathematical algorithms
5/6O Kayla W  Excellent attitude & work study habits
5/6O Emily T  Always working quietly and effectively
5/6O Ryan P  Excellent participation in classroom discussions

Library Help

If you have any spare time to cover books we would appreciate your help. Please see the library on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mrs Drew

Missing Books

If any library helpers have taken books home to cover and have not yet returned them can you please do so.

Thank you

CANTEEN HELPERS
Week Beginning 9th June

Mon: am PUBLIC pm HOLIDAY
Tue: am Kylie, Kerrin pm Kylie
Wed: am CLOSED pm Alyssa
Thu: am Ross, Sally pm
Fri: am pm

The P&C will be hosting a Bingo Night on Saturday, 21st June. We are seeking donations for prizes. Donations can be big or small, from businesses or families. Donations can be handed into the school office or call Naomi on 0421 477 472 to discuss.

P&C Donations

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Please find enclosed: (please circle)

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Chelsea L

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Chelsea L
From the bottom of my heart,
Thank You x

One month ago, my entire world was shattered. I had no idea how I would be able to go on and be a mother to my two beautiful girls, Ruby and Lola. Since that utterly horrendous day, I have been overwhelmed by the love and support shown to us by the entire HPPS community. Words cannot express the gratitude that I feel to be surrounded by so many amazing people.

I would first like to thank all of the beautiful families who have sent personal cards, flowers, hampers and gifts to both the girls and myself. Thank you also for the many generous donations raised on mufti day. Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who attended Col’s funeral, and an extra special thank you to all of the gorgeous students who have shown extraordinary kindness to my girls as they’ve made the painful transition back to school. Thank you for not asking them too many questions and for just being there with hugs and smiles when they’ve needed them most.

A number of families have seen us at school or in the shops and I know that it is hard for you to know what to say. The truth is, there are no words. Please know that even if we don’t stop to chat with you, that we truly appreciate your love and support .... from the bottom of our hearts.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to all of my wonderful work colleagues, some of whom gave so selflessly of their time to help me with funeral arrangements. Thank you for all of the personal donations and for the incredibly generous hampers you put together for my girls. Thank you for the daily messages and for the regular visits at home. Thank you to the girls’ classroom teachers, Miss Jackson, Mrs Smukulis and Mrs Howell, who have been so gentle and patient and kind. I would also like to thank our caring principal, Andy Best, who has been wonderfully supportive as I begin to make plans for my future at HPPS.

The community of Harrington Park Public School is a truly extraordinary one and I am so grateful to be a part of it. Thank you all. I shall spend the rest of my time here working to show my appreciation for all that you have done for me and my girls. I will leave you with this beautiful quote that I found recently on my husband’s computer:

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.” - Mahatma Gandhi

Yours with much love and gratitude,

Mrs Parker
As part of our NAIDOC Week celebrations we will have some special Aboriginal performers at our school on Monday, 23rd June (Week 9). **The Beatty Clan Crew** will be performing for students in Years K-4 and students in Years 5 and 6 will watch a performance by **Fred Reid** entitled **Let’s Bridge The Gap**. Permission notes will be sent home soon. We would encourage all students to attend these excellent performances. Following is some information about the artists.

**Monday, 23rd June 9:10 - 10:00 am (Years K-2) 10:10-11:00 am (Years 3-4)**

**The Beatty Clan Crew**

Taryn Beatty has performed with the acclaimed Bangarra Dance Company, including the closing ceremony of the Atlanta Olympic Games. Her family dance group includes her two daughters who are members of the Gondwana Indigenous Children's Choir, and has performed at the UN Headquarters in New York City and the Craft & Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles.

The performance includes both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islands cultures - songs and dances focusing on Australia's unique native animals and also Torres Strait playdances. Audience participation is encouraged. The performers also provide explanations of the instruments, costumes and artefacts used.

**Monday, 23rd June 2 - 3pm (Years 5-6)**

**Bridging the Gap with Fred Reid**

Fred, with the help of one or more of his children, delivers his message in a fun, positive way. His deep respect and knowledge of culture, along with his gentle, humorous rapport with students, make for a very enriching performance.

Dances of Australia's unique animals are demonstrated as is the didgeridoo and its many sounds. Fred tells a dreamtime story, talks about traditional dress, shows different artefacts and explains how they were used by his people. He explains the designs and symbols of his body paint.
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