Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. Congratulations to everyone who competed in our Athletics Carnival last week, and thank you to everyone who supported the smooth running of the day.

I had a good conversation with Mark Lazarus, one of our school counsellors, after writing last week’s newsletter and he gave me some interesting websites that you might like to have a look at. Common Sense Media for parents/newsletter:
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/about-us/our-mission#about-us

A couple of excellent Australian sites that offer guidance to families about the media:
http://childrenandmedia.org.au/
http://raisingchildren.net.au/movie_reviews/movies_landing_page.html

The Raising Children Network website is an excellent website about parenting in general:
http://raisingchildren.net.au/

You might also want to look at the Families NSW and FACS sites. Many parents, who would benefit from training, remain unaware that parenting programs, such as Triple P and Magic 123, exist:

Some of you would have received a copy of the P&C canteen survey by email earlier this week. If you receive a hard copy of the newsletter you will find it included today. Please take time to respond to this important survey.

As a follow up to demystifying some school terminology this week I’d like to explain ‘Stages’. The primary school years are divided into 3 stages, and the curriculum is also divided accordingly by the Board of Studies. Kindergarten is Early Stage 1. Years 1 and 2 are known as Stage 1. Years 3 and 4 are Stage 2, and Years 5 and 6 are called Stage 3. The children move onto High School where they complete Stages 4, 5 and 6 of the curriculum.

I hope that all of the people who attended the Stage 2 performance this week enjoyed the show. Well done to everyone involved in such a great performance.

My thought for the week comes from Helen Keller, ‘Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes real happiness. It is not obtained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.’

Have a great week.
Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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**Diary**

**August**
15th: Milo Cup Cricket @ Kirkham Park
18th: Years 2-6 800m and Relay 1:30pm
18-22nd: Science Week
22nd: Gala Day No. 1
25-27th: Year 4 Berry Camp
27th: Hockey KO @ Wyong
28th: Stage 3 Dress Rehearsal
29th: Stage 3 Performance
      Matinee: 12pm
      Evening: 6pm

**September**
1-2nd: Zone Athletics
4th: Father’s Day Stall
5th: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm
10th: SSW Athletics
      Sustainable Schools Expo @ Belgenny Farm
11th: Hot Peppers Skipping
12th: Gala Day No. 2
17th: State Dance Festival @7:30pm
19th: Gala Day No. 3
      Last day of Term 3

**October**
6th: Public Holiday - Labor Day
7th: Staff and Students return for Term 4
13-15th: Year 5 Port Hacking Camp

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**Year 4 Camp Reminder**

Year 4 students who are attending the camp to Berry must return their **FINAL PAYMENT** by Friday, 15th August.

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**2014 AFL Report**

In the 2014 AFL Competition, HPPS entered two Senior and two Junior mixed teams. All children played well and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship under extremely difficult conditions on both days (gale force winds on the first day and heavy wind on the second).

After stiff competition our Junior A team were the champions and the Senior A team were Runners Up.

As usual our children were a delight to take away and excellent ambassadors for our school.

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**Sport-A-Thon**

Thank you to all who have supported the Sport-A-Thon. The response to date has been fantastic.

The final date to return the sponsorship forms and monies is **Friday 15th August**.

We would appreciate your assistance by returning the sponsorship forms and monies to the front office as soon as possible.

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

KA  Lincoln P  Working hard to solve subtraction questions
KA  Keenen F  Great efforts at telling the time
KA  Ben J  Fantastic concentration when writing a procedure
KL  Abby Z  Wonderful improvement in reading
KL  Tayla S  Great work during maths groups
KL  Jake M  Excellent participation in class discussions
KT  Jay C  A great improvement in his reading and writing
KT  Siella R  Always putting her hand up to ask and answer questions
KT  Ava M  Always producing neat quality work
KV  Oscar C  Trying hard during reading groups
KV  Myah L  Showing a wonderful improvement with her reading
KV  Charli S  Doing a wonderful job with her news this week
1/KM  Cameron W  Great singing and listening during Kindy assembly
1/KM  Elisha S  Having a go at answering questions in class

