Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4. I hope that you enjoyed the extra time with your children over the holiday period.

On Tuesday evening the P&C met. They asked me to remind you that school sunglasses are now available for $15 per pair. This form of sun safety is often neglected and these sunglasses offer excellent eye protection. The coming summer promises to be hot and sunny so it’s probably worth considering this purchase. Sunglasses are available at the school canteen.

The P&C paid for the fitness playground this week. This is a great asset for our school and we really appreciate the support of this wonderful group. When I arrived at Harrington Park in 2009 the school was still a relatively new canvass to paint upon. Our P&C have funded many new improvements to our grounds. During my time here we have added a Learnscape (outdoor classroom), garden sheds and vegetable gardens, a bush tucker and bush medicine garden, chicken coup, food forest, water tanks and irrigation for the oval, the new bitumen play area, and the fitness playground. The majority of funding for these projects has come from our P&C who have also contributed to our school in so many other ways. I have really appreciated their ongoing support in my time as principal of this wonderful school.

This is my last newsletter to you as principal as I commence leave pending retirement tomorrow. It has been an honour to serve your community in this role. Our school continues to pursue excellence and has achieved many fine outcomes since its establishment in 2002.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for sharing their children with us and to thank my staff for their professionalism and commitment to our children.

One moment in my time here that I am particularly proud of is when our school hosted the national launch of Eco Schools in May last year. I was so proud of our children and what they had achieved, and when our school was chosen for the launch it was a special moment in my career.

Our children chose a line from the Tharawal Welcome to Country as their Eco Code and I’d like to leave that with you as my final thought for the week. ‘May you always see the beauty of the Earth.’

Best wishes for the future.

Andrew Best

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**DIARY**

**October**

8th: CBS Assembly @ 11:45  
9th: Crazy Tie Day and Sock Day  
13th: Kindergarten Transition  
20th: Kindergarten Transition  
27th: Kindergarten Transition  
28-29th: Sports Photos  
30th: CBS Assembly  
**November**

5-6th: Year 6 Canberra Excursion  
13th: Year 6 Mini Fair  
16-27th: Year 6 In-School High School Transition  
27th: CBS Assembly  
**December**

3rd: Year 6 High School Orientation Day  
8th: EMHS Elements Tour 2-3pm in hall (Stage 3)  
14th: Year 6 Formal  
16th: Last day of Term 4 for Students  
17-18th: Staff Development Day

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Please ensure your child’s name is on all items of clothing so that if it does go missing it is easy to identify the owner.

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**Kindergarten 2016 Enrolment**

Please contact the office 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 2016, we would appreciate your assistance by reminding them to enrol.

When returning your completed enrolment form please ensure you have the following documents:

- Original Birth Certificate or Passport
- Original Proof of student’s Residential Address (rates, gas, electricity bill, rental agreement etc.)
- Immunisation History Statement (not blue book)
- Copies of any Family Law or other relevant Court Orders
- Thank you

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### CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

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## Library News

### Dinnertime Storytelling makes kids voracious readers


Take a look at this story and it may redefine your evening meal. Dinnertime conversation builds vocabulary. Children with rich vocabularies learn to read more easily. Those who know how to tell stories are also identified as better readers.

Certainly food for thought!

### Covering Helpers

If you can spare an hour or two, we have new books that need covering ready for students to select their book to donate as part of the school contribution payment. Please come into the library before or after school to see Mrs Creasey or Mrs Drew if you can help out.

### Students selecting their donated books

In Week 2 students who have paid their school contribution will have the opportunity to select a book to have a donated label placed inside the cover for 2015. This student will be the first to borrow this book before it is circulated on the shelves. School Contributions paid by end of Term 2, 2015 are eligible for this opportunity.
For the Book Parade I dressed up as Disgust. I wore a green wig with a fringe and my dress had green flowers. My face was green too. Disgust is from Inside Out. My mum said “Disgust looks like a girl zombie!” We were the fourth class to parade around. My Dad came in to read for the Reading Picnic. My Dad read with Chloe, Georgia and I. I really liked Mrs Howell’s and Max’s costume.

