Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9 of the term. I spent Tuesday with Year 6 students at Wooglemai, and travelled down to Jervis bay on Wednesday to join the other children from Year 6 on their snorkelling trip. I wrote this before leaving for Jervis Bay.

I was very impressed by our students at Wooglemai. Their manners were impeccable and their behaviour excellent. Despite lots of rain on Tuesday the children remained cheerful and positive and enjoyed many indoor activities. Thankfully the weather is much better as I am writing and hopefully both camps will enjoy good conditions for Wednesday and Thursday.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Cross Country last week. It was a good day and I was pleased to see so many students completing the course. Good luck to those children who will be competing at the Zone Carnival.

This week we have some of our students representing South West Sydney at the State Swimming Carnival. I am sure that they will make us proud and we look forward to reporting how they went in next week's newsletter.

Tomorrow we will be having our Care, Believe, Succeed Assembly and we will be presenting badges to our members of Parliament and House Captains and Vice-Captains.

I was notified by Council this week that they will be having another Road Safety Awareness Raising program in April in our school's vicinity and this will be followed up by another blitz on those people who are not following the road rules. Please do the right thing and keep our kids safe.

We are looking forward to the Easter Hat Parade next week for our infants children. I hope to catch up with many of you there.

My thought for the week comes from Stephen Covey, ‘If you want to raise responsible, self-disciplined children, you have to keep that end clearly in mind as you interact with your children on a daily basis. You can’t behave toward them in ways that undermine their self-discipline or self-esteem.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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**From the Principal**

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**CBS Assembly**

Tomorrow, Friday 27th March, we will be having our Care, Believe, Succeed Assembly. House Captains and House Vice-Captains will be presented with their badges.

Assembly will commence at 12:30pm.

All are welcome to attend.
CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

KA Maksim C Fantastic sentence writing 1S Lucas U Excellent work in multiplication
KA Jaxon M Being a hard working student 1S Jayden S Excellent work in multiplication
KA Ashley G Working hard during literacy groups 2A Billy N Great improvement in writing a personal recount
KL Skylah D Being a lovely neat worker 2A Emalia M Writing clever questions to text in reading groups
KL Jazmin R Trying her best in all her work 2C Alexis E Excellent work during reading groups
KL Harrison W Being a great classroom helper 2C Lucas N Excellent work when using our six thinking hats
KS Paul K Writing great sentences 2M Emily E Being a consistent hard worker in all areas
KS Olivia H Working hard during reading groups 2M Chloe R Wonderful improvement in multiplication
KS Evangeline B Being a kind and helpful student 2W Tyler A Great improvement in sentence structure
KV Ava-Lily P Always having lovely neat work 2W Rahul S Wonderful improvement in spelling
KV Anya I Being a kind and friendly student 2W Katie B Trying really hard to have correct punctuation
KV Kynan E Being a sensible and well mannered class member 2/3T Isaac R Using multiplication facts to answer division questions
1E Isabel P Excellent effort during reading 2M Jessica S
1E Liam A Outstanding contributions to class discussions 2W Rahul S
1G Azra M Working hard during phonics lessons 2W Katie B
1G Christian T Always working to the best of his ability 2/3T Isaac R
1J Blake M Terrific effort during reading groups
1J Annabelle P Excellent effort during reading groups

Good luck to Stephanie W, Caitlin C, Shae E, Tara M and Brodie M who will now be representing our school at the State Swimming Carnival this week.

On Tuesday 17th March, representatives from Harrington Park Public School swam at the South West Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all these students:

Maddison L 12th 50m Freestyle
Caitlin C 2nd 50m Freestyle
2nd 200m Individual Medley
4th 50m Breaststroke
1st 50m Backstroke
3rd 50m Butterfly
Stephanie W 2nd 50m Freestyle
4th 50m Backstroke
1st 50m Butterfly
Luke T 5th 50m Backstroke

Junior Girls Relay:
Amanda C, Maddison L, Caitlin C, Kaitlin F 5th

Senior Girls Relay:
Stephanie W, Shae E, Tara M, Brodie H 1st
**BOOK FAIR UPDATE**

A big thank you to all the families who have popped in and purchased from our Book Fair so far.

Congratulations to the four families who won a $15 voucher for buying from the Fair on Friday. We are hoping to target $5,000.00 in book sales over the week. We are well on the way with $3,225.00 taken so far.

A reminder that the Fair will be open for sales on Thursday 8:30-9am and 3-4pm as well as Friday 3-4pm. This will be the last opportunity to buy from the Fair. With Easter around the corner you might like to buy a book for that lasting gift.

Hope to see you there.

