Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 8. It was good to catch up with many of you at the P&C meeting on Tuesday night. Thank you to our hard working members for organising the Father’s Day stall this week. The P&C do many great things for our children and they are working hard to provide funds for the next stage of our grounds improvement program, which will include some fitness and play equipment.

I thoroughly enjoyed Stage 3’s performance last Friday night. Congratulations to all involved. It was a great show.

We will be having a Mufti Day on Thursday 18th September, to support Stewart House. This charity is operated by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, and is funded by the teachers and students of NSW Public Schools. It provides holidays for children in isolated areas, children from disadvantaged backgrounds and for students who may need a break due to some trauma. It is a wonderful organisation with a fine history of caring for others. We ask each child to bring a gold coin donation and to wear something blue.

I have received a few letters with requests concerning class placement considerations for next year. Please have any special requests to me in writing in a sealed envelope marked ‘confidential’ by the end of this term. If you wrote in previous years you will still need to put in a request if you require any special considerations, as circumstances change on a regular basis.

We are trying to organise Kindergarten Orientation for next term. If you have a child for Kindergarten next year and haven’t enrolled as yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have neighbours who are planning to enrol please ask them to do so now so that their children don’t miss the orientation visits. We will be surveying parents again shortly to gather data for our school planning sessions. Please take time to provide us with your feedback so that we can work together to make a good school even better.

My thought for the week comes from Benjamin Franklin. ‘I have generally found that a man who is good at excuses is usually good at nothing else!’ Have a great week and Happy Father’s day to all of the dad’s.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

DIARY

September
5th: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm
10th: SSW Athletics
11th: Hot Peppers Skipping
12th: Gala Day No. 2 Last day for Year 6 Camp deposit
15th: Milo Cup Cricket
17th: State Dance Festival @ 7:30pm
18th: Mufti Day
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
17th: Gala Day No. 1 (Wet weather catch up)
27th: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
29-30th: Sports / Specialty Groups Photos

November
4th: Year 1 Vision Screening 2015 Kindergarten Orientation
11th: Year 1 Vision Screening 2015 Kindergarten Orientation
18th: 2015 Kindergarten Orientation
26-27th: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
28th: Schools Spectacular Preview Performance
29th: Schools Spectacular - Matinee & Evening Performances

December
1-2nd: Year 6 Canberra Excursion
15th: Year 6 Farewell
17th: Last day of Term 4 for Students
18-19th: Staff Development Days

HOCKEY SUCCESS

The State Knockout Girls Hockey team have made the finals for the fourth year in a row! The team defeated Chittaway Bay PS 4-0 in Wyong last week. The finals will be played at Narellan next Tuesday. Our team is drawn to play Parkes PS in the semi-final with the winner progressing on to play the final later in the day.

Sadly, the Boys Knockout team lost to Gymea Bay PS 3-2 in an exciting game last week. The team were winning 2-1 with forty seconds left in the match when Gymea Bay produced a miracle last gasp play to level at 2-2 at full time. With thirty seconds left of extra time, Gymea Bay scored again to win 3-2. The boys were excellent. They played with great skill and determination and were very unlucky to lose the game.

Year 6 Canberra Camp reminder

The deposit of $55 for Year 6 Canberra excursion is due next Friday, 12th September 2014. Final bookings will be made on these numbers.

Library Helpers

The library has lots of books ready for covering. If you have any spare time to cover books we would appreciate it. Please call into the library to collect some.

