FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 8. I had a phone call from a parent this week who was worried about the driving behaviour of some of our parents. She had witnessed one parent illegally parked to pick up or drop off children near the side entrance to the school. She then saw this parent almost reverse into 3 children who had started to cross the road behind her vehicle. I have worked in 3 schools where children have died, and this has had a devastating effect upon the community. In each of these cases the deaths were due to illness and there was nothing we could do to prevent them. Deaths due to road accidents are preventable. Please help us avoid such a situation by following the rules and taking extra special care whilst driving in school zones.

Over the past few weeks I’ve been writing about our school rules. This week I would like to mention our final rule, ‘Be Great!’ Our children do many great things and we try to bring as many of them as possible to your attention in this newsletter. We have all heard the saying “Some are born great and some have greatness thrust upon them.’

It’s my experience in schools that greatness occurs most often when passion and teamwork come together. I believe that every child can be great at something, and every child can develop an interest that they can become passionate about. The trick is discovering that passion and then capitalising upon it. That is why a broad curriculum is so important, rather than just a narrow focus on Literacy and Numeracy alone.

Stephen Covey talks about synergy as being a key ingredient to effectiveness. When people work together in teams and value the differences of each team member, great things can be achieved. Teamwork occurs at school but also parents and teachers can work as a team for the benefit of our children.

Over the next 6 months we will be developing our next 3 year plan. Let’s work together to make it a great one!

Thanks to the parents and teachers who gave the children such an enjoyable time last week at the disco. Let’s hope that the bingo night is as much fun.

My thought for the week comes from Stephen Covey, ‘Here’s to the humble, courageous, “great” ones among us who exemplify how leadership is a choice, not a position.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

DIARY

June
21st: P&C Bingo Night 5pm
23-27th: NAIDOC WEEK
23rd: Let’s Bridge the Gap Performance - Years 5 & 6
The Beatty Clan Crew Performance - Years K-4
Boys Basketball vs Dalmeny PS
24th: Year 2 IMAX and Aquarium Excursion
Indigenous Games
26th: Recorder Festival @ Opera House
Indigenous Games
27th: CBS Assembly
Girls Basketball vs Dalmeny
Last day of Term 2

July
14th: Staff Development Day
15th: Students Return for Term 3
17th: 6B Nursing Home visit 10-11:30am

Debating

Debates are won and lost based on the power of the arguments. Once you start debating you will want to win for your school. That’s the inspiration, we the Harrington Park Eels and Harrington Park Tigers had. The first team to debate was the Harrington Park Tigers against the team from Elderslie Public School called Talented Talkers. Next was our team the Harrington Park Eels against the team from Elderslie Public School called the Super Speakers. The topic for the first debate was “Australians should not eat meat.” The topic for the second debate was “Australians should stop celebrating Australia Day”. When we were preparing for our debate we worked well as a group. We, the Harrington Park debating team convinced the adjudicator that our argument was the way to go. At the end both Harrington Park teams won the debate, a real proud moment....

By Prianka S - 5B

Reminder

Tomorrow, Friday, 20th June is the last day to pay for The Beatty Clan Crew and Bridging the Gap performers. Don’t miss out.

ROCK THROUGH THE AGES

Years 3 and 4 students and teachers are looking forward to 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
Where: At school
Tickets: $5.00 on sale soon

CANTEEN HELPERS

Week Beginning 23rd June

Mon: am Kylie, pm Kerrin
Tue: am Jo, pm Alyssa
Wed: am Ross, Sally
Thu: am Kylie
Fri: am pm
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

**CLASS: ___________________________**

**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

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: ____________

**FAMILY NAME: ____________________________**

**STUDENT 1:** ____________________________  **CLASS:** ____________________________

**STUDENT 2:** ____________________________  **CLASS:** ____________________________

**STUDENT 3:** ____________________________  **CLASS:** ____________________________

**STUDENT 4:** ____________________________  **CLASS:** ____________________________
DANGEROUS DAISY
Daisy drove dangerously
Ran over doctor Dave
The dancing dotty donkey
Yelled, “It’s time to behave!”
By Rayan and Maddi

GARRY’S SHOPPING SPREE
Garry bought a glitter glass
A gorgeous greenhouse goose
A gift for grumpy greyhound
And a groovy glamorous moose!
By Aahana S and Georgia F