By Jessica

I dressed up as Superman for the Book Parade. My favourite character was Optimus Prime. When we walked around twice the song was Katy Perry’s “Roar”. For my character I wore a necklace, a suit, undees but no pants, superman socks and a singlet. At the end of the parade the teachers that dressed up walked around and Mrs Howell dressed up as the Papaerbag Princess. At the start of the parade Mrs Creasey was the hungry caterpillar but at the end she turned into a butterfly.

By Ryan

Last Friday we had a Book Parade. I dressed up as a pirate from Do Pirates have Wobbly Teeth? We had to bring our chairs to the shade sails. We had to wait for three classes until it was our turn. It was fun walking around in the parade. After the parade we went on the oval to read books.

By Marc

Last Friday I dressed up as Rapunzel. First we lined up with our chairs and books. Next we sat on our chairs while waiting to go up and walk around the rusty path. Then we walked around and smiled. After that we read books to the parents. My favourite part about the book parade was reading books and walking around.

By Luci
**Boys Cricket Jnr B**

Round 1: HPPS vs Camden Sth White Lost
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden Sth Gold Lost
Round 3: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Lost
Round 4: HPPS vs Mt Annan Lost

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**Boys Cricket Snr B**

Round 1: HPPS vs Warragamba Win
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden Sth Lost
Round 3: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Lost
Round 4: HPPS vs Mt Annan Lost

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**Softball**

2015 Razorback Gala Day Softball Champions

Round 1: HPPS Maroon vs Camden Sth Gold Win 9-0
Round 2: HPPS Maroon vs Cobbity Win 7-2
Round 3: HPPS Maroon vs Currans Hill Win 15-9

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**T-Ball**

Round 1: HPPS Maroons vs Camden Sth Gold Win 9-2
Round 2: HPPS Maroons vs Cobbity Win 13-11
Round 3: HPPS Maroons vs Currans Hill Win 11-7

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**Girls Cricket Jnr**

Round 1: HPPS Blue vs Camden Sth Gold Win 63-30
Round 2: HPPS Blue vs Camden Sth White Win 56-30
Round 3: HPPS Blue vs Narellan Vale Grn Win 69-30
Round 4: HPPS Blue vs Camden Sth Win 30-11

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**Girls Cricket Snr**

Round 1: HPPS Blue vs Camden Sth Blue Win 71-68
Round 2: HPPS Blue vs Narellan Vale Blue Win 114-52
Round 3: HPPS Blue vs Camden Sth Gold Win 79-78
Round 4: HPPS Blue vs Warragamba Win 68-57

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**Oztag Jnr Aqua**

1 Loss, 2 Draws and 2 Wins
Finished in the Top 4

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**Oztag Snr Aqua “C” Grade Champions**

1 Loss and 4 Wins

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**Proud Sponsor of our Care, Believe, Succeed Assembly**
At Harrington Park Public School we value the home-school partnership, parent/carer engagement in student learning and the contribution the school community can make to improve our school. You’re invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed for parents and carers. This survey complements the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

**Why should I participate?**
Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

**What does it involve?**
This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at this school, and feel that your children’s experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once. The survey results are provided to the school and assist in improving the relationship and partnerships between the school and its community.

**How can I participate?**
You can access the survey in your own time, between 17 August and 16 October 2015. Follow the link below on your computer or tablet. Use the login details provided at the bottom of the page to access the site.
https://www.tellthemfromme.com
If you are unable to access the internet at home but would like to complete the survey, the school will open the computer lab on the following days for your convenience:
Tuesdays: 9 – 11am
Fridays: 1 – 3pm
More information on the Partners in Learning survey can be found on the NSW Department of Education’s TTFM website: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/
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