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

KA  Ellie C  Very creative sentences
KA  Cooper C  His excellent listening skills
KA  Anton C  Excellent reading skills
KL  Isabel P  Her wonderful effort during reading groups
KL  Simran S  Always being a hard worker. Well done!
KL  Braylen L  His excellent effort in writing
KT  Annabelle P  Trying hard to use the word "and" to make her sentences longer
KT  Daniel C  His hard work recognising sight words
KT  Nathan D  always working hard and doing his best
KV  Charli S  Always taking pride in her work
KV  Azra M  Working hard to improve her reading and writing
KV  Lucas U  Doing a fantastic job of recognising his sounds
1/KM  Cameron W  Excellent graphing skills
1/KM  Sienna B  Writing an excellent story using the iPad’s
1/KM  Dior D  An excellent story written on the iPad
3D  Masuma A  Always being an enthusiastic and hard working class member
3D  Hayden C  Great contributions to class discussions about time

3D  Marcus R  An excellent research project on the "Flying Fox"
3E  Deanna C  Fine choreography for our performance item
3E  Breiamber M  Fine choreography for our performance
3E  Jett C  Excellent bookwork
3J  Ashli L  Excellent bookwork
3J  Cameron S  Always being on task and for being a great classmate
3J  Ilana K  Always trying her best in all activities
3/4O  Jayla S  Consistent effort in class and enthusiasm in ukulele
3/4O  Brianna H  Consistent effort in class and organisation of dance routine
4B  Audrey A  For maintaining a high standard of book work
4B  Lucy O  For being a reliable and considerate student
4B  Cooper C  For being a great role model on the Year 4 camp
4C  Cooper B  Performing with confidence and enthusiasm
4C  Olivia A  Applying herself during multiplication activities

Razorback Zone Athletics

The first day of Spring heralded a beautiful sunny day of 25 C which provided a great backdrop to hold the 800m and Field events at Campbelltown Athletics Stadium. This was followed by a much cooler, windier and wetter day on Tuesday. However, our student’s spirits could not be dampened by the weather with some great results earned. Well done to all of our students who were terrific competitors for our school.

The following students have achieved particularly well amongst their peers and will compete at the Regional Carnival next Wednesday 10th September at The Crest, Bankstown.

800m- Bianca C., Shae E., Cody S.
Long Jump-Hayden F.
High Jump-Liam S.
200m- Bianca C., Hayden F., Caitlin O.
100m- Sienna S., Jack Z., Bianca C., Hayden F., Candice M.
Relay- Senior Girls- Candice M., Ellie B.-T., Shae E., Sierra D.
Congratulations to each of you on achieving well at the Zone competition. We wish you well for next Wednesday at Region. Mrs Creasey

Milk Bottle Collection

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!

Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax, is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

KEEP BRAINS TICKING OVER THESE HOLIDAYS

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don’t forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create.

Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download:

http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G
**CANTEEN HELPERS**

Week Beginning 8th September

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**Harrington Park Public School P&C have arranged a**

**Bargain Buyers WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TOURS**

Grab a bargain and get some Christmas shopping done

Saturday 15th November 2014

Picking up from the school

Cost: $45 (minimum 40 people required)

Lunch: Approx $10 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 16th October 2014.

There will be prizes to win and lots of factory outlets to visit

Drop forms off to the canteen to secure your seat or pick up your tickets from the table outside the office on Monday 16th August and Tuesday 17th August from 2.30pm – 3.10pm

For more information contact Naomi Churton on 0421 477 472 or naomi.churton@hotmail.com

**Elgin Bus Shopping trip – 15th November 2014**

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**Student Banking**

Student bank books should be sent to the office each Wednesday morning and will be returned to the classroom the following day.

**Proud Sponsor of our Care, Believe, Succeed Assembly**

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**Maximum Skating**

When: Wednesday 10th September 2014

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Cost: $12 entry plus $5 skate hire (if required)

Location: Maximum Skating, 75 Anderson Road, Stanmore Grange

We have limited numbers so bookings are essential

Return the booking slip with payments to the front office or pick up your tickets from the table outside the office on Monday 16th August and Tuesday 17th August from 2.30pm – 3.10pm

Bookings required by Wednesday 9th Sept or until Sold Out

Name:  

Number of tickets: ________ @ $12 each

Number of skate hire: ________ @ $5 each

Total Amount enclosed: 

*Tickets will be issued once payment has been received*
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