Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Wednesday the whole school came together for Remembrance Day. It was a time to reflect on past worldwide tragedies and the impact that war can have on both defence force personnel and civilian families.

We thought about how fortunate we are as a country that we have people willing to defend our freedom, our country’s values and traditions. I guess this resonates even more now with the events in Paris over the weekend. We are a fortunate country where those from all backgrounds are able to engage in our democratic values.

Here too at Harrington Park PS we endeavour to ensure a safe and supportive school environment that is respectful of the cultural beliefs and backgrounds of all students – it’s in our school motto to “Care” and our matrix of behaviours to “Be Kind”.

I was very proud of all our students at this assembly and thank them for honouring the moment and its meaning.

Our suburb lends itself to students being able to safely walk, ride or scoot their way to and from school along a safe network of paths. We have many students who ride bikes and scooters and have the provision to store these in our bike rack area. There is limited space in and around our school classrooms to store scooters.

I’m requesting that scooters are parked in the same area as our bikes to create some space for students to move easily along the corridors and in and out of rooms. The bike rack is a safe place to store scooters. The children will be advised of this expectation during stage assemblies.

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CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

KA Jessica D Great reading! 2/3T Ethan M Excellent work with equivalent number sentences
KA Chase J Always doing his best 2/3T Erin S Excellent use of voice projection on character voices in drama
KA Tiffany C Working hard to solve subtraction questions 3D Maddison S Improved results in mathematics
KL Rhys P An excellent description of a zoo animal 3D Bailey M Improved effort
KL Noah P A fantastic presentation on "Alex the Koala" 3D Amelia D Writing an interesting report
KL Michelle L A great improvement in her reading 3J Tahlia M Working hard in all areas
KL Isabelle F Beautiful handwriting 3E Megan B Great application to her work
KS Rebecca R Excellent work during reading groups 3E Jonas Y Demonstrating great mathematical skills
KS Michelle L A great improvement in her reading 3J Takara F A fantastic effort writing her information report
KS Jamie A Working hard during story writing time 3M
KL Mae G Fantastic writing 3J Isaac W Trying hard in writing activities
KV Falcon C Being a helpful member of KV 3J Kate W Working hard in all activities
KV Kynan E Always trying his best in all aspects of school 3M Logan S Wonderful effort in reading activities
1E Jessica S Great effort during literacy & mathematical activities 3M Abbie H Improved effort in all maths activities
1E Abby Z Always trying her best in all class activities Well done 4M Samuel F Being an enthusiastic mathematician
1G Blake L Excellent effort during writing tasks 5S Dylan S Demonstrating fantastic skill and sportsmanship during class sports
1G Lincoln P Working hard during reading tasks 5S Jack K Being an engaged learner in mathematics
1J Kai Gsettling in well to HPPS 5S Maddison C Excellent effort in writing tasks
1J Brayden P Excellent problem solving 5J Braeden T Excellent effort in all areas of learning
1J Reece T Improvement in reading 5J Karly B Making insightful contributions to class discussions
1S Aiden A For excellent reading 5B
1S Eliah F Fantastic reading
1S Lukas R Fantastic progress in reading 5B Kyle S Great application in mathematics
2A Darío C Making informative contributions to science lessons 6C Mitchell C Displaying positive behaviour and using beautiful manners at camp
2A Arshiya M Excellent results in spelling 6C Mia C Displaying positive behaviour and using beautiful manners at camp
2A Emilia M Developing wonderful reading skills
2C Tyson C Taking great pride in his handwriting and book presentation 6J Shae E Excellent work study habits
2C Scarlett S Always trying her very best during all lessons 6J Ryley C Excellent work study habits
2M Ryan S Excellent work during computer lessons 6D Lewis A Asking great questions during our excursions in Canberra
2M Alec C Excellent progress in mathematics
2M Georgia C Always having beautifully presented bookwork 6O Emily C Exceptional manners and behaviour during the Canberra excursion
2W Isaac M Creating more imaginative texts
2W Kody D Showing imagination in his writing
2/3T Georgia D Using excellent character voices during drama

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School

Campbelltown Performing Arts High School will be holding auditions from the 14th – 18th March, 2016. Further information and application forms are available from Mrs Bush. Closing date for application forms is the 26th February, 2016.

Parent Online Payments (PoP)

You can now make payments online via a secure link on our website.

Log onto our school site at: http://www.harrington-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Click on "$ Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard.

Permission notes must still be returned to school. Please record the receipt number on your permission note.

Change of Details

If any circumstances change at home ie: contact numbers, emergency contacts, custody, court orders or access, please notify the office in writing as soon as possible so this can be updated on our system. Any changes of address need to be supported by sufficient documentation ie: original rates notice, rental agreement or electricity bill.

Our lost property bin is located in the school hall. There are quite a few items of clothing in the bin so if your child has misplaced something, please check there.

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.
Some children in our school have an allergic condition that makes them especially sensitive to certain foods. Anaphylaxis is a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. Peanuts, nut products and eggs are the main hazards. Eating or touching these foods can cause lips, eyes and airways to swell which may result in significant difficulties in breathing.

We request that parents inform the school immediately if your child has such a condition so a Health Plan can be developed. In many cases an EpiPen is required.

We also ask the community's support in caring for all children's needs. Therefore we ask that NO peanut butter, peanut biscuits, cakes with peanuts, peanut cracker dips, Nutella or eggs be brought to school. Our canteen supports this request and we ask parents to help us keep all children safe at our school. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Jump Rope for Heart Fundraising

Last term students from Years 3-6, who were not involved in gala day, were invited to participate in the Jump Rope for Heart skipping program for sport. Students involved were asked to raise money for their skipping efforts.

The students involved raised over $2000 which was passed on to the Heart Foundation to contribute towards valuable research into heart disease. Students who raised over $30 were eligible for a prize, these prizes were handed out last week.

The success of the program for both the Heart Foundation and the fitness of students at Harrington Park Public school was evident. In 2016 the whole school will become involved in skipping to keep our hearts healthy and provided with an opportunity to raise money for a worthy cause and to win some fabulous prizes!

Thanks so much for your contributions
Mrs A. Tidyman
20 October 2015

Donor ID: 2015-1691928

Harrington Park Public School
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Dear Harrington Park Public School,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of $1,359.80 to help UNHCR provide essential protection and assistance for refugees.

As you know, UNHCR is one of the leading humanitarian agencies providing vital support to refugees and displaced people. In the field, our Emergency Response teams often work in the toughest conditions to provide frontline assistance to refugees.

For the first time ever, UNHCR is responding to four Level 3 emergencies at once - in Syria, Iraq, South Sudan and Central African Republic. A level 3 Emergency is the highest and most severe grading accorded by the United Nations.

Your gift today will provide life-saving essentials like food, water, shelter and health care to vulnerable families, forced to flee their homes.

If you have any questions about your donation please contact us on 1300 361 288. You can also find out more about how your support is making a difference at www.unrefugees.org.au.

Thank you once again for your generous gift.

Yours sincerely,

Naomi Steer
National Director
Australia for UNHCR