Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 2 of the term. We had great weather on Friday which allowed us to have our ANZAC Ceremony outside. It was good to have so many community members in attendance with the children to mark this 100th anniversary of ANZAC Day.

Many thanks to Mr Lontis for his address to the school and for the manner in which he linked the address to our school motto “Care, Believe, Succeed.” Thank you also to the staff and students who worked hard to make the ceremony a great success.

On Saturday we had approximately ninety students and many staff members taking part in the march at Camden. Thank you to all of those parents who brought their children along on the day. I know that it means a lot to our Returned Service people.

Our children displayed excellent behaviour and were great ambassadors for our school.

Our P&C will meet this coming Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in the staff room. Our Office Manager, Mrs Sultan will be giving a presentation at the beginning of the meeting about a new online payment system for parents, which will commence in mid May. I urge you to attend if possible.

The P&C will also be organising our Mother’s Day stall next week. This is a great opportunity for our children to choose a gift for Mum. Thank you to all of those volunteers who are making the day possible.

The Council and Police have been conducting a traffic education program before and after school this week. Please make sure that you follow the rules to keep our children safe. I know that patrols will soon follow with infringement notices and fines for those people who continue to break the road rules.

Our 2014 Annual School Report will be on the website next week after I have presented it to the P&C. We will also be putting our new 3 Year Strategic Plan on the website in the very near future. I will also discuss this at the P&C meeting.

Given that we are at the start of a new 3 year plan my thoughts for the week comes from Oliver Wendell Holmes. ‘Man’s mind, stretched to a new idea, never goes back to its original dimensions.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

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**Year 5 Opportunity Class (OC) Placement for 2016**

Last week all students in **Year 4** received an Intention to Apply letter regarding the OC Placement Test. This form needs to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible, if you wish to receive the Application Information package. Parents must then complete an online application. Applications close on Friday, 15th May 2015.

Please contact Mr Gawthorne at school if you have any questions about this process.
Have you visited our Facebook page?
www.facebook.com/HarringtonParkPublicSchool

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

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

2/3T  Noah R  An excellent concept of the place value of numerals  4/5O  Jett M  Sharing his knowledge about rainforests on the excursion
2/3T  Ezekiel C  Contributing great ideas to class discussions about ANZAC’s  4/5O  Sebastian W  Enthusiastic sharing of his knowledge about ANZAC Day
3D  Lara H  Trying hard to write a summary of her imaginative life  4/5O  Karla Z  Taking a scientific approach to leeches on our excursion
3D  Isabella B  Always displaying exemplary behaviour  4/5O  Sofia T  Excellent leadership of literature circle group
3D  Landon F  Contributing valuable information during science discussions  4/5O  Annalysse S  Showing an enquiring mind on the excursion
3E  Charli T  Being an excellent class member  5B  Jack B  For great listening skills and making relevant contributions to class discussions
3E  Zoe B  Always being prepared to assist in class  5B  Ethan W  Displaying mature behaviour and being a great role model
3J  Isaac W  Working consistently in all lessons  5J  Brooke S  Class Citizenship Award
3J  Priyanka N  Taking pride in the presentation of her bookwork  5J  Caleb S  Trying very hard in Literacy Groups
3J  Olivia V  Working well independently or in small groups  5J  Durshi S  Working well and being mature
3M  Andraya L  Displaying exceptional behaviour at all times  5H  Jamie C  Working productively in his HOLES group to design an interesting display
3M  Flynn C  Wonderful work in spelling activities  6C  Stephanie W  Beautiful presentation in all of her bookwork
3M  Jackson D  His positive approach to learning  6C  Alysha C  Always trying to improve her work by asking questions
4G  Keeley R  Being the first in the class to receive their running writing licence  6D  Isabella S  Working hard in all areas of learning
4G  Makayla B  Being the first in the class to receive their running writing licence  6D  Matthew L  His consistently excellent results in ‘quick maths’
4G  Jemma S  Being the first in the class to receive their running writing licence  6J  Alyssa B  Excellent work study habits and beautiful manners
4G  Masuma A  Excellent work in public speaking  6J  Brodie H  A great written characterisation
4M  Luke N  Excellent work in Art  6O  Ben C  Excellent work with divisibility in maths
4M  Samuel T  Always trying his best  6O  Isabella A  Working consistently excellent results in ‘quick maths’
4N  Maddison W  Excellent application to all class activities  6O  Matthew L  His consistently excellent results in ‘quick maths’
4N  Thomas E  Participating well in class discussions  6O  Alyssa B  Excellent work study habits and beautiful manners

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

This week (Monday and Thursday) our students have had history come alive. A range of primary sources and artefacts from World War 1 were on display in our Library. Historian, Paul Martin, has shared many fascinating tales and events about our wartime history. Paul began collecting these historical artefacts at the age of 10 and has been touring schools for almost 10 years. Students have been dressed up in an army uniform to experience first hand what it felt like.

We have heard the loud clacker that warned when gas bombs had exploded. We have smelt the leather of saddles and gun carriages. We have looked in a periscope used in the trenches. We have felt the hobnailed boots worn by a soldier during WW1. A truly fascinating and moving display!

Many thanks to the P & C for supporting this special display for all students K-6.

ANZAC Library Display

Our Library has created an informative display of books, cards, posters, newspaper articles and artefacts that all relate to Anzac Day. With the centenary commemorations in 2015 the display of these resources has provided students with an opportunity to look, read and learn about this important time in our history.

Parents are welcome to view this display any afternoon after 3.00pm.
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 Felgendorferis
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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Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________

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