GLORIA’S GLITTERY GOLD
Gloria got glittery gold
From a glamorous giggly goose
That glows like a ghost
While drinking grape juice
By Georgia V and Gabby

LITTLE MISS LILY
Lily is a little lady
Loving her lipstick
If you learn your Latin letters
She will give you a big tick!
By Claudia Bournes and Keira M

MYSTERY MAID
A maid mashing marshmallows
With a metal mascot mask
Took some magic mini money
But first she had to ask
By Liam and Ben

GREAT THE PIRATE
Sarah sails six ships
Across the seven seas
Singing scary stupid songs
While eating sour peas
By Phillip and Nicholas

SEASHELLS
Sally sells sea shells
She had a special sale
Six, seven or seventy and
She gives a free whale.
By Charlize and Shae

WACKY WEDNESDAYS
One wacky Wednesday
William went to wizard school
Eating wiggly wedges
While acting really cool.
By Anina and Louis

GORILLA
Grinding greatly by the golf course
What do I see?
A great giant gorilla
Going after me.
By Josh L and Ryley K

CRIME SCENE
The lazy lady lizard
Loves lamingtons and lime
Lipstick and a lamb
That also did some crime.
By Isabella B and Ryley C

SNAKES
Sam the silly snake
Sells salt for sixty cents.
He slivers and slides across the floor
If you give a soccer ball he’ll give you seven cents.
By Brodie and Bryce

COOKING WITH CASSIE
Cassie cooked a creamy cake
A chocolate cherry pie
She cooked a cappuccino
While wearing a crazy tie
By Sierra and Jasmin

It’s official! Our chickens now have names. The names were drawn from a box of hundreds to give our girls their names. The white chicken, a White Leghorn is called, Bella, the black chicken, an Australorp is called Emmy and the red chicken, a Rhode Island Red is called Rosy. Thank you to all the students who put names into the box.
Students and teachers from 5C, 5D, 6B, 6J, 6O and 6W are looking forward to our performance in Term 3.

Date: Friday, 29th August, 2014
Time: Matinee Performance 12.00pm
      Evening Performance 7.00pm
Where: School Hall
Cost: $5.00 (Tickets will go on sale in Term 3)

Congratulations to all of those students who competed at the recent Regional Cross Country Carnival. You should be very proud of your efforts.

Good luck to the following four students who have succeeded in making it to the State Cross Country Carnival being held early next term. We wish you the best of luck on your next big venture.

Bianca C - Finished 1st in her race.
Shae E - Finished 5th in her race.
Caitlin O - Finished 2nd in her race.
Cody S - Finished 5th in his race.

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Could you please note the following venue changes for AFL and Boys Soccer for the 2 Gala Days being held on 18th July and 1st August.

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      Students will be heading to Wandarra Oval, Mount Annan as Kirkham Fields are unavailable on this day.

Boys Soccer - Friday, 18th July AND Friday, 1st August
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Library Help
If you have any spare time to cover books we would appreciate your help.
Please see Mrs Drew in the library on Tuesday or Wednesday.
Mrs Drew

Senior Boys Soccer State Knockout
Congratulations to the boys who represented Harrington Park PS against Warragamba PS last Friday. They achieved a fantastic victory of 6-1. All 16 players played positively, working hard with and without the ball and aiming to play a positive style by passing the ball around unselfishly.

It would be wrong to single out any individual as each player performed strongly throughout the match and contributed to scoring goals and defending them. It was great to see the game played with excellent sportsmanship from both teams.

Lets hope that being in the middle of the World Cup inspires them to another positive performance when we meet out next opponents, Ruse PS.

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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.

Please return permission note and payment of $4.00 by Friday, 20th June.

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.

Indigenous Games

On Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th of June all classes will participate in the Indigenous Games program. Again this year the program will be provided free to all students, the cost covered by our Aboriginal education funding.

Indigenous games have a rich history, with some being recorded by early colonial explorers, settlers, scientists and missionaries. Many indigenous games have been passed down through the generations. Traditional Indigenous games provide the opportunity to appreciate, learn about and experience aspects of the indigenous culture.

The program incorporates the school curriculum with cultural traditions in a series of fun, safe and inclusive games. It provides an insight into the origins of traditional games, teaches basic sport skills using a game sense approach and a highly inclusive and fun environment for all students.
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Thank you.

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Student Class/es: ______________________________________________

Parent Name: _________________________________________________

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Signed: _________________________________  Date: _______________

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