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Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

Last term we had 4 students attend the local area final at Mawarra Public School at Elderslie. Here the students presented a prepared speech and a one minute impromptu speech to an adjudicator and an audience of fellow students and parents.

In the Junior category (Year 3 & 4) Amanda C and Travis F were our representatives. Jayden T and Bradley S spoke for our school in the Year 5 and 6 division. All students spoke very well and should be proud of their efforts.

We are extremely excited to also report that Travis F was announced as the local area winner for the junior division and will now represent our school and the area at the regional finals in late August.

Congratulations to Travis and his family for such an excellent achievement!

Sports Equipment Donation

The staff and students of Harrington Park PS would like to thank and acknowledge the Adams family for their kind donation of netballs, soccer balls, footballs and handballs to our school!

Three large bags of sports balls were delivered late last term and will be used for PSSA teams and class based sports programs. It’s always very helpful and the school is very appreciative of any donations as this then frees up funding to be channelled into other areas of need.

Thanks again to the Adams family!!!

Term 3 Gala Day Trials

Gala Day Trials for Term 3 will be held in Week 2, Friday 25th July.

Sports available for trial and their coaches are:
Softball - Mrs Batty
T-Ball - Mrs Bligh (TBC)
Cricket - Mr Martin, Mr Oliver and Mrs Oliver
Oz tag - Mr Green and Ms Davis

Please see the teachers listed above if your child will not be here on the trial day to organise for them to be included in an additional trial.

Bingo Night and Disco

Thanks for all that attended and a big thanks to the sponsors for donating prizes.

Sport A Thon

At the end of last term a sponsorship form went home with every student to participate in a Sport-A-Thon which will be held in conjunction with the Athletics Carnival. This is a great opportunity for students to win prizes. Don’t forget to create your website to get donations online.

Bunnings BBQ

The P&C will be holding a BBQ at Bunnings Narellan on Sunday 27th July. It would be great if you could come down and buy a sausage to support the event. We are looking for volunteers to work a 2 hour shift, or if you would like to donate something to help out contact Naomi on 0421 477 472 or ncchurton@bigpond.com.

Uniform Shop

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.
**Recorder Poems**

**June 26th** we went to the Opera House to play recorder  
Open the doors to the concert hall  
Under the great lights  
Running around in the Botanical Gardens  
Never make a squeak  
Excellent Year  

By Connor

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Remember  
Exciting  
Children on the night  
Of the  
Recorder ensemble  
Doing an  
Excellent job of playing the  
Recorder on June 26, 2014  

By Joel

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Opera House is where we played  
Performances were outstanding  
Every person played well  
Recorder is great  
Amazing music  
History was made  
Our teacher is great  
Under the stars we were  
Sophisticated and divine when all together  
Elevated to a new level of music.  

By Alessandro

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Outstanding  
Performance  
Enter the  
Recorder  
Amazing songs  
Historic night at the  
Opera House  
United in an ensemble  
Screaming crowd  
Excellent and unforgettable night.  

By Joel

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Recorder playing in the city  
Elements of music to entertain  
CAN CAN was the sound of our music  
Opera House has amazing views  
Relaxing sounds  
Days practicing and playing  
Exciting bus journeys to the city  
Reading music and learning notes.  

By Georgia and Isabella
Active After-School Communities

The Active After-School Communities is an Australian Government funded program run by the Australian Sports Commission. At Harrington Park Public School we have the opportunity to be involved in this free program. The aims are to engage primary aged children into structured physical activity and to provide opportunities for ongoing participation in organised sport. Many children have already taken up the opportunity so far this year. Those who are interested in the activities below please fill in the form for your chance in Term 3, 2014.

This is not a sports coaching session but allows the teaching of basic skills and enjoyment of a variety of games, based on popular sports, to increase children’s activity and fitness. A qualified coach will run each session and a school teacher will be supervising. The program will be delivered once again at our school from 3.00pm to 4.20pm each Monday and Thursday afternoon for 7 weeks in Term 3.

A free nutritious afternoon tea is included with each session.

**Mondays** - **Cricket (Year 1-2)**
beginning in Week 3, 28th July and running for 7 weeks.

**Thursdays** - **Golf (Year 3-6)**
beginning in Week 3, 31st July and running for 7 weeks.

If you feel your child should be considered for this program, fill in the details below and return by Thursday 24th July. Students will be accepted on a suitability basis and successful students will be notified by Friday 25th July.

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Andy Best  
Principal

Rhonda Creasey  
Co-ordinating Teacher

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My child’s name: ___________________  
Class: ___________________

**Term 3 2014**

**Mondays**  
Cricket  
(Years 1-2 ONLY)

**Thursdays**  
Golf  
(Years 3-6 ONLY)

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☐ I __________________ can / cannot assist in the buying of food (money is provided) and preparation of afternoon tea at school for one / more afternoon sessions. (please circle)

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My contact details are: ___________________

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If however you do not have access to the internet and are unable to view our Newsletter online, please complete the slip below so we can ensure that your child takes home a paper copy.

Thank you.

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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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Narellan Vale Public School
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2567 SHOWCASE

2567 SHOWCASE will be highlighting the
Performing Arts of the 2567 schools.

Wednesday 30th of July 2014
Matinee: 12:30pm
Evening: 6:30pm

Evening tickets $8
Matinee Tickets $6

Tickets available at your local school.
2567 Showcase – Ticket Order Form

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The 2567 Showcase will be held on Wednesday 30th July 2014, at Elizabeth Macarthur High School. It will combine the creative arts talents of Harrington Park Public School, Oran Park Public School, Narellan Public School, Narellan Vale Public School and Elizabeth Macarthur High School. Performances from Harrington Park students will involve the Junior Dance Ensemble, Ukulele Group and Stage 2 Choir. There will be two scheduled performances on the day – a Matinee Performance at 12:30pm and an Evening Performance at 6:30pm. Tickets will be sold at the school and the first round offer will commence Friday 18th July and conclude on Wednesday 23rd July. Any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. Parents can purchase these tickets in person at the office or write a written request to be sent in with the money with their child.

First Round Offer will close on Wednesday 16th July. A maximum of 4 tickets can be purchased per family (regardless of how many children in the family are participating). The 4 maximum tickets can be used for one whole scheduled performance or split across the matinee and evening performances.

2567 Showcase – Ticket Order Form

Family Name: __________________________
Student Name/s: __________________________ Class: _________

$6.00 = MATINEE / $8.00 = EVENING

TOTAL NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUIRED (MAX.4): __________

Number of Tickets for MATINEE (12:30pm): __________
Number of Tickets for EVENING (6:30pm): __________

$ __________ cash / cheque / EFTPOS payment (please circle)

Mastercard / Visa (please circle)

Credit Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____

CCV Number: ____

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________

Parent / Caregiver

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August 2 & 3  How To Train Your Dragon 2
August 9 & 10  Tinkerbell: The Pirate Fairy
August 16 & 17  Rio 2
August 23 & 24  How To Train Your Dragon 2
August 30 & 31  Tinkerbell: The Pirate Fairy