Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 4. It was good to see many of you at the swimming carnival this week. We were blessed with great weather, and it was lovely to see so many happy smiling faces. Thank you Mrs Tidyman and your team for organising such a great day and thank you to all of our volunteer helpers on the day. Congratulations to everyone who entered an event. Your great sporting spirit makes you a winner no matter what position you achieved in the race.

I noticed this week when I was doing crossing duty at the front of the school that many people are still stopping to drop children off in the shared zone opposite the school. The council and police have asked me to remind you that this is not permitted and they will be returning soon and offenders will receive penalties as outlined in last week’s newsletter.

Tomorrow we have our first Care, Believe, Succeed assembly for the year. Congratulations to all of the nominees for making such a positive start to the year.

Mrs Shorter leaves us tomorrow as she commences maternity leave. We wish her well for the safe arrival of her baby and send her and Mr Shorter our best wishes as they prepare to embark upon family life.

Our Parliament has begun work for the year and today the Prime Ministers will be selecting their cabinet. Parliament has already voted to continue supporting Kids of Macarthur for our Term 1 charity fundraiser and they will give more details of this next week. I am really looking forward to working with this bright group of children this year.

My thought for the week is from Aesop, who said, Nature has not endowed us all with the same powers. There are things that some of us cannot do.” Let’s keep trying however and also let’s keep working on the things that we can do well, and if we all work together what a great place our school will be.

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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February

20th: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm
24th: Boys Razorback Hockey Trials @ 11am
24-25th: Razorback AFL Trials
Razorback Girls Touch Football Trials
25th: Girls Razorback Hockey Trials @ 11am
26-27th: Zone Swimming at Picton

March

3rd: Hot Dog Day (No other lunch orders on this day)
P&C Meeting @ 7pm (AGM)
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
24-26th: Year 6 Wooglemai / Jervis Bay
26th: Year 2 Transport Excursion
27th: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm
28th: Camden State Election
30th: Year 5 & 4/5O Excursion to Royal National Park

April

1-2nd: State Swimming
2nd: K-2 Easter Hat Parade - 12pm
Last day of Term 1
3rd: Public Holiday
6th: Public Holiday
9-10th: Easter Kids Holiday Program 9-3pm (Anglican Church)
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
26th: Year 3 Excursion to Minnamurra Rainforest

June

8th: Public Holiday
25th: Recorder Rehearsal at Salvation Army Hall
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)
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

KA Amelia A Being a keen and enthusiastic student
KA Arham A Being a great listener
KA Isabella H Beautiful colouring and drawing
KL Emma W Trying her best in all her work
KL Juliana B Being a keen and enthusiastic student
KL Luke M Being a lovely neat worker
KS Pravani N Always trying her best
KS Anastasia B Being a wonderful listener during discussions
KS Oliver K Trying hard in writing
KV Zeb S Being a quiet, hardworking student
KV Mae C Being a great listener
KV Emma C A wonderful effort during writing
1E Jaxon S Great contributions during class discussions
1E Kai W Excellent contribution to class discussions
1G Keenen F Learning and playing fairly
1G Natasha J Learning and playing fairly
1J Jay C Excellent effort in handwriting
1J Dior D Beautiful handwriting
1S Braylen L A great attitude to learning
1S Capri G Great behaviour and effort
2A Mia S Beautiful bookwork presentation
2A Ducati C Always trying to do his best
2C Atiek A His wonderful attitude towards learning
2C Kirra B Excellent behaviour and lovely manners
2M Eva R Beautiful handwriting and neat bookwork
2M Oliver C Wonderful work habits
2W Isabella W An interesting and funny piece of writing
2W Ryan M A wonderful summary of “Magda the Mammoth Hunter”
2/3T Lola P Working hard in all areas of school life
2/3T Kaylee W Using interesting adjectives in her sentences

The Razorback AFL Trials will be selected next week on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February, 2015.

Razorback Hockey Trials

For all interested students who wish to trial for the opportunity to attend the Razorback Hockey selections we are holding tryouts 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.

The Razorback Girls Touch Football Trials will be held next week on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th February, 2015.

Razorback Softball Trials

Trials for the girls and boys Knockout Softball Teams will be held next week, as will the selection for the Razorback team.

Razorback Softball Teams

House Captains 2015

Last week we held sports house meetings to elect our House Captains and Vice-Captains for this year. Congratulations to these students - it is a great honour to be elected by your peers to these positions.
Sir Warwick Fairfax Drive Shared Zone

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)

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SHARED ZONE

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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Harrington Park P&C

Annual General Meeting

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 Presidents 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 Presidents 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 correspondence
- Writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate
• Issuing notice of meetings
• Maintaining official records
• Taking & distribution of minutes

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer's roles include:
• Complying with 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 carers of students at the school are eligible to be members of the school’s 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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