Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 2. It was lovely to catch up with some of you at the P&C meeting last night, and it was good to see a few new faces. Please try to come to the next one if you are new to our school or if you haven’t been to a meeting before and would like to find out a little more.

Our term has started relatively smoothly and children overall seem to be very happy in their new classes. We have organised a ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening for this coming Wednesday, 11th February. Kindergarten will be meeting at 5:30pm, Years 1 and 2 at 6:00pm and Years 3-6 at 6:30pm. These are preliminary meetings and not meant for individual interviews. If you are needing an interview for any reason please ask the teacher when a mutually suitable time can be arranged. Equipment lists have been prepared for distribution this week. Please remember that the school provides all exercise books free of charge and if a child is unable to get hold of other equipment the school can assist if necessary.

There have been a few snake sightings around the neighbourhood this week. We remind children not to approach snakes and what to do if they do see one. You may like to reinforce this at home as there have been a couple of sightings in the streets close to school this week.

Please remember that if children ride bikes or scooters to school that they must wear a helmet, and that scooters and bikes must not be ridden in the school grounds. This way we can keep everyone safe from harm.

The swimming carnival is very close and I am looking forward to catching up with many of you there.

I have received a couple of questions about the make up of classes, especially regarding extension groups. A couple of the classes have extension groups in them, but every class has a wide ability range, and there are many bright children at our school across many of the classes. Teachers differentiate the delivery of the curriculum using group and individual strategies, and this year we are also exploring Self Organised Learning Environments, which require mixed ability groups to ensure that a range of skills are developed, and also provide some leadership activities with Higher Order Thinking Skills. We will expand upon this in coming weeks.

My thought for the week is a Greek proverb, ‘Well begun is half done.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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**DIARY**

**February**
- 17th: Swimming Carnival at Camden Pool
- 20th: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm
- 26-27th: Zone Swimming at Picton

**March**
- 3rd: Hot Dog Day
- 12th: Selective High School Placement Test
- 13th: National Ride 2 School Day
  - School Disco (K-2 @ 4:30-5:30pm & 3-6 @ 6-7pm)
- 17th: Regional Swimming
- 20th: School Cross Country
- 27th: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm
- 28th: Camden State Election

**April**
- 1-2nd: State Swimming
- 2nd: Last day of Term 1
- 3rd: Public Holiday
- 6th: Public Holiday
- 20th: Staff Development Day
- 21st: Students return for Term 2
- 24th: ANZAC Day Ceremony
- 25th: ANZAC Day
- 27th: ANZAC Day Public Holiday

**May**
- 7th: Mother’s Day Stall
- 12-14th: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
- 19-20th: School Photos

**June**
- 8th: Public Holiday
- 26th: Last Day of Term 2

**July**
- 13th: Staff Development Day
- 14th: Students return for Term 3
- 22nd: OC Placement Test
- 27-31st: Education Week

**August**
- 6th: Festival of Instrumental Music (Recorder)
- 12-14th: Year 4 Berry Camp

**September**
- 18th: Last Day of Term 3

**October**
- 5th: Public Holiday
- 6th: Staff & Students return for Term 4
- 28-29th: Sports Photos

**December**
- 16th: Last day of Term 4 for Students
- 17-18th: Staff Development Day

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**MEET THE TEACHER**

We will be having a ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening this coming Wednesday, 11th February 2015.

- Kindergarten - 5:30pm
- Years 1 & 2 - 6:00pm
- Years 3 to 6 - 6:30pm
Book Club Issue 1 flyers are coming home this week. You will notice that your child will only receive one flyer which has combined the themed with the age appropriate club flyer. Any extra flyers from other clubs are available from the Library. There are many great titles to support your child’s love of reading. The prices are reasonable too! Enjoy having a look over a cuppa.

One of the new services that Scholastic is offering is LOOP (Linked Online Ordering and Payment system). As a school HPPS will be using this system for payments in 2015. Please check your order forms for details. We will no longer be processing cash or cheques through the office as done previously. This LOOP system allows credit card payment online or through a new app downloaded from the App Store. The order then goes direct to the teacher saving time in counting money and reconciling orders. Nothing needs to be sent to school. We trust this new way of operating will be easier and simpler for everyone.

Please see Mrs Creasey in the Library if you have any questions. Orders are required online by Monday, 16th February.

The Book Club Team

Basketball trials for Razorback representatives will be held next week. Date and time to be announced.

Kindergarten students will finish school at 2:30pm every day until Friday, 13th February 2015. From Monday, 16th February 2015, they will finish at normal time of 3pm.

Camden Rugby Club

SEASON 2015
• Currently looking for Junior Players from ages – U/6’s to U/17’s
• Free Rego for all New Junior Players
• Next Registration Date:
  o 7th February – Oran Park Podium
• Free Try Rugby Sessions (10am Start):
  o Fun & Safe
  o No Tackling (up to U/7’s)
  o Develops Gross Motor Skills
  o Touch Rugby
  o Free BBQ at the end of each session
  o 15th February @ Gardner Reserve, Oran Park
  o 22nd February @ Camden Rugby Park,
Wade Lane Camden
Harrington Park Public School Canteen Menu

Sandwiches
- Cheese $2.00
- Chicken $2.00
- Ham $2.00
- Tuna $2.00
- Beef
- Vegemite
- Egg

Lunch - Hot Food Available Everyday

Drinks
- Juice $1.50
- Sausage Roll $1.00
- Cheese Rolls $1.00
- Slices $0.50
- Coffee $1.00
- Fridge $0.50
- Cake $1.00
- Chicken and Ham Rolls $2.50
- Orange Juice $1.00

Fruit Break
- Orange Quarters $0.10
- Curly Apple $1.00

Snacks
- Biscuits $0.40
- Toasted and Golden $0.50
- On a Roll and Goo $0.50
- Cheese $2.00
- Vegemite $2.00
- Chicken $2.00
- Ham $2.00
- Tuna $2.00
- Beef
- Vegemite
- Egg

Daily Lunch Specials
- Toast (wheat or vegetable) $0.50
- Spanish Soup $0.50
- Juice (Jabba of Orange) $1.00
- 300ml Big Milk $2.50
- 600ml Big Milk $3.00
- Cup of Juice $0.50

Breakfast
- (8:30am - 8:50am)
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