Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 7. Congratulations to all of our Tournament of the Minds teams who performed so well last Saturday. Every team received an honours award. This is a tremendous effort and everyone involved is to be congratulated. Thank you to the staff who spent many hours helping the teams to prepare and accompanying on Saturday.

I enjoyed spending Monday and Tuesday at camp with Year 4. The weather didn’t dampen their spirits and many happy memories were made. It is always interesting seeing children move out of their comfort zones to challenge themselves. It also is great to see the smiles on their faces when they achieve personal goals.

Australian parents received a bit of negative criticism over the weekend regarding their parenting skills and in particular in regard to their inability to say no. I’m not sure if you saw the article in the news by Dr Michael Carr Gregg. It makes for interesting reading. He especially comments on the need for boundaries to be set for children. Andrew Fuller responded by saying that parents were doing a pretty good job, and said that on the whole we were raising a nation of pretty good children. So who should we believe? I think that it is dangerous to generalise, and that every child and every family is unique. Parents are the best experts on their children usually, and they tend to know what works best for their children. When parents partner up with interested and concerned teachers they can achieve even better results. We always need to remember that we are the adults and we have lived life for a little bit longer than our kids and it is ok to set boundaries and allow children to experience disappointment at times as this will help build resilience.

Please remember you have until the end of this term to let us know if you have any special considerations for next year’s class placements. They should be in writing and addressed to me marked ‘confidential.’

I’m looking forward to the Stage 3 performance this Friday night and hope to catch up with some of you there.

My thought for the week comes from Nelson Mandela, ‘A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Best

At this year’s Sustainable Schools EXPO, Harrington Park Environmental Action Team will be presenting a workshop on how to make a vertical vegetable garden using old milk bottles. For the workshop to be successful we will need approximately 200 milk bottles. If anyone can help with some washed milk bottles with the labels removed we would greatly appreciate it.

Please send your milk bottles to Mr Martin’s room before Monday, 8th September.

Thank you!

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

KA Matthew A Always writing creative sentences during writing time
KA Benjamin J Excellent reading and improved concentration in class
KA Jacob S Some fantastic take-away number sentences in maths
KL Ellie B Great participation in class discussions
KL Jaxon S Excellent effort during literacy groups
KL Jayden S Wonderful improvement in his reading
KT Elijah F Always being a great listener and trying her best
KT Zachary M Attempting writing tasks independently
KT Riley J His fabulous skills at adding numbers in his head
KV Bailey M Trying hard to spell unknown words
KV Tayla L Reading with greater confidence
KV Mosawer H Showing pleasing improvements in his counting skills
1/KM Harrison F Reading with great confidence
1/KM Kate D Great ‘flip’ slide and ‘turn’ shapes
1/KM Lily G Great reading, great writing, great ideas and great work
1/KM Cooper E Excellent use of adjectives in his character description
1E Jemma W Fabulous progress in reading

On Monday, 25th August, our debating team debated against Narellan Vale Public School’s debating team in the District Final. Narellan Vale won.

Harrington Park performed consistently well this debating season with four wins in a row but unfortunately will not be progressing any further this year.

This team consisted of Breanna C, Jayden T, Bradley S and Olivia S.

Written by: Olivia S - 6B

Looking for something different to do this weekend? Why not head out to Sydney Olympic Park and take part in the nation’s largest dedicated event for authors and publishers. Scan the QR Code to get more information.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved this level of recognition:

100m:

200m:

800m:

High Jump:

Long Jump:

Discus:

Shot Put:

We wish each of you every success as you strive to achieve your personal best!

The Canteen will be holding a Pizza Day on Tuesday, 2nd September 2014. All money raised will go towards items for your children.

There will be no other lunch orders on Pizza Day.

Attached is an order form to be completed and returned to the Canteen with the correct money enclosed.

Orders due to the Canteen by Friday, 29th August 2014.

Thank you for your support.
Our Athletics Carnival was a successful day despite an early shower of rain. Students actively participated in a range of novelty and athletic events including 100m, 200m, Shot Put, Discus and Long Jump. Our High Jump finals were completed in the week prior to the carnival. Then last Friday saw the final event, 800m, run around Fairfax Oval. Thank you to all who assisted during the afternoon.

Students who achieved a top four result in their age group will receive a place ribbon at their upcoming stage assemblies.

The Athletic events also feed into a House Competition with the results for 2014 as follows: Macarthur 338 points, Fairfax 446 points, Freeman 478 and the winners on 680 points BRADMAN!
**Language Literature Report**

On Saturday the Harrington Park Language Literature Tournament of the Minds Team competed at the University of Western Sydney. At 11:00am the team presented their long term challenge. They got brilliant feedback. At 11:40am they did their spontaneous challenge and were told that they worked well as a team. In the end they won the Honour Award.

Written by Carissa W - 6B

**Robotics Report**

6B have been doing robotics for the past term. We have been learning all the skills to program a robot. In the process of programming it we had a few difficulties with trying to get the robots to move, although we got lots of help from Mrs Egan. Throughout the term we have learnt a lot about robotics and have enjoyed the experience.

Written by: Ashlee S - 6B

**Technology Report**

On Saturday, 24th August, a team of 7 students from Years 4-6 participated in the Tournament of the Minds Applied Technology Challenge. This challenge consisted of having to create a wearable device that collects and gathers data. The challenge also consists of presenting the solution of your problem in 10 minutes and includes a short infomercial about your wearable device that goes for a maximum time of 5 minutes. On the day the team also has to participate in a spontaneous challenge. The team ended up winning honours.

Written by: Ashlee S - 6B

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**Father’s Day Stall**

A Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 4th September.

All students will get the opportunity to buy something with goods starting from $1.00.

If any parents are available to help please let Naomi know on 0421 477 472.

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**FATHER’S DAY FAMILY NIGHT**

**Thursday 4th September**

6-8pm

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