Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 4. There was a band called Skyhooks in the 1970s and they had a hit with a song called ‘Horror Movie.’ It was about the 6.30 News. Last week I was teaching a Year 2 class and I asked a student to pretend that she was a news-reporter whilst interviewing another student. She wasn’t sure what to do so I asked her what she thought the news was for, and she replied that it was to tell us about all the bad stuff in the world. I couldn’t help thinking about the Skyhooks song, and wondered about the impact of watching the news in relationship to young minds.

Today our flag flies at half mast as we remember the victims of the recent airline tragedy. The news is saturated with sadness. The recent Commonwealth Games even managed to deviate away from the joy of sport to arguments between athletes and officials, and criticisms from all quarters.

The longer I live the more I come into contact with sad situations. Family and friends pass on and there are times of great grief, but I believe that we have far more to be thankful for than we have to be sad about, especially those of us blessed to live in this wonderful country.

It’s important that we help our children to be resilient, and also that we teach them that most of the time the world is a wonderful place. This can start in the most simple of ways. Where there is discord we should try to create harmony. We can do this by ‘not sweating the small stuff.’ It is easy to fall into the trap of getting upset over small things that won’t be a worry in ten years time, or even tomorrow. Let’s all try to work towards harmony in our community. That would be a great way to honour those who are no longer with us.

I had a wonderful time at the Opera House on Tuesday night where our senior choir performed. They were fantastic. Well done! Congratulations to our AFL teams. Our Junior A team won their Grand Final and the Senior A team were Runners Up. I am told that our B teams also played very well. We are currently exploring an after school coaching program with Western Sydney Giants.

I promised that I would start to give some clarity to some things mentioned in the newsletter that some parents aren’t always sure about. Today I’d like to let you know a little more about PSSA. This is the Primary School Sports Association. Whilst the association has a few paid employees, it largely runs on the goodwill of teachers and parents in supporting and following your children.

Please see attached Event Rosters for K-2 and 3-6 to assist parents in supporting and following your children.

A friendly reminder to be positive and support their children. Parents are not to become involved in the events unless they have been asked by a teacher to assist.

Children are encouraged to wear their house colours. Bradman-Blue, Fairfax-Red, Freeman-Yellow, Macarthur-Green.

Yours faithfully
Andrew Best

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**State Knockout Soccer**

A great performance by our Boy’s State Knockout Soccer Team who triumphed over Cobbitty PS 7-1 on Monday. The boys played exceptionally well, demonstrating a great passing game and determination in defence when it was required. Another solid performance from all 14 players and I congratulate them. Our next game is against King Park PS on a date yet to be confirmed.

**Year 4 Camp Reminder**

Year 4 students who are attending the camp to Berry must return their medical notes this week.

All payments need to be finalised by Friday, 15th August.

**Athletics Carnival**

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**CANTEEN HELPERS**

**Week Beginning 11th August**

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

KA  Cooper S  Working hard to answer subtraction questions  1G  Jennifer J  Working hard during TEN time  1G  Chloe M  Writing interesting sentences using adjectives
KA  Courtney W  Fantastic observations about dinosaurs  1G  Jansen P  For completing his work quickly  1S  Charlotte J  Being a great helper in the classroom  1S  Atiek A  Trying hard in mathematics  2C  Catherine F  Excellent contributions during class discussions
KL  Tayla S  Excellent effort during reading groups  1S  Atiek A  Trying hard in mathematics  1S  Ray O  Excellent participation in class discussions  2C  Kay-Lee F  Her fantastic writing  2C  Cooper M  Excellent behaviour and work habits  2K  Alessandra Z  Her confidence speaking to adults and in front of her peers  2K  Ruby P  An outstanding news presentation on the life and work of Van Gogh!
KL  Drew A  Being a wonderful classroom helper  2K  Ethan M  An excellent news presentation on the Australian artist Ken Done  2K  Ray O  Excellent participation in class discussions  2C  Kay-Lee F  Her fantastic writing  2C  Cooper M  Excellent behaviour and work habits  2K  Alessandra Z  Her confidence speaking to adults and in front of her peers  2K  Ruby P  An outstanding news presentation on the life and work of Van Gogh!
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1/KM  Joshua K  Working well in a group  2MC  Giuliano O  Excellent work in class  2MC  Megan B  Excellent expression in reading groups  2S  Aaron H  Excellent effort during literacy and TEN groups  2S  Rhianna L  Fantastic effort and enthusiasm during TEN groups  2T  Michaela P  Her independence during writing  2T  Jacynthia M  Justifying her answers in mathematics
1/KM  Xavier G  Listening carefully and giving all his effort to learning our performance  2MC  Giuliano O  Excellent work in class  2MC  Megan B  Excellent expression in reading groups  2S  Aaron H  Excellent effort during literacy and TEN groups  2S  Rhianna L  Fantastic effort and enthusiasm during TEN groups  2T  Michaela P  Her independence during writing  2T  Jacynthia M  Justifying her answers in mathematics
1/KM  Annabelle F  Always giving her best effort to complete activities  2MC  Giuliano O  Excellent work in class  2MC  Megan B  Excellent expression in reading groups  2S  Aaron H  Excellent effort during literacy and TEN groups  2S  Rhianna L  Fantastic effort and enthusiasm during TEN groups  2T  Michaela P  Her independence during writing  2T  Jacynthia M  Justifying her answers in mathematics