KL  Abby Z  Working consistently in all KLA’s
KL  Ryan W  Terrific results in weekly spelling tests
KL  Aleksia K  Great work in maths. Well done!
KL  Tayla S  Completing great work in spelling. Well done!
KT  Jackson J  Excellent work with persuasive writing
KT  Owen F  Excellent attitude and effort
KT  Cooper S  Diligence and outstanding behaviour in class
KT  Jye T  Great work in mathematics
KT  Kayla W  Consistently working to the best of her ability
KT  Liam M  Being an enthusiastic student
KT  Lochi K  Being a caring and considerate student

The results of the ICAS tests are starting to be returned to the school. Congratulations to all of the students who participated. I’m sure it has been a valuable experience.

Computers
Distinction: Year 4 - Rafael Z, Brianna H. Year 5 - Lucy M. Year 6 - Bradley S, Brianna C and Jayden T.
Merit: Year 4 - Annalysse S, Maison D. Year 5 - Tara M, Noah P. Year 6 - Ashlee S.
Credit: Year 3 - Jessica O. Year 5 - Liam M,洛奇 K. Year 6 - Blake M

Science
High Distinction: Year 3 - Erin C
Distinction: Year 4 - Annalysse S, Travis F. Year 5 - Lucy M. Year 6 - Bradley S.
Merit: Year 6 - Chloe P
Credit: Year 4 - Rafael Z, Hayden B. Year 5 - Dylan Z, Alyssa C, Lochi K, Noah P. Year 6 - Jayden T and Ashlee S

Certificates will be presented at Stage Assemblies. Results for Spelling, Writing, English and Maths will be published as soon as they become available.

Mrs Malone

Father's Day Stall
Thursday, 4th September

Student Mayoral Elections
Breanna C from 6B represented our school at the Camden Student Mayoral Elections last week.
Breanna had to present a campaign speech to be elected Mayor for the day and what she would do for Camden in her role.
Breanna placed third on the day with a very good performance. The photo shows Breanna with the Camden Mayor, Ms Symkowiak.

Hockey Victories
The State K.O Girls Hockey team continued their fine form with a very strong victory against the Sydney West champions, Shelley P.S. The team played excellent passing hockey to record a 12-0 victory. They will now play Chittaway Bay P.S. from the Central Coast at Wyong, for a place in the Semi-finals. If the team win this game it will be a remarkable four years in a row of making the finals series.
This year we have contested the State K.O in Boy’s Hockey as well. Training all year with Miss Carter, the boys finally got to play their first game, after receiving forfeits in their previous rounds. The boys played brilliantly for a resounding 11-0 win. The team work was excellent. They now have to play the winner of Sydney North and Sydney East, to also reach the finals.

Canteen Helpers
Week Beginning 18th August
Mon: am pm
Tue: am Kylie pm Kylie
Wed: am Jo pm Alyssa
Thu: am Ross, Sally pm
Fri: am pm
Parents please note that all students at our school are participating in the Premier's Sporting Challenge and so are eligible to participate in this competition. Entry forms are available from Mrs Davis at school.

Win tickets to the NRL Grand Final as well as two signed Premiership Jerseys

The [NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au) Principal Sponsor, [NRL's One Community](http://www.nrl.com) is offering all students participating in the 2014 NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Primary and Secondary School Sport Challenges the chance to win a family pass (four x Gold tickets) to attend the NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final, as well as two signed Premiership jerseys, one for you and one for your school.

The NRL Grand Final will be held on Sunday October 5 at ANZ Stadium.

For the chance to win, tell us in 100 words or less why Rugby League is the ‘greatest game of all’.

Entries are to be completed on the entry form below and emailed to [psc@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:psc@det.nsw.edu.au) by 5pm Monday 8th September 2014. To be eligible to win, all entries must include your full name, year and school and the school must be registered in the 2014 NSW Premier’s Primary or Secondary School Sport Challenge.

Please note: Transport to Sydney will be provided in the event a student from a regional school wins. The competition winner and school Principal will be notified on Friday 12th September.

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