Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 10 and the final newsletter for this term. Today we will be celebrating with our Easter Hat Parade. I am sure that it will be a happy occasion and I look forward to catching up with many of you.

Earlier this week we celebrated Harmony Day with a Multicultural Food Festival. It was wonderful to see so many people enter the spirit of the occasion as we celebrated the diverse range of cultural backgrounds in our school.

There are two types of social capital, bonding capital which strengthens bonds between similar groups and bridging capital which strengthens the ties between different groups. Our NSW Public School System creates wonderful bridging capital. At a time when our world seems so fractured it is important not to underestimate the great work our Public Schools do in celebrating diversity and building bridges between different groups of people. Harmony Day illustrates that point. Thank you to everyone who supported the celebration.

Students return to school after the holidays on Tuesday 21st April. We will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day on the Friday of the first week back with a service at school and our school will again take part in the Camden march on ANZAC Day. We are always well represented at the march, and it would be very fitting if we could have a large number of students at the march on this very special ANZAC Day.

I hope that you have a peaceful and restful Easter break and I look forward to working with you again next term.

My thought for the week comes from social commentator Hugh Mackay, who said in his book Turning Points, ‘Understanding and acceptance are morally preferable to mere tolerance. We don’t need more tolerance of immigrants, ‘ethnics’, ‘illegals’, Muslims, Aborigines, refugees or any other minority groups; what we need is more curiosity. We need to master the art of getting to know each other better.’

Have a happy and safe holiday and enjoy the extra time together as families.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

Voluntary School Contributions

Voluntary school contributions of $45 per child or $65 per family are now being accepted by the school office. As the money goes towards stocking our library, any contribution received will be recognised by a name plate inside one of the library’s new books.

To have your child recognised for his/her school contribution, any money received by the end of Term 2 will automatically result in a book donated in your child’s name. Your child will select the book of their choice and be given the privilege of being the first person to borrow the book from the library.

Thank you for your voluntary support of the school.
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

KA Koby H Using the word wall to write great sentences
KA Bree H Working hard to learn sounds and sight words
KA Elle F Working hard to recognise numbers
KA Izaih E Improvement in sight word recognition
KL Peyton C Being a lovely neat worker
KL Bailey E Being a great classroom helper
KL Christian P Trying hard in all his work
KL Matthew W Wonderful improvement in his bookwork
KS Orlando R Great sight word recognition
KS Sabre S A great improvement with his writing
KS Saxon F Being a quiet and hardworking student
KV Riley A Great listening during computers
KV Eda T Trying hard to add counters together
KV Tariq S Excellent recognition of his sight words
KV Milan V Always having lovely neat work
2/3T Benjiman O Clearly describing and continuing number patterns
2/3T Samuel P Representing the perspective of distance in his artwork
3D Catherine F Sharing her interesting ideas during class discussions
3D Samantha L Being a diligent worker
3E Brayden W Excellent results in fast maths
3E Georgie W Fine effort in imaginative writing
3J Tia E Excellent work during spelling activities
3J Summer M Always working to the best of her abilities
3M Takara F Always working cooperatively with others
3M Pasquale M Exceptional behaviour and great attitude toward learning
3M Angela W Always trying her hardest
3M Abbie H Improved effort and behaviour in class
3M Lincoln J Improvement in reading fluency
4G Breiamber M Excellent results in multiplication tables tests
4M Jack P Working hard on his comic
4M Madison G Always following class rules
4N Isabella B Outstanding presentation in all books
4N Bailey J Wonderful work in reading groups

On 25th and 26th March, Caitlin C, Stephanie W, Shae E, Tara M and Brodie H all represented Harrington Park Public School at the NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

Caitlin C competed in the individual medley, freestyle, backstroke and butterfly.

Stephanie W competed in the freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly and senior girls relay.

Tara M, Brodie H and Shae E all competed in the senior girls relay.

This was an amazing achievement for each of the girls and we would love to congratulate them on reaching such a high level of competitive swimming.

Well done!
Mrs Tidyman

Mrs Creasey
Student Banking

Student bank books should be sent to the office each Wednesday morning and will be returned to the classroom the following day.

Change of Details

If any circumstances change at home ie: contact numbers, emergency contacts, custody, court orders or access, please notify the office in writing as soon as possible so this can be updated on our system. Any changes of address need to be supported by sufficient documentation ie: rates notice, rental agreement or electricity bill.

DIARY

April
2nd: 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: Gala Day Trials
25th: ANZAC Day
28th: State KO Cricket Match @ Elizabeth Macarthur Res.