Gala Day Results
From 18th July

Boys Soccer Snr A’s

Round 1:  HPPS vs Currans Hill  Loss  1-0
Round 2:  HPPS vs Cobbitty  Win  4-2
Round 3:  HPPS vs Camden Sth  Win  1-0
Round 4:  HPPS vs Narellan Vale  Win  5-0
Round 5:  HPPS vs Mt Annan  Loss  1-0

Round 1:  Loss  0-1
Round 2:  Won  6-0
Round 3:  Loss  0-3
Round 4:  Loss  1-3

Goal Scorers: Montana P, Noah P, Chloe P and Brendan F.

Boys Soccer Jnr A’s

Round 1:  HPPS vs Currans Hill  Loss  1-0
Round 2:  HPPS vs Cobbitty  Win  2-0
Round 3:  HPPS vs Camden Sth  Win  5-1
Round 4:  HPPS vs Narellan Vale  Win  3-1
Round 5:  HPPS vs Mt Annan  Win  3-0

Round 1:  Draw  0-0
Round 2:  Won  2-0
Round 3:  Won  1-0
Round 4:  Draw  0-0

Goal Scorers: Bayley S, Jemma S and Riley R.

MindQuest
ST GEORGE GIRLS HS
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On Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September 2014 the 73rd NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS. These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more. Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $175 (including GST).

Contact your school for a brochure or Shelagh Poray 02 4232 2494
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The Uniform shop will be closed on Friday, 8th August due to the whole school athletics carnival.

State Futsal Championships

On Tuesday 29/7/14 the senior girl’s futsal team represented Harrington Park at the State Futsal Championships. The girls played with wonderful spirit and sportsmanship. They played 5 games having 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss placing them 2nd in their pool. This saw them progress to the quarter finals where they played a tough game resulting in a 2-0 loss. I was very happy with the commitment the girls put into their training and each of the games they played. They should all be very proud of their efforts. Thank you also to the parents and families who helped to transport and support the girls for both championships. Well done girls!!

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HPPS Blue won the Senior Girls Competition

Boys Soccer Jnr B's
Round 1: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Draw 1-1
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden White Win 2-0
Round 3: HPPS vs Mawarra Loss 0-2
Round 4: HPPS vs Camden Blue Win 4-0
Round 5: HPPS vs Warragamba Draw 0-0

Round 6: HPPS vs Camden Blue Win 5-0

Girls Soccer Blue Snr
Round 1: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Win 6-3
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden 5th Win 8-4
Round 3: HPPS vs Cobitty Win 8-5
Round 4: HPPS vs Mt Annan Win 6-4

Goal Scorers: Jordyn E, Caitlin O, Claire M, Paris B, Brianna R, Montanna R and Joanne P

Girls Soccer Blue Jnr
Round 1: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Gold Draw 0-0
Round 2: HPPS vs Mt Annan Blue Win 4-0
Round 3: HPPS vs Cobitty Win 3-0
Round 4: HPPS vs Camden 5th Light Win 2-0
Round 5: HPPS vs Elderslie Win 3-0
Round 6: HPPS vs HPPS White Win 5-0

Goal Scorers: Jade C, Emily-Rose B and Madison C

HPPS Blue finished the Junior competition.

