Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 3. Three of my main priorities as a school Principal are keeping the children safe, keeping the children happy and ensuring that all children continue to learn. Safety is a prime concern, and I’d like to discuss a couple of safety issues in this week’s newsletter.

Firstly there is a notification included today from Camden Council regarding the shared zone on Sir Warwick Fairfax Drive. Council officers are also handing out flyers this week relating to the correct use of this zone. Secondly I wanted to remind you to be mindful of snakes. There have been several sightings in the neighbourhood. This is a common occurrence at this time of year. Thirdly I would like your support in reinforcing safety rules for children riding to and from school on bikes and scooters. All children must wear a helmet and children are not to ride within the school grounds. We will be reminding children of this over the coming weeks and seek your help in making sure that our children have helmets and follow the rules.

Our parliament met for the first time yesterday, and voted to support Kids of Macarthur again this year as one of our charities. Kids of Macarthur provides resources for Campbelltown Hospital, and many of our local public schools combine each year to help this charity which is close to home. Last year the hospital was able to provide a ‘hot cot’ for the neonatal unit as a result of school fundraising. I am really looking forward to working with our parliament this year. All of the members are keen and interested in adding value to our school.

A new notice board has been purchased by the P&C for the school’s Eco Committee. This will be mounted in the breezeway near the office opposite the regular notice board. It will keep you up to date on our school’s environmental programs. Thank you to our hard working P&C for this generous donation.

My thought for the week is: Your mind is like a parachute - it works best when it is open!

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

Health Care Plans

We have recently sent out reminders for updating Student Health Care Plans. If you received one of these updates could you please complete it and return it to the office as soon as possible.

If, however, you have not received a Health Care Update and you feel that your child(ren) require(s) a plan to support their health needs could you please contact the office so that we can organise these Health Care Plans.

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

1E Eli P  For making a wonderful start to a new school and to Year 1  
1E Myles W  For making a great start to a new school and to Year 1  
1G Nathan D  Always being fair in class  
1G Myah L  Always being fair in class  
1J Amelia L  Fantastic effort in all areas  
1J Zachary C  A great start to Year 1  
1S Aiden A  Fantastic behaviour and great listening  
1S Alessandra Z  For being a great listener  
2A Nathan S  Great knowledge during group discussions  
2A Tayla H  Excellent contributions to class discussions during persuasive writing  
2C Jemma W  Excellent behaviour and work habits  
2C Ethan M  Writing an excellent recount using wonderful spelling and punctuation  
2M Nicole T  Brilliant story writing  
2M Lucinda G  Excellent work habits  
2W Tallen J  Wonderful spelling results  
2W Charlice W  Being a cooperative group member  
2W Annabelle F  Wonderful spelling results  
2/3T Allegra T  For being a helpful student in class  
2/3T Caiden S  For working hard in all areas  
2/3T Erin S  Using interesting adjectives in her sentences  
2/3T Dakota L  Working hard in all areas  
3D De-Jay C  Trying hard to improve his reading  
3E Emily L  Lovely manners and always working hard  
3E Brandon K  Demonstrating great comprehension when reading  
3J Michael D  Being a great classmate  
3J Aaron H  Working hard during all class activities  
3M Brayden U  His exceptional effort in all class activities  
3M Ashlyeen M  Being a ‘super speller’  
4G Edin H  Excellent work in spelling  
4G Makayla B  Excellent work in writing  
4N Jamie B  Settling in well to his new class  
4N Jake H  Showing persistence when completing tasks  
4N Zoe B  Working quickly and quietly on all set tasks  

For all interested students who wish to try for the opportunity to attend the Razorback Hockey selections we are holding try-outs at school.

Boys will trial on Tuesday, 24th February during lunch.

Girls will trial on Wednesday, 25th February during lunch.

Please meet at the back gate with a mouthguard, shinpads, hockey stick and a keenness to show your skills.

See Mrs Creasey if you need to borrow a school stick. Mrs Scarini and Mrs Creasey will be conducting the trials.

On Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March 2015, the 74th NSW Talent Enrichment Weekend MindQuest will be held for primary students from Years 1-6 at St George Girls HS.