May
1st: CBS Assembly
6th: Mother’s Day Stall
8th: Gala Day #1
12-14th: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
19th: ICAS Digital Technologies (Yrs 3-6)
19-20th: School Photos
26th: Year 3 Excursion to Minnamurra Rainforest
29th: Gala Day #2

June
3rd: ICAS Science (Yrs 2-6)
5th: CBS Assembly
6th: Public Holiday
10th: Kindergarten Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion
15th: ICAS Writing (Yrs 3-6) (during this week / date to be advised)
16th: ICAS Spelling (Yrs 3-6)
19th: Gala Day #3
25th: Recorder Rehearsal at Salvation Army Hall
26th: CBS Assembly

July
13th: Staff Development Day
14th: Students return for Term 3
17th: School Athletics Carnival (K-6)
22nd: OC Placement Test
28th: ICAS English (Yrs 2-6)
27th: Art Show Official Opening
27-31st: Education Week

August
6th: Festival of Instrumental Music (Recorder)
7th: CBS Assembly
11th: ICAS Mathematics (Yrs 2-6)
12-14th: Year 4 Berry Camp
17th: Opera House Choir Rehearsal - Strathfield
21st: Gala Day #1
28th: CBS Assembly

September
2-4th: Year 5 Port Hacking Camp
3rd: Year 2 Belgenny Farm Excursion (some Yr2 classes)
8th: Book Week Performance
10th: Year 2 Belgenny Farm Excursion (some Yr2 classes)
11th: Gala Day #2
18th: Gala Day #3
28th: Last Day of Term 3

October
5th: Public Holiday
6th: Staff & Students return for Term 4
9th: CBS Assembly
28-29th: Sports Photos
30th: CBS Assembly

November
5-6th: Year 6 Canberra Excursion
27th: CBS Assembly

December
3rd: Year 6 High School Orientation Day

After school hours, please ensure that your child/ren are being supervised when in school grounds. Please note that normal out of bounds areas still apply before and after school.

It has come to our attention that some students have been playing in and around the staff car park after school hours. This area is out of bounds as we do not want any students injured and/or staff property damaged. Thank you.

Mr Green

When leaving a message on the school answering machine regarding absences, please remember to leave a reason for your child’s absence.

Phone Messages

Student Banking

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Out of Bounds

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holiday kids club

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HARRINGTON PARK ANGLICAN CHURCH

HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

When
Thu 9th - Fri 10th April
9am to 3pm

Final: Sun 12th April
10am-12pm

Ages
Years K-6

Cost
$10 per child, per day
$25 per family, per day

Details
See website for details and registration
Gala Day Trials
Gala Day Trials will be held on Friday, 24th April 2015 (Term 2 Week 1) for Year 3-6.

Hockey Donation
The school wish to thank the Mayo family for their generosity in donating a set of hockey goalie pads, kickers and helmet as well as a wheelie bag to transport them in. This will be a valuable update for our hockey equipment and will allow us to support a school without any goalie equipment from pieces we no longer require.

Harmony Day
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Year 6 Camp to Jervis Bay

Last week 32 students from Year 6 travelled to Camden Pools to complete a dive course to allow them to snorkel in open waters at Jervis Bay. When we departed school on Tuesday morning the sun was shining and we were filled with excitement, and eager to meet our camp instructors Mr Trench and Mrs Taylor. Once we arrived at the pools each student was required to swim 200 metres without any breaks and tread water continuously for 10 minutes. Over the course of the day the weather became colder and started to sprinkle, but that didn't dampen our moods. We were fitted in our steamers, with fins, a snorkel and masks.

On Wednesday morning we departed school bright and early and headed to Jervis Bay. The trip took 3 hours with a picnic lunch in Berry. Once we arrived at Booderee National Park we set up our camp site ready for our overnight stay. We suited up and took a short walk down to our first dive site at Green Patch. Even though the water was a little cloudy because of the wind we saw many species of fish and coral. We all enjoyed a swim in the crystal clear water and a play on the white sand. After a long walk on the beach we were very hungry and ready for dinner. Mr Best met us back at the camp site later that evening. To our amazement a possum decided to enter one of our tents and surprise a group of girls when they entered!

We rose early the next morning to the sound of native wildlife and waves crashing on the nearby beach. After a big breakfast we headed out for a second round of snorkelling at Murray’s Beach. We were lucky enough to see a range of sting rays, cat fish, groupers, star fish and were able to feel a sea urchin from the sea floor! After a long and rewarding snorkel we sat on the rocks and watched a pod of dolphins swim in the distance!

All of the students represented their school with pride and used beautiful manners. They were extremely well behaved throughout the 3 day trip. Miss Camenzuli and Mr Kent were very proud of all the children’s efforts in team building tasks and of their support for one another; it was a pleasure to accompany Year 6 on a memorable camp.

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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

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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STUDENT: ____________________________ CLASS: ________

AMOUNT: $45 - single child / $65 - family

CASH / CHEQUE (please circle)

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