Dear Parents and Carers,

Over this past weekend I was fortunate enough to attend several community events where I encountered many of our students performing for either the school or outside organisations. It is always very pleasing to see the way our students, your children, conduct themselves when they are in public. It is a credit to them for continuing to exhibit such strong values such as those that we have here at school, Care, Believe, Succeed and to Be Safe, Kind, Fair And Great.

I would like to congratulate the Year 6 students and their teachers on a sensational mini-fair a couple of weeks ago. Each stall was carefully planned and resourced by the students and staff. All the students at our school look forward to the mini-fair and I thank them also for their support as over $5000 dollars was raised. A great effort. Well done everyone!

Two weeks ago all the school staff completed a three hour professional development session after school hours. This was a great opportunity for our staff to evaluate our current practices and how we have performed against the first year of our school plan. We also used a new Department of Education tool, The School Excellence Framework, to determine how we perform as a school across three domains of Teaching, Learning and Leadership. A great deal of professional discussion occurred, providing us with valuable feedback to determine our future directions. We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff here at Harrington Park, and I thank them for taking the time to participate as these sessions seek to benefit both the students and school as a whole. (Some photos of the teachers in action are pictured on the left.)

At this point in time I unfortunately don’t have anything to report about the before and after school care progress. The details are with the Department of Education who are working hard to move this process forward quickly.

As we head through Week 8, there are not too many school weeks left until the end of the year. As with the end to every school year there are plenty of activities that occur. Please be sure to check the calendar and Skoolbag app for upcoming events so you and your students don’t miss out.

Enjoy your week.

Mr B Green
Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Year 6 students visited Canberra from 5th to 6th November to support their studies of the civics and citizenship unit.

The visit to the national capital is supported through funding from the Australian Government and a rebate is paid back to the school to supplement the cost of the excursion.

Students visited Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Old Parliament House and the Royal Australian Mint as part of their camp.

Remembrance Day 2015

On Wednesday 11th November the Harrington Park Public School community came together to reflect on Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Day is a memorial day which takes place every year so that countries in the Commonwealth can remember members of the armed forces who have lost their lives serving their country.

The poppy was one of the first flowers to bloom on the battlefields of Flanders during World War 1. Their bright red colour symbolised the blood shed during the horrific conflict, but also the hope of new life and the poppy became the symbol of Remembrance Day.

Staff and students wore poppies on the day as a sign of respect.

Mrs B. Hooper
Relieving Deputy Principal
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

1E Thor D  
Great effort in mathematics Well done

1E Abby Z  
Excellent effort in all activities, especially in literacy & maths

1G Prudence S  
A consistent effort all year

1G Jason H  
Excellent effort all semester

1J Braedyn B  
Excellent effort in science lessons

1J Blake M  
Excellent effort in maths lesson

1S Sarah L  
Excellent progress in reading

1S Alessandra Z  
Excellent progress in reading

1S Ray O  
Excellent effort and results in mathematics

2A Samuel A  
Some great "onomatopoeia" words in writing

2A Alyssa S  
Her positive attitude to learning that she brings everyday

2C Charlie G  
Excellent work producing an advert using Microsoft Word

Excellent work during addition & subtraction work

Excellent work during addition & subtraction work

His ability to use various mathematical strategies

His excellent explanations of mathematical reasoning

Outstanding work during mathematics

Fantastic imaginative writing skills

Producing very creative poetry

Her mature approach to independent work

Fantastic contributions during science

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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.

Kiss and Drop Zone

Local police conduct regular checks in our area. Please use the Kiss and Drop Zone as per the guidelines ie; stay for only 2 minutes. Please also ensure that you respect residents by not parking in front of driveways.

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.harringtnp-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.

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.

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Congratulations to Maddison Chenoweth 5J for winning the Camden Mayoral Christmas Card competition.

Maddison has won prizes for both herself and our school.

Maddison was invited to the Light Up Camden Festival where she was given the honour of turning on the Christmas lights. Congratulations!
We have been very busy this term in KA. We are getting very clever with our writing and love sharing our work with each other. We are all improving in our reading and use the clues the author gives us to make sure we use lots of expression!

In maths we have been learning lots of new skills, including number patterns, multiplication, subtraction and word problems.

You can see an example of our word problem that Arham created and Lachlan solved. Ashley was able to write a number sentence and lots of us contributed to the definition and other words used.

We love to combine some fitness with our skip counting practice using the Interactive Whiteboard.

We have been planning and designing a new park after we received a letter from the Mayor of Camden asking for our assistance. We have been constructing them this week so we can see a model of all our great ideas.

We have introduced Class Dojo into the class this term and we love getting points, changing our monster and sharing our day with our parents who have connected too.
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