Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. I hope that those of you who had the pleasure of watching Stage 2’s performance last week enjoyed it as much as I did. Congratulations to all of our wonderful children for putting on such a great show and thank you to their teachers for working so hard to make it happen.

We are trialling a couple of different things with our performances this year including ticketing and venues. We will be seeking your feedback at the end of the performance season to evaluate future directions. Please take the time to let us know your thoughts.

Planning for the next three year strategic plan is underway and the P&C will be representing parents at the planning meetings again. You will also be surveyed on several matters between now and the end of the year. Please share your thoughts with us. Obviously trends are looked for in the data that we collect from surveys, but I want to assure you that all thoughts expressed in surveys are given consideration.

NAPLAN has been in the media this week. We haven’t received any results at school as yet, and when we do we will pass them on straight away. I’d like to recommend a recent newspaper article to you. It provides some insight into Literacy Education and is good food for thought.


We will be commencing plans for class groups early next term so now is the time to let us know if you have any matters regarding your child’s placement that you would like us to consider. This doesn’t mean an automatic granting of your wish. Please do not just ask for children to be placed with friends as this is not the first priority in determining educational needs. We do however look at each student’s social needs and development as part of the process. All requests need to be addressed to me in writing. Please make sure that they are submitted by the end of term. All requests are treated confidentially.

I did crossing duty on Tuesday morning. Three parents drove across the crossing whilst I was on the crossing with children. This is most alarming. Wayne our regular attendant has been hit by a car on one occasion on the crossing. I also observed several parents talking on their mobile phones whilst driving. Our first school rule is “Be Safe”. I hope that those parents who were breaking the rule the other day can consider this. Police and Council do regular checks and will issue infringement notices to law breakers.

My thought for the week is a Russian proverb, ‘He who digs a hole for another may fall in himself.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

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**Gala Day No. 1 has been cancelled**

**August**

18-22nd: Science Week  
22nd: Gala Day No. 1 (cancelled)  
25-27th: Year 4 Berry Camp  
27th: Hockey KO @ Wyong  
28th: Stage 3 Dress Rehearsal  
Boys Hockey KO vs Gymea Bay @ Moorebank  
29th: Stage 3 Performance  
- Matinee: 12pm  
- Evening: 7pm

**September**

1-2nd: Zone Athletics  
3rd: Milo Cup Regional Final Day @ Raby Oval  
4th: Father’s Day Stall  
5th: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm  
10th: SSW Athletics

**Stage 3’s Performance “Around the World in 60 Minutes” is on Friday, 29th August 2014.**

Matinee - 12:00pm  
Evening - 7:00pm

Please note 5B (Mrs Batty’s class) and 5M (Mrs May(er’s class) will be performing at Event Cinemas later in the year)
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

KA
- Christian T: His wonderful manners and enthusiasm during reading.
- Natasha J: Quick and beautiful work during writing.
- Ayla B: Her fabulous effort with sounding out words.

KL
- Alyssa T: Fantastic effort when writing.
- Grace M: Being a hard worker and always completing her work.

KL
- Chloe T: Wonderful effort during reading groups.
- Grace B: Her mature work habits and listening skills.

KT
- Adam S: Beginning to write a sentence independently.
- Emily S: Adding 2 digit and 1 digit numbers together.
- Blake M: Trying to work hard in reading groups.

KV
- Leishiya A: Being a great helper during play.
- Kai W: Excellent choice of colours to depict good and bad characters.
- Dior D: Working hard to identify beginning sounds.

5B
- Hayley G: Working consistently in all key learning areas.

5B
- Lauren F: Trying hard during spelling activities.

5C
- Anastasia M: Great effort preparing for our performance item.

5C
- Robbie M: Good application towards class activities.

5D
- Charli B: Always doing her best.

5D
- Ryley C: A great “Threatened Species” artwork.

5D
- Sierra D: Outstanding contribution in all areas.

5D
- Zac R: Working hard in all areas.

5M
- Andreas A: Improved effort in dictionary work. Well done!

5M
- Monique G: Great sentence writing in spelling activities.

6B
- Chloe P: Excellent persuasive writing.