These include gifted and talented students, gifted underachievers and students with above average ability with a special interest. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 38 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, art and much, much more.

Many of these highly successful courses have been run in the past and students’ evaluations suggest that they have been challenged and enriched by the experience. The cost of the weekend is $180 (including GST).

Brochures are available in the school office or alternatively, contact Shelagh Poray on (02) 4232 2494.

Location: St George Girls High School - Victoria St, Kogarah

Closing date: Friday, 6th March 2015.

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Boys State Knockout Cricket Trials

Boys State Knockout Cricket Trials will be held next week (Week 4). Date to be advised.

Razorback Zone Rugby League Trials

Trials for students in Years 5 and 6 wishing to attend the Razorback Zone Rugby Trials will be held on Thursday, 19th February 2015 at 3:05pm to 4pm.

Students will need to bring a mouthguard, wear joggers and school uniform. Football boots are not required.

For more information, please see Mrs Williams.
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.

Please note the following changes to the HPPS Uniform Shop:

- Parents wishing to sell their second-hand uniforms through the uniform shop, will now be charged an administration fee of 50% of the sale price. Alternatively, any parents not wanting to pay the 50% fee are welcome to join the newly created Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/HPPSUniformShop/ to list their items for sale.
- Order forms can be printed from the school website 'P&C Information' page, completed and dropped at the school office in an envelope addressed to the Uniform Shop.
- Students needing to try uniforms on will be by appointment ONLY. Please phone Steph on 0427 049 543 or email hppsuniformshop@gmail.com to arrange an appointment.
- Please follow our P&C Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/HPPSPandC/, for regular updates regarding out of stock items and changes to operating times.

Please note that the access roads along Sir Warwick Fairfax Drive Harrington Park, located opposite Harrington Park Public School, are designated as a Shared Zone.

This means that you MUST NOT STOP in this area at any time.
(NSW Road Rule 188 & 125)

Signs have been erected at the entry points to these roads to advise that access is for residential use and that drivers must not stop.

Please be advised that any driver who disobeys these instructions may incur a fine.

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Procedures and Guidelines for the Selection of Representative Sports Teams

These procedures and guidelines have been developed by the school for parents, students and staff, to ensure clarity and consistency when Harrington Park Public School staff are selecting representative sports teams.

- For Zone trials, teachers will attempt to trial 2 weeks prior to the Zone trial date. This school based trial date will be placed in the school newsletter.
- Each trial/team selection will be conducted on its own merit and with no bias towards previous year selections/team make-up, rep level representation or outside school team/competition participation.
- At the commencement of the trial, teachers will not question students about who played last year, who plays for what club/competition outside of school, and similar questions which may prejudice the selection process.
- Students will be selected based on the technical skill level for that sport, displayed on the day of the selections.
- Selections will provide all students with equal opportunity and time to trial.
- Where possible, but not limited to (dependent on numbers and trial space) coaches will use small groups/small sided games, skills and activities to determine the individual skill level and suitability to apply these skills in a game-like situation. Coaches may also use a competitive full-game format (where numbers are relatively low) to determine selections.
- Where trial numbers are deemed excessive by the coach further trial dates and times can be used to cull numbers. Upon concluding the first trial, the coach will advise students that are required to return for further trials, whilst also advising other students of their non-selection.
- Coaches are to make basic notes, whether for large cohorts of trialists or individually, outlining the reasons for students not obtaining successful selection in case feedback is requested. Where time permits on the day, teachers are to provide a brief reason as to why students were not selected.
- If a student is selected from the school based trial and then withdraws before the zone trials are conducted, they must advise the school coach who conducted the selections. The school coach is then able to advise the next player that was suitable for zone trial that they can attend.

