Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 4 of the term. I hope that all of the mums were spoilt on the weekend for Mother's Day. Thank you again to our P&C for organising the Mother's Day Stall which again proved to be very popular.

NAPLAN is running smoothly this week. I have already stressed that this is just a measure of children's learning. It is one measurement and many factors can impact upon the results. Please don't place any pressure on your children because of the test. It does give us an indication of children's performance in Literacy and Numeracy, but we have many other forms of assessments which also assist in determining children's learning needs.

Tomorrow some of our children will be competing at the Zone Cross Country. Good luck to all of our competitors. I am looking forward to spending the day with you.

I watched the federal budget with interest this week, particularly in regard to education. It was also interesting to watch our State Premier last night on the news being critical of the budget regarding education. You may remember the Gonski reforms, and the promises made before the last election. I am sure that over the coming months Gonski will be raised again as an issue. These reforms are a once in a generation deal for Public Education and I urge you to take a strong interest in the topic. The reforms are certainly in the interest of all of our children and are definitely worth pursuing.

A parent conference on student well-being is currently being organised for the Macarthur area. It will be on 11th September. I am hoping that we can send a few parents from our school. Keep the date free if you are interested and please register your interest with the school office.

My thought for the week comes from Dr Stephen Covey, 'As human beings, we are responsible for our own lives. Our behaviour is a function of our decisions, not our conditions. We can subordinate feelings to values. We have the initiative and the responsibility to make things happen.'

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

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May
15th: Razorback Zone Cross Country
19th: ICAS Digital Technologies (Yrs 3-6)
19-20th: School Photos
22nd: Debate HPPS Jade vs HPPS Blue @ 12:30pm
26th: Year 3 Excursion to Minnamurra Rainforest
29th: Gala Day #2

June
2nd: Dance Festival (Bankstown Sports Club) 7pm
3rd: ICAS Science (Yrs 2-6)
4th: Dance Festival (Bankstown Sports Club) 12pm & 7pm
5th: CBS Assembly
8th: 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
23rd: Canteen Pizza Day (No other lunch orders)
25th: Recorder Rehearsal at Salvation Army Hall
26th: CBS Assembly
Last Day of Term 2

July
13th: Staff Development Day
14th: Students return for Term 3
17th: School Athletics Carnival (K-6)
22nd: OC Placement Test
Opera House Choir Rehearsal - Strathfield
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
24-28th: Book Week
28th: CBS Assembly

September
2-4th: Year 5 Port Hacking Camp
3rd: Year 2 Belgenny Farm Excursion (some Yr2 classes)
8th: Book Week Performance
Milo Cup @ Onslow Park Camden
10th: Year 2 Belgenny Farm Excursion (some Yr2 classes)
11th: Gala Day #2
18th: Gala Day #3
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
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.

KA Isabella H Great reading during literacy groups
KA Isla J Excellent effort during number activities
KA Arham A Being a responsible classroom helper
KL Juliana B Wonderful effort during reading groups
KL Amelia T Being a lovely neat worker
KL Luke M Excellent work during TEN time
KS Orlando R A great improvement in his concentration during floor work
KS Cameron F Being a fantastic reader
KS Evangeline B Excellent contribution to our discussions on ‘The Farm’
KV Lauren C Always giving wonderful news presentations
KV Mae C Writing great sentences during literacy groups
KV Brady A Sounding words out beautifully during literacy groups
1E Ilisha S Great descriptive sentences. Well done Ilisha

1E Jake M Great effort in writing using adjectives in his sentences
1G Blake L Excellent participation during class discussions
1G Ellie C Working hard during reading tasks
1J Jay C Great improvement in reading
1J Ben J Great work in maths
1S Alessandra For confident fluent reading
1S Yi-Heng T Great reading
2A Anthony R Improved reading and comprehension skills
2C Scarlett S Improved effort and skills in writing
2C Caleb E Excellent work on research on tigers
2M Jessica D Excellent work during reading groups
2M Tyler R Improvement in fast maths
2W Kate N Beautiful handwriting
2W Sebastian S Wonderful improvement in reading

Food Allergy Week
17-23 May
Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Find out more: http://www.foodallergyaware.com.au
School photos are scheduled to be taken in Week 5 on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th May. All class photos will be taken in class order from Kindergarten through to Year 6. Additional specialty group photos will be taken on the second day of photos and are indicated below.

