Welcome to Week 9. What an exciting week to be at Harrington Park. On Tuesday our Girls Hockey team made it to the final four in the State Knockout for the fourth consecutive year. This is an outstanding achievement. The girls eventually finished in fourth place after two hard fought games. They were tremendous ambassadors for our school and extremely good sports. We are very proud of them.

Yesterday 12 of our students from the HEAT group attended the Macarthur Sustainable Schools Expo at Belgenny Farm. Our children were teaching other students from 25 schools in the area. We taught about creating vertical gardens. Our students received tremendous feedback. One university lecturer acknowledged that not only did Harrington Park students have impeccably manners, they were also extremely articulate and provided an excellent activity. Well done to everyone involved. Today the Hot Peppers are on tour and I’m sure that I will have great reports upon their return.

I enjoyed accompanying some of our Year 5 students on an excursion today as they took photographs for the Macarthur Nature Photography Competition. This competition is run annually by the 3 local governments in the Macarthur region and has some great prizes. Good luck to everyone entering.

We received our NAPLAN results this week and early studies of the results are pleasing. We are in the process of analysing them in more detail and will share results with you soon. Please remember if you haven’t asked for special considerations for class placement for next year you have until the end of next week to do so. Letters need to be addressed to me and marked confidential.

As we enter our evaluation and planning cycle we will be surveying the parent body over the next month or so. An initial survey is attached to this newsletter. Please take a little time to give us some feedback.

My thought for the week is regarding planning and is from David Suzuki. He says, ‘I’m not interested in 20 year plans. I’m interested in 500 year plans that protect our home for future generations.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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**Maths Engineering - TOM Report**

The maths Engineering Tournament of the Minds Team (Annie S, Travis F, Noah P, Briannan E, Annabelle P, Jack O, Bradley S) challenge was to design a device that distributed caster sugar to several collection points. Despite the fact that our device failed astronomically, against all odds, we landed an honour award. The judges were extra-ordinarily generous, as we essentially destroyed the room, leaving behind a mountainous pile of sugar on the floor.

Obviously, the team redeemed themselves in the short-term challenge. Despite a difficult task, the team were persistent and tried their best. Their ability to work as a team resulted in their honours award.

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**Diary**

**September**
- 12th: Gala Day #2
- 15th: Milo Cup Cricket @ Raby Oval
- 17th: State Dance Festival @ 7:30pm
- 18th: Mufti Day supporting Stewart House
- 19th: Gala Day #3
- Last day of Term 3

**October**
- 6th: Public Holiday - Labor Day
- 7th: Staff and Students return for Term 4
- 8th: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
- 9th: Girls Cricket State Knockout at Newport
- 13-15th: Year 5 Port Hacking Camp
- 15-16th: PSSA State Athletics Carnival
- 16th: 6B Nursing Home visit
- 17th: Gala Day #1 (Wet weather catch up)
- 22nd: Performance @ Event Cinemas (ES1, Stage 1, 5B, 5M)
- 23rd: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
- 27th: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
- 29-30th: Sports / Specialty Groups Photos

**November**
- 3rd-14th: Yrs 2-6 Swimming Scheme
- 4th: Year 1 Vision Screening
- 2015 Kindergarten Orientation
- 10th: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
- 11th: Year 1 Vision Screening
- 2015 Kindergarten Orientation
- 18th: 2015 Kindergarten Orientation
- 20th: 6B Nursing Home visit
- 21st: Year 6 Mini Fair
- 26-27th: Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
- 28th: Schools Spectacular Preview Performance
- 29th: Schools Spectacular - Matinee & Evening Performances

**December**
- 1-2nd: Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- 11th: 6B Nursing Home visit
- 12th: Presentation Day
- 15th: Year 6 Farewell
- 17th: Last day of Term 4 for Students
- 18-19th: Staff Development Days

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**A Night at the Movies Performance**

Tickets will go on sale this Friday, 12th September 2014, at 7pm for the Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Class SM and 5B’s performance “A Night at the Movies” which will be held at Event Cinemas on Wednesday 22nd October 2014.
Care, Believe, Succeed: Awards

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NOMINEES FOR AUGUST

CARE: Kayla W (Yr 6) For her selfless generosity and emotional support towards her peers. Kayla put the welfare of others before her own at a time of great need. Well done Kayla!