For RAZORBACK ZONE TRIALS:
- Students’ trialling are to be selected from Years 5 and 6.
- Students selected must be of an acceptable high standard in regard to skill level and team play, such that would be suitable to compete in a zone competition.
- Students need to be advised that to trial for a Razorback zone team there is a $5 levy to be paid, regardless of whether the student is successfully selected. This is to be communicated in the school newsletter and is also contained in the Razorback permission note.
- The name, age, preferred position of those selected for Zone trials is to be provided to the Sports Coordinator ASAP after completing the school based trials.
- Please also note the following needs to be communicated to those students who will be attending the zone trials, prior to possible successful Razorback Zone selection (as per the Razorback Zone by laws):

8.2. Zone Representatives - Failure to meet commitments.
8.2.1. Once a student fails to attend any regional Carnival after notifying that he/she is available then that student concerned should be excluded from any further representation for twelve months (12 Months) from the date of the regional carnival
8.2.2. Where injury/sickness has occurred and is authenticated by medical certificates or where the Razorback PSSA Executive gives approval, special exemption from 8.2.1. may be given.

Any concerns in regard to selection procedures should be addressed in writing and emailed to the school email address as listed above.

CARE for others    BELIEVE in yourself    SUCCEED through effort
The Annual General Meeting of Harrington Park P&C will be held on **Tuesday 3rd March at 7:00PM** in the staffroom.

All of the current positions on the P&C and sub-committees will be declared vacant and with many of our current position holders leaving it’s the perfect time to join – new faces are very welcome!

Please read the following for a description of each of the positions. There is a nomination form for all the positions attached. If you have any questions, please contact the current P&C President – Alyssa Felgendorfer on 0400 22 55 11 or hpospandc@yahoo.com.au

**P&C Objectives**

- To promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, carers, students and teaching staff into close co-operation.
- To assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school.
- To promote the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

**Positions and Roles include:**

**President** - The President’s roles include:

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association
- The attainment of the P&C Association’s objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association’s spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Association’s bank accounts
- Chairing meetings (see fact sheet: Chairing Meetings) but, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting or the meeting can elect a chairperson from the members present for that meeting.

**Vice President** - The Vice President’s roles include:

- To assist in the overall governance of P&C Federation as requested by the President.
- To carry out such duties as the President delegates to them.
- Oversee Convencors for Canteen, Uniform Shop and Fundraising Co-Ordinator and report at P&C Meetings
- In the case of Incapacity, prolonged absence or resignation of the President, to carry out all the duties of the President until a new President is elected.

**Secretary** - The Secretary’s roles include:

- Carrying out the administrative tasks relating to decisions of meetings
- Preparing meeting agendas, in consultation with the President
- Receiving and dispatching outgoing correspondence
- Writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate
• Issuing notice of meetings
• Maintaining official records
• Taking & distribution of minutes

**Treasurer** - The Treasurers roles include:
• Complying with the financial accountability requirements
• Managing and maintaining monies, records, cheques and accounts
• Presenting an Income and Expenditure statement together with a reconciled bank statement at each meeting
• Ensuring funds are properly and openly accounted for
• Being a signatory on the accounts
• Preparing financial accounts for auditing
• Assisting in budgeting

**Canteen Convenor** - The Canteen Convenor roles include:
• Oversee running of canteen,
• Management of employee
• Ensure financial reports are completed and liaise with Treasurer

**Uniform Shop Convenor** - The Uniform Shop Convenor roles include:
• Monitor/order stock
• Open shop twice a week for selling of uniforms
• Bank takings and liaise with Treasurer

**Fundraising Co-Ordinator** - The Fundraising Co-Ordinators roles include:
• To organise appropriate fundraising activities and events, in consultation with the P&C, with an aim to raise funds to equip and resource Harrington Park Public School
• Ensure it adheres to all P&C guidelines relating to duty of care, insurance, public liability and workplace health and safety.
• To provide a report of its progress to every P&C meeting

All parents and cars of students at the school are eligible to be members of the schools P&C Association and are encouraged to join.

A $2.00 annual membership fee is required in order to be able to hold a position, move motions and vote.

So, please come along and run for a position or just come and become a financial member, so that you too can have your say and input into what happens at HPPS.

(Tear off and bring to the AGM on Tuesday 3rd March with your $2 Membership Fee)

I hereby nominate, ________________________________ to serve on the HPPS P&C Executive
in the position of _______________________________ or as an Executive member OR as the
____________________________ Convenor/Co-Ordinator (circle as appropriate).

Signed: ________________________________ Date: __________________

Seconded by: ________________________________ Signature __________________
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