6B
- Mark B: Great effort in creative writing.

6J
- Gabby Z: Great work with Biobags.

6J
- Daniel L: Great work with Biobags.

6O
- Gian R: Excellent bookwork and working productively.

6O
- Braith M: His enthusiasm during performance practice.

6W
- Monica S: Always doing her work quietly and respectfully.

6W
- Jake R: Being helpful during performance practice.

6W
- Zoe E: Writer of the week.

6W
- Alessandro L: Book work of the week.

Father's Day Stall
Thursday, 4th September

Please note that we will try to post updates on the Harrington Park School Facebook page while we are at Berry.

Thanks Mrs Bush & Mrs Camenzuli

Book Club Issue 6

Flyers are being handed out this week for the next issue of Book Club. Scholastic are undergoing changes to their ordering system to simplify and make it easier.

There will be changes to online payments for parents in the near future. Scholastic are trying to make it simpler and more enjoyable to raise readers.

We hope you will take the time to see which books might engage your child in reading.

The Book Club Team

800m Event

This year due to the rain and Fairfax Oval being closed we will be running our 800m on the path around Fairfax Oval, tomorrow Friday 22nd August.

It will be run in a different format to previous years with only those students running in the event in attendance. Please ensure your child has their running shoes if they plan to participate. See the times below. If you are able to assist around the track on Friday it would be most appreciated, particularly as the magpies have begun swooping and we will need some walking tree branches to keep the magpies clear!

Schedule:
1.00pm - 12 years Boys and Girls
1.15pm - 11 years Boys and Girls
2.00pm - 10 years Boys and Girls (please inform them to meet at the flagpole instead of lining up with their class)
2.15pm - 9 years Boys and Girls
2.30pm - 8 years Boys and Girls

Zone Athletics

Zone Athletic notes were given out on Wednesday afternoon this week. The successful 800m athletes will receive their Field + 800m note at the conclusion of the 800m race on Friday.

See the next newsletter for a full Athletic Carnival update.
Last Thursday all the students in Stage 2 took part in our performance “Rock Through The Ages”. Both the matinee and evening sessions were very well attended, especially in the evening when the students performed in front of a full house! Family and friends came down to the school and saw an hour and fifteen minutes of great entertainment.

The classes in Years 3 and 4 produced a range of entertaining and enjoyable items, including:

* “Battle of the Bands” - 3D
* “King of Pop” - 3I
* “Rockin’ Around The World” - 4C
* “Decades of Dance” - 4B
* “Groovin’ in the 60’s” - Stg 2 Dance Group

And of course the finale “Dynamite” performed by all the students in Stage 2.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls for putting on a great show. A big thank you to all the Stage 2 teachers for the effort that went into preparing the class items. A special thank you to Mrs Dalzell and Miss Camenzuli for all their extra work in the organisation of the performance. Thanks also to the student teachers who were a great help in various roles, to our General Assistant Mr Quirk for all his help and hard work, to the other staff members who came along and helped on the night, to the parents who helped with costumes, and to Mr Berry for his invaluable help with the sound.
Festival of Choral Music 2014

On Tuesday, 5th August 2014 the Senior Choir performed at the Sydney Opera House for the NSW Festival of Choral Music. We departed school by coach at 10:30am and arrived at Circular Quay ready for a nice lunch with a spectacular view of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. We were all very excited to begin our rehearsal with schools from all over metropolitan Sydney and rural areas of NSW.

After our rehearsal, we enjoyed a play and picnic in the Botanic Gardens before heading off to McDonald’s for dinner. After dinner we enjoyed a walk around Circular Quay, taking in the city by night. We enjoyed the company of our parents and Mr Best on our walk back to the Opera House. The Senior Choir sung beautifully in the Australis concert and represented our school with pride.

I would like to congratulate all of the students on their efforts throughout the year and thank you to Mr Best for coming to watch us and also to Miss Kissane for all of her help on the night and throughout the day.

Miss Camenzuli

Sport-a-thon

Thank you to all who have supported the Sport-a-thon. The response to date has been fantastic. Sponsorship forms and monies are now overdue; we would appreciate your assistance by returning these to the front office as soon as possible.

