Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9. The term has raced by and the holidays are upon us again. Thank you to our wonderful P&C who organised and ran the Bingo Night last Saturday. It was a fun night for all of the families and the bonus was that it raised around $2000. Our P&C work hard to provide extra facilities and experiences for our children.

Next week work will commence on our new outdoor hard court area. Weather permitting it will be completed by the beginning of Term 3. The P&C have raised a third of the cost and also wrote the submission for the government grant which gave us another third of the cost. We budgeted for the remaining costs at school. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of parents.

It is time to say goodbye to Mrs Grinham who will be leaving us tomorrow. She has been asked to relieve as Principal at Cassilis Public School for the next twelve months. I am sure that you will join with me in thanking her for her many contributions to Harrington Park and wishing her well in this new role.

We have celebrated NAIDOC Week this week with visiting performances on Monday. We have several Aboriginal students at our school and it is great that we can celebrate their wonderful culture and heritage with them. We have so much to learn from the First Australians.

Next term the students return on Tuesday 15th July for Term 3. Staff return a day earlier for training including Emergency Care and CPR.

I hope that over the next two weeks you get many opportunities to enjoy time together as families.

My thought for the week comes from Herodotus, ‘Bowmen bend their bows when they wish to shoot; unbrace them when the shooting is over. Were they always kept strung they would break and fail the archer in time of need. So it is with men. If they give themselves constantly to serious work, and never indulge awhile in pastime or sport, they lose their sense and become mad.’

Have a great holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**DIARY**

**June**

27th: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm
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 CANCELLED
18th: Gala Day No. 1
PSSA Cross Country
22nd: Opera House Choir Preliminary Rehearsal
23rd: OC Placement Test
28-1st: Education Week
29th: ICAS English
Snr Girls State Championship Futsal @ Penrith

**August**

1st: Gala Day No.2
5th: Opera House Choir Performance @ 7pm
8th: Athletics Carnival
12th: ICAS Mathematics
Stage 2 Performance Dress Rehearsal @ 12pm
14th: Stage 2 Performance ‘Rock Through The Ages’
Matinee: 12-1pm
Evening: 7-8pm
15th: Milo Cup Cricket @ Kirkham Park
18th: Years 2-6 800m and Relay 1:30pm
25-27th: Year 4 Berry Camp
28th: Stage 3 Dress Rehearsal
29th: Stage 3 Performance
Matinee: 12pm
Evening: 6pm

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**Last day of Term 2 is Friday, 27 June 2014**

**Students return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday, 15th July 2014**

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**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

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**CANTEEN HELPERS**

**Week Beginning 14 July**

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

KA  Ayla B  Working hard to learn sight words
KA  Matthew A  Improved listening during class discussions
KA  Anton C  Working hard during number activities
KL  Jessica S  Being a lovely neat worker
KL  Isabel P  Fantastic effort during writing lessons
KL  Braylen L  Excellent participation in class discussions
KT  Annabelle P  Beginning to blend sounds in words
KT  Adam S  Trying really hard at writing and reading
KT  Ava M  Trying really hard during writing
KV  Summer R  Making wonderful attempts at spelling unknown words
KV  Damien D  Always having lovely, neat bookwork
KV  Bailey M  A wonderful improvement in his reading
1K/M  Sienna B  Being a terrific role model to all Kindergarten students
1K/M  Ilisha S  Always showing exceptional behaviour in class
1K/M  Xavier G  Showing excellent manners and behaviour on excursion
1E  Connor C  Trying hard during information writing
1E  Emalia M  Great factual sentences
1G  Jasen P  An excellent sensory walk model
1G  Lachlan S  An excellent sensory walk model
1G  Georgia C  An excellent sensory walk model
1J  Ruby C  Improved reading
1J  Anthony R  Trying hard to improve his writing
1S  Georgia D  Wonderful work & commitment on her homework
2C  Maalona E  Excellent work in science on the lifecycle of crabs
2C  Kaitlyn M  Excellent dancing skills
2K  Flynn B  Excellent independent informative writing
2K  Erin S  Outstanding discussion work during reading groups
2MC  Logan S  Always working hard
2MC  Zoe B  Great work in class
2S  Devina S  For working really hard during literacy activities. Well done
2S  Olivia V  For outstanding effort during spelling and grammar activities
2T  Samantha L  For quick calculations in Tens Time
2T  Zaid H  For beautiful comprehension in reading groups

The Girls Knockout Hockey team were invited to participate at the NSW PSSA State Hockey Carnival that was held at Narellan last week.

The team were excited to have the privilege to compete against a regional team to prevent a bye in the draw. The team played a trial against the Sydney South West team the previous week for a wonderful 0-0 draw.

At the carnival the team again had to play Sydney South West. With six carnival games under their belt the Sydney South West team played very strongly for a 4-0 win.

It was a great experience for our school team to compete at such a high level. The team have defeated Mt Annan and Ingleburn in the State Knockout to be the Sydney South West champions for the fourth year in a row.

The uniform shop is now open 9am to 10:30am on Tuesdays and 9am to 10am on Fridays.

We are looking for helpers for Friday morning.

Due to proposed changes in the uniform shop we are not able to supply some sizes in s/s polo shirts until September/October. These sizes specifically include 8 and 12.

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.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

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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: __________

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Last Wednesday, all of Year One and teachers visited Taronga Zoo to learn about animal senses. During the day, the children took part in a hands-on workshop and learnt all about various animals and how they use their senses. We saw Australian animals, African animals and reptiles just to name a few. The children enjoyed observing the chimpanzees and absolutely loved the giraffes. They touched a green tree frog, a shingle back lizard and patted a ring-tail possum, which was very exciting! All of the children were extremely excited leading up to the day, and were amazed to see all of the different animals.

A huge thankyou, to the teachers for all of their hard work on the day, particularly Mrs Glover, who organised the wonderful experience for the children. The children were beautifully behaved, as noticed by the Taronga Zoo staff, and listened carefully throughout the entire day.
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Thank you.

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