Other Nominees: Anisa G, Alessandra Z, Sarah L, Jasmine L (K), Charlize W (Yr 1), Matthew F, Savar N, Lara V, Johnathan N (Yr 2), Olivia P (Yr 3), Nikita S, Cameron E, Concetta M (Yr 4), Maison M, Aleksia K, Hayley G (Yr 5), Tane M (Yr 6)

BELIEVE: Zaid H (Yr 2) For his continued effort during all maths lessons. Zaid is displaying greater confidence and creativity when working on solving mathematical problems. Through his efforts he has experienced greater success. Well done, Zaid!

Other Nominees: Kalpana N, Braedyn B, Simran S, Mia D (K), Lucas D (Yr 1), Taliyah N, Lucas B (Yr 2), Sienna S (Yr 3), Anthony R (Yr 4), Lachlan J, Claudia B, Bradley G, Dylan R (Yr 5)

SUCCEED: Lola P (Yr 1) For being a hard-working student who demonstrates excellence in reading, writing and mathematics. Lola’s consistent effort and dedication to all areas of her learning has been fantastic resulting in terrific achievements. Well done Lola!

Other Nominees: Ray O, Nathan D, Blake L, Haze S, Leilani E (K); Xavier G, Bailey J (Yr 1); Anthony B, Noah R, Erin S, Diana A (Yr 2); Tuskin G (Yr 3); Noah O (Yr 4); Alysha C (Yr 5); Caitlin S (Yr 6).

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NOMINEES FOR SEPTEMBER

CARE: Isaac S (Yr 5) For always looking out for the welfare of his friends and peers. Isaac is a quiet achiever who doesn’t like to draw too much attention to himself, but it is his kind and gentle nature which provides comfort to his close friends. He always tries to make sure everyone is included in games and activities both in and out of the classroom. Well done Isaac!

Other Nominees: Cooper C, Jake M, Mosawer H (K), Ash-lyeen M, Charli T (Yr 2), Lili W (Yr 4), Priyanka S, Jochobed N, Georgina M (Yr 5), Isabella P (Yr 6).

BELIEVE: Patrick C (Yr 2) For showing great self-belief to improve his application in all class activities. Patrick has strived to do his best, developing his ability to complete tasks and show a greater positive attitude towards all activities. He should be especially proud of the progress he has made so far this semester. Well done Patrick!

Other Nominees: Leishiya A, Gabrielle Z, Ellie C (K), Dylan M, Chloe B, Alexander E, Samantha L (Yr 2), Maddison B (Yr 4), Jessica M, Toby S, Gabrielle D (Yr 5).

SUCCEED: Aahana S (Yr 5) For achieving success through perserverance and determination. Aahana independently completes tasks with a positive attitude and a willingness to succeed. She is a quiet role model for her peers. She takes pride in the presentation of her work and is always well-mannered. Well done Aahana!


Next Thursday, 18th September 2014, we will be holding a “Mufti Day”.

Gold coin donation to support Stewart House.

Please ensure that appropriate clothing is worn. No singlets, thongs or midriffs. Closed in shoes must be worn.

A Beefy Debate

On the 16th June, the Harrington Park Tigers debated against the Elderslie Talented Talkers. The topic was “That Australia should ban eating meat”. We were on the affirmative team and gave some good arguments like how there are healthy alternatives to meat and how meat costs too much money. But the negative gave some good arguments like how butchers and farmers would lose their jobs. But in the end, the debate really came down to rebuttals and how well they were structured. The affirmative side won, but I think that our opposition have talent and good luck to them for future debates!

