Dear Parents and Carers,

At Harrington Park Public School we not only offer the opportunity for all our students to have access to an expert teacher in every classroom, but provide many extra-curricular experiences that can enhance the overall education of our students.

Over the past few weeks I’ve had the pleasure of interviewing many prospective parents who wish to enrol for 2016. In doing so I found myself answering their questions with many examples of how well we provide a quality education and support our students to accomplish and achieve their best. I was also able to convey the vast number of extra-curricular activities that exist here, which are provided by the dedicated and passionate staff at our school.

Many of the prospective parents looking to enrol here have commented at the conclusion of the meeting how astonished they are at the school and what it offers. All this is achieved collectively as a staff, as students and with a supportive school community.

Over the past two weeks Year 6 students have engaged in a High School transition program that aims to orientate them to the rigours of high school life and in particular timetabling. Congratulations to the Year 6 teachers for organising such a successful program and for the students who when I visited were participating enthusiastically and stated how they were enjoying the experience.

At this point in time the latest update in our attempt to obtain a before and after school care provider is as follows. The end of year is an exceptionally busy time for not just schools but all Department of Education areas. We only had a short period of time to attempt to undertake this process and it was always going to be a very difficult task to follow all the guidelines and do the process absolute justice. It is for this reason that we will undertake the official tender process early in term 1 of 2016. We therefore have a prospective opening date of Term 3 for a before and after school care provider to be located on the school grounds.

In the interim I understand that the major care provider in the area has made alternative arrangements to accommodate families throughout term 1. As a school we are looking into some arrangements that may be able to be implemented to assist families during term 1 and term 2 next year so that children are still able to be enrolled at Harrington Park and parents aren’t required to look for care elsewhere.

I will confirm before the end of the year if any other options are available.

Lastly, please ensure you check the calendar for all our end of year events. Enjoy your week.

Regards

Mr B Green
On Friday 13th November, Year 6 ran an extremely successful Mini Fair. Students enjoyed visiting the different stalls that were operating on the day. Year 6 raised funds for their upcoming Year 6 Farewell and for the year 6 gift to the school.

Thank you to the Year 6 teachers Miss Camenzuli, Mrs Dalzell, Mrs Oliver and Mr Oliver for supporting the students with the organisation of the day.
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.

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. 

WHOOPING COUGH
The school has been advised of a confirmed case of Whooping Cough. If you need further information regarding Whooping Cough please see the link below: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Infectious/whoopingcough/index.asp

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2015-2016
The uniform shop will be closed during the last week of term on Tuesday, 15th December.

Term 1, 2016 — Opening Days and Hours:
Wednesday, 27 January 9:30am—2:30pm
Thursday, 28th January 9am—2pm
Friday, 29th January 9am-2pm
From Week 2 the Uniform Shop will open
Tuesday 9am—10:30am
Friday 9am—10am

A morning spent in our ‘learnscape’ gave the students an opportunity to explore and discover a variety of natural materials needed to make gunyahs. The students researched gunyahs using the XO’s and then, as a team, they built their own structures. It was great to see the students negotiating, problem solving and working as a team work.

Gunyah Building
Fairy Tales by KS

In KS we have been learning about different fairy tales. Here are some of our fairy tales. We hope you like them.

Once upon a time there was a princess who lived with a witch. The witch cast a spell on the princess. The witch tried to take over the kingdom. But a fairy godmother appeared from out of nowhere. The fairy godmother saved the kingdom.
Olivia H.

Once upon a time there was a brave knight that saved the princess from the dragon. The princess lived in a castle and the dragon was killed by the knight. They lived happily ever after.
Paul K.

Once upon a time there was a公主 who was trying to hurt the princess. Then the princess pulled the dragons tongue. The dragon cried and ran away. The princess lived happily ever after.
Oliver K.

Once upon a time there was a boy who had some seeds. The seeds grew into a beanstalk. The boy climbed the beanstalk and got the treasure.
Jamie A.

Once upon a time there was a princess and a prince they both lived in a castle. Their next door neighbour was an evil witch. The witch wanted to cast a spell on her so that she turned into a nasty goblin. A fairy godmother turned her back into a lovely princess and she lived happily ever after with a prince.
Pranavi N.
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Student Banking
Student bank books should be sent to the office each Wednesday morning before class and will be returned to the classroom the following day.