Mrs Creasey

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**State Knockout Softball**

On Thursday our Boy’s Softball team played our first knockout game against Mt Annan Public School. Harrington Park won the toss and elected to bat. The boys faced a very fast and talented pitcher. Initially the boys were a little surprised during our first batting innings and soon we were out on the field.

Ryley K stepped up to the pitching plate and his first pitch was a strike. Ryley tried his very best and was supported by his teammates. After a few fumbles and overthrowers, a sensational catch by Adam S in left field lifted our team spirits.

Next, a hard hit was caught by Liam M at shortstop and an assisted double play to Jamie C at 3rd base meant it was our turn to bat again.

Xavier L, our talented catcher, stepped up to the plate. He hit the first pitch and made it to first base. Xavier stole to 2nd, then to 3rd and an overthrow had him sliding into home.... he was safe! Harrington Park had a run on the score sheet. The score was now 7-1.

The Harrington Park boys were getting into the swing of things on the field and after another couple of fantastic catches by Dylan R and Luke T we were back into bat. This time the boys were more confident and started to hit lots of foul balls. Zac R got to 3rd base this innings. The score was now 13-1.

In our last two fielding innings, Liam S stepped up to pitch with Dylan K stepping into the catcher's gear. The Harrington Park boys talked each other up and after 3 outs with 4 batters it was time and game.

Although we lost the game 14-1, the score doesn’t reflect how well the boys played. All of the boys were good sports and tried their very best. Thank you to Brendan F who missed the game due to an injury, but came along to support his teammates. I couldn’t be more proud of the Harrington Park Boys Softball team. Well done!!

Ms Davis

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**Election Day BBQ**

The P&C has been approved to hold a BBQ for the upcoming State Election on Saturday, 28th March 2015.

We need volunteers on the day, if you can spare an hour or two please let us know. Your help would be greatly appreciated and the funds raised will go towards benefiting students of Harrington Park Public School.

Thank you on behalf of the P&C.

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**Easter Raffle**

The P&C are holding an ‘Easter Raffle’. Raffle tickets have been sent home this week. Please return tickets and money to the school office.

The P&C are requesting donations of Easter eggs and baskets for their annual Easter Raffle. Donations can be dropped at the canteen.

Thank you.

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**Safetytown website - A road safety education program**

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit: https://www.safetytown.com.au

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**TERM DATES**

Term 1 concludes on Thursday, 2nd April 2015.

Students commence Term 2 on Tuesday, 21st April 2015.

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**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.
What a beautiful day Friday was to hold our 2015 Cross Country Carnival. The children arrived at school looking fantastic sporting their house colours, excited and ready to run. It was wonderful to see so many supporters from our school community at the event cheering on the children. A big thank you to the wonderful teachers and parents who assisted on the day, your help was invaluable and very much appreciated.

It was pleasing to see so many children giving their all completing the course. Some students were running their first cross country race and others running their very last primary school race. We had some very exciting races with some extremely close finishes. In true Harrington Park spirit of friendship and sportsmanship, our students were very supportive of all the competitors, cheering on the first, middle and last runners of each race. Well done!

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Oliver and the Year 6 students for all of your preparation and hard work organizing another successful sausage sizzle.

The Zone Cross Country team will be finalised this week and the winning house will be announced at this week’s CBS Assembly.

The Cross Country Team

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9th March 2015

Dear Parents,

Each year we ask for your support for our school through your voluntary family contribution. This forms an important part of our school budget. Your contributions assist us in ensuring that we can offer the best possible education and resources for all of our students at Harrington Park Public School.

It has been decided for 2015 to increase the single child price by two dollars to $45.00 per single child however the family price will remain at $65.00 per family. These funds will be deposited into the Harrington Park PS Library Fund and utilised for the purchasing of new library resources for the school.

The contributions have significantly been diminishing over the last few years and while contributions are voluntary, the support of the scheme is invaluable in helping to support additional resources for the benefit of all students.

Our thanks go to the families who have so generously supported the school in previous years and we hope that you will continue to support this voluntary payment in 2015.

If you wish to make a contribution, please fill out the attached slip and return it with payment in an envelope to the letterbox in the office foyer.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Felgendrejeris  
President  
HPPS P&C Association

Andy Best  
Principal  
Harrington Park Public School

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2015 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

FAMILY NAME: ______________________________

Please find enclosed my voluntary 2015 school contributions for my child/ren listed below.
I request these funds be deposited into the Harrington Park PS Library Fund. Please provide me with a tax receipt.

Signed: _______________________________ (Parent / Caregiver) Date: __________

STUDENT: ______________________________ CLASS: __________

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AMOUNT: $45 - single child / $65 - family  
CASH / CHEQUE (please circle)

Signed: _______________________________ Date: __________
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