This was Round 3 in the first stage of the Premiers Debating Challenge and the Tigers remain undefeated. Our next debate is in a little while, so we can evaluate our performance and see what we can do to improve!

Breanna C - 6B

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.

Thanks, Mrs Drew

Getting ready for school camp

School camp is one of the highlights of childhood, however, it’s also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety. This website has some tips for school camp confidence. Find out more: http://bit.ly/Zsl9Wg

Active After School

Commencing Week 2 Term 4 we will have our last Active After School Communities program for 2014.

This term we are offering Soccer (Year 1-2) beginning 13th October 2014 and Orienteering (Year 3-6) beginning 16th October 2014. Both sports run for 7 weeks. Please return the note included in this newsletter by 9th October. Students will be accepted on a suitability basis and notified by 10th October 2014.

(Adapted for natural language)
KINDergarten 2015 Enrolment

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you have a child enrolling for Kindergarten next year. Early information helps us organise a much smoother transition and orientation. If you have friends or relatives enrolling a Kindergarten child for 2015 we would appreciate your assistance by reminding them to enrol soon.

Thank you

Cyberbullying
Prevention Tips for Parents

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently. Find out more: http://bit.ly/xHLLDH

How Much Screen Time?

"Screen time" used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more http://bit.ly/QFlqyz

CanTeen Helpers

Week Beginning 15th 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 $20 for a pub lunch or bring your own lunch

Secure your seat today as this will sell out, a $20 deposit is required and full payment due by 18th 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 18th August and Tuesday 19th August from 2.30pm – 3.15pm.

For more information contact Naomi Churton on 0421 477 472 or naomichurton@bigpond.com

Enrolment Buyers Bus Shopping trip – 15th November 2014

Name: ____________________________

Contact Number: ________________________

Number of seats required: ____________________________

Amount enclosed: ____________________________

Year 5 Camp

Reminder that final payment is due by Wednesday, 8th October 2014 (Week 2 Term 4) for Year 5 Camp to Port Hacking Sport and Recreation Centre

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Active After-School Communities

The Active After-School Communities is an Australian Government funded program run by the Australian Sports Commission. At Harrington Park Public School we have the opportunity to be involved in this free program. The aims are to engage primary aged children into structured physical activity and to provide opportunities for ongoing participation in organised sport. This term is the last chance to be involved in its present form as the program will be undergoing changes to its structure next year. Those who are interested in the activities below please fill in the form for your chance in Term 4, 2014.

This is not a sports coaching session but allows the teaching of basic skills and enjoyment of a variety of games, based on popular sports, to increase children’s activity and fitness. A qualified coach will run each session and a school teacher will be supervising. The program will be delivered once again at our school from 3.00pm to 4.20pm each Monday and Thursday afternoon for 7 weeks in Term 4.

A free nutritious afternoon tea is included with each session.

**Mondays** - **Soccer (Year 1-2)**
beginning in Week 2, 13th October and running for 7 weeks.

**Thursdays** - **Orienteering (Year 3-6)**
beginning in Week 2, 16th October and running for 7 weeks.

If you feel your child should be considered for this program, fill in the details below and return by Thursday 9th October. Students will be accepted on a suitability basis and successful students will be notified by Friday 10th October.

Andy Best
Principal

Rhonda Creasey
Co-ordinating Teacher

My child’s name: ___________________________ Class: ____________

**Term 4 2014**

**Mondays**
**Soccer** (Years 1-2 ONLY) ____________

**Thursdays**
**Orienteering** (Years 3-6 ONLY) ____________

☐ I ____________ can / cannot assist in the buying of food (money is provided) and preparation of afternoon tea at school for one / more afternoon sessions. (please circle)

My contact details are: ____________________________

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Please rate our school by answering this question:

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Please return to the school office by Friday, 19th September 2014