Thanks again for your support

Uniform Shop Update

Please note the Uniform Shop is currently OUT OF STOCK for the following items: Size 8, 10, and 12 short sleeve polo’s.

These will be available from Week 1 Term 4.

MILO CUP CRICKET

Last Friday, 6 cricket teams from Harrington Park PS took part in the Razorback Milo Cup Cricket Gala Day at Onslow Reserve, Camden. We entered three boys and three girls teams in this event run by Cricket NSW, which aims to maximise participation as well as having a competitive element. In a fantastic achievement, we were winners in both the girls and boys competitions and these two teams will go on to compete at the Regional Finals Day at Raby on Wednesday, 3rd September.

BOYS
Last Friday, Harrington Park P.S. had three teams play in the Boys Milo Cup competition at Onslow Park, Camden. It was a great day with the boys playing five games of eight overs of cricket under glorious blue skies. All three teams represented HPPS with pride and determination. The boys played hard and proved to be very competitive. So much so, that one of our teams finished on top of the table and played runners-up, Narellan Vale P.S. in the final. HPPS batted first and scored 117 runs against a quality bowling attack. Narellan Vale’s run chase started off slowly due to some disciplined bowling and tight fielding by the boys. However, with just two overs to go, Narellan Vale’s batters opened-up, showing little respect for some uncharacteristic sloppy bowling. Our score of 116 was always going to be hard to chase down and in the end it proved to be enough. The final score was 116 to 101. Well done to the boys who now play in the regional competition at Raby in 3 weeks.

GIRLS
For the first time we entered three girls teams in this competition. It is great to see so many girls keen to play cricket and trying out for these teams. All our teams were competitive on the day, produced some excellent individual performances, and most of all had lots of fun.


Although some players in this team were playing cricket for the first time, they played very well indeed and had two very good victories over other schools to finish 8th out of 16 teams. Great effort girls!


This team played extremely well, winning 3 out of 5 games to finish 6th in the competition. Their batting, bowling and fielding were all very good. Well done girls!


After winning their first 4 games the girls qualified for the final against Narellan Vale. Accurate bowling and excellent catching restricted Narellan Vale to a score of 70, and with some big hitting we replied with a score of 105 to win the match and qualify for the Regional Finals Day. Congratulations girls and good luck at the Regional Finals!
Our lost property box is located in the school hall. If your child has misplaced any items, please check there first.

Please ensure that all your child’s belongings are labelled with their full name on them.

Maximum Skating Night

When: Wednesday 10th September 2014
Time: 6pm – 8pm
Cost: $12 entry plus $5 skate hire (if required)
Please return booking slip and money to the front office before 3rd September.

Name: ____________________________________________

Number of tickets: ___________ @ $12 each

Number of skate hires: ___________ @ $5 each

Total Amount enclosed: ____________________________________________

*Tickets will be issued once payment has been received*

Bargain Buyers Shopping Trip

Saturday 15th November 2014
Picking up from the school
Cost: $45 (minimum 40 people required)
Lunch: Approx $20 for a pub lunch or bring your own lunch
Secure your seat today as this will book out, a $20 deposit is required and full payment due by 15th October 2014.
For more information contact Naomi Churton 0421 477 472 or ncchurton@bigpond.com

Library Help

If you have any spare time to cover books we would appreciate your urgent help. Please see the Library on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Mrs Drew

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LIZZY MAC’S
CARNIVAL FUN NIGHTS
FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
3-10pm
SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
12noon-10pm

Friday 5 September 3pm to 10pm

Pre-sale special for Friday ONLY
Unlimited Rides - $35 (Excludes “Extreme Zone”)
Can only be purchased from the carnival sale
desk at the school 1 September to 4 September

Student talent showcase
A night of Rock and Roll with
the Alan Barnes Band

Saturday 6 September 12noon to 10pm

Farmyard fun! Meet the animals of EMHS
Emergency Services display
NSW Streeters and NSW Ute club display
Meet and greet with your favourite superheros
Legends afternoon with Neil Diamond,
Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly
9pm FIREWORKS

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