Boys Soccer Snr B's
Round 1: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Win 12-0
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden 5th Win 17-1
Round 3: HPPS vs Camden Draw 3-3
Round 4: HPPS vs Camden 5th Win 8-6


Girls Soccer White Jnr
Round 1: HPPS vs Camden Blue Draw 0-0
Round 2: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Gold Draw 0-0
Round 3: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Grn Draw 0-0
Round 4: HPPS vs Elderslie Draw 1-1
Round 5: HPPS vs HPPS White Draw 0-0
Round 6: HPPS vs Camden 5th Light Draw 0-0

Hockey Snr
Round 1: HPPS vs Curran Hill Win 3-0
Round 2: HPPS vs Cobitty Win 2-1
Round 3: HPPS vs Camden 5th Win 1-0
Round 4: HPPS vs Narellan Win 1-0
Round 5: HPPS vs Mt Annan Draw 1-1

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Round 1: HPPS vs Curran Hill Win 4-2
Round 2: HPPS vs Cobitty Win 4-0
Round 3: HPPS vs Camden 5th Win 3-0
Round 4: HPPS vs Narellan Win 2-1
Round 5: HPPS vs Mt Annan Win 2-0

Hockey Snr
Round 1: Draw 0-0
Round 2: Draw 0-0
Round 3: Final for 3rd vs 4th - Loss 0-1
Finished 4th place overall.

Girls Soccer White Snr
Round 1: HPPS vs Mawarra Loss 2-0
Round 2: HPPS vs Mt Annan Red Loss 2-0
Round 3: HPPS vs Camden 5th Blue Loss 1-0
Round 4: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Gold Draw 0-0
Round 5: HPPS vs Mt Annan Blue Draw 0-0
Round 6: HPPS vs HPPS Blue Loss 5-0

HPPS Blue won the Senior Girls Competition

Gala Day Results

Both the Senior B and Junior B teams played very well and were consistently improving as the Gala Days went on. With regard to effort, sportsmanship and behaviour they were two of the best teams I have ever taken away.

Netball Jnr A's
Round 1: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Loss 8-10
Round 2: HPPS vs Mawarra Loss 5-12
Round 3: HPPS vs Camden 5th Win 5-4
Round 4: HPPS vs Warragamba Win 6-5

Netball Snr A's
Round 1: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Loss 16-5
Round 2: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Loss 15-20
Round 3: HPPS vs Curran Hill Loss 16-4
Round 4: HPPS vs Camden 5th Loss 13-4

Girls Soccer Blue Snr
Round 1: HPPS vs Cobbitty Draw 0-0
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden 5th Light Win 1-0
Round 3: HPPS vs Elderslie Win 2-0
Round 4: HPPS vs HPPS White Win 1-0
Round 5: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Grn Draw 1-1

Goal Scorers: Jade C, Emily-Rose B and Madison C
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

The time is fast approaching when all entries need to be finalised for this year’s challenge. The closing date is August 22nd.
At HPPS classroom teachers are reading the challenge books to all classes K – 2 and they will enter your child in the challenge.
In Years 3-6 students have been borrowing each week from special areas, reading the books, recording them on their reading log in the Library and getting them signed off after they have been read. Now comes the time when they need to be entered online. Individual students are required to enter their own books read onto the computer. All Year 3 classes were instructed on this earlier in the year. However, your support from home will be of great assistance in achieving this.

Instructions below will assist in this process:
1. **Google** – nsw dec portal
2. Enter your **username** eg. john.smith and **password** ie. your child’s class
3. Once in the student portal, select **Learning** tab and click on **More** to get a larger list of sites. This is where the **Premier’s Reading link** will be found
4. On the main PRC page select **Student Reading Records** from left hand side menu.
5. This is where you can begin entering your books by title and author in **My Reading Record**. An ID number is not needed as the site will automatically match this and write it in.
6. Alternatively, books can be entered through the **Booklist** tab on the PRC main page left hand side menu. Here you can search an alphabetical list of authors and titles.
7. **Choice books** are added from the tab next to My Reading Record.
8. **20 books will complete the challenge!**

Should you need further assistance please come and see Mrs Creasey in the Library.
Our goal this year is to have **500 HPPS students** complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
Look forward to your assistance in helping us achieve this.
Certificates are awarded during class assemblies on Presentation Day in December.
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