You should have received your child’s photo envelope. Please read the instructions on it carefully. Each student will require their own order form for photos and will need to return their completed envelope on the day of photos.

Students are to wear full Summer Uniform for all school photos, including specialty groups unless told otherwise by their teacher. These photos will be available to order later in the year with the sports photos. All students will also have a portrait photo taken, including those that do not wish to purchase photos. Family Photos will be available from the front office.

Due to costuming not being ready for photos, the Senior Dance Ensemble photo will now take place on sports photo day later in the year.

All class photos will be taken on Tuesday, 19th May except for KA, 2M and 4N which will be taken on Wednesday 20th May so both teachers in these classes can be in their respective photos.

Additional specialty group photos are to be taken on Wednesday 20th May:
- School Captains
- Sports Captains
- Parliament
- Junior Dance Ensemble
- Stage 2 Dance Ensemble
- Ukulele Ensemble
- HEAT Group
- Primary Choir
- Junior Choir

Mrs Scherer
School Photos Coordinator

Opportunity Class Placement Test (for Year 5, 2016)

All students in Year 4 recently received an expression of interest form for the OC Placement Test. Those who returned this form received an Application Package. Parents are reminded that applications close this Friday, 15th May 2015.

If you still require an application package, or for further information, please contact Mr Gawthorne at school.

Parent Online Payments (PoP)

'GOING LIVE MONDAY 18TH MAY'

From Monday, 18th May 2015, it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment.

What expenses can be paid online?

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions and sport / gala days. There is also a category called Other, this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed for your own records. The receipt issued by this payment method does not need to be sent into school.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

When?

This payment method will go live on Monday, 18th May 2015.

How?

Log onto our school site at:
http://www.harringtontpn-schools.nsw.edu.au
Click on “$ Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard.

Remember

Permission notes must still be returned to school. Please record the receipt number on your permission note.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process, please contact the School Administration Office.

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSURE

The Uniform Shop will be CLOSED on Tuesday, 19th May 2015, due to School Photos.

Have you visited our Facebook page?
www.facebook.com/HarringtonParkPublicSchool
Student Banking
Student bank books should be sent to the office each Wednesday morning and will be returned to the classroom the following day.

Gala Day Results

Girls Soccer Jnr

Round 1: HPPS vs Camden South A Draw 0-0
Round 2: HPPS vs Elderslie Win 4-0
Round 3: HPPS vs Curran Hill Win 2-0
Round 4: HPPS vs Mawarra Win 1-0

Girls Soccer Snr

Round 1: HPPS vs Mawarra Win 1-0
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden South A Win 2-0
Round 3: HPPS vs Elderslie Win 3-0
Round 4: HPPS vs Curran Hill Win 4-0

Netball Jnr A's

Round 1: HPPS vs Mawarra Win 4-3
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden Loss 1-7
Round 3: HPPS vs Curran Hill Win 2-1
Round 4: HPPS vs Camden Sth Loss 2-3

Netball Snr A's

Round 1: HPPS vs Mawarra Loss 3-7
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden Win 11-2
Round 3: HPPS vs Curran Hill Win 8-5
Round 4: HPPS vs Camden Sth Loss 3-8

Netball Jnr B's

Round 1: HPPS vs Mawarra Win 8-1
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden Sth Win 8-1
Round 3: HPPS vs Elderslie Win 11-5
Round 4: HPPS vs Curran Hill Win 15-0

Netball Snr B's

Round 1: HPPS vs Mawarra Win 3-8
Round 2: HPPS vs Camden Win 3-1
Round 3: HPPS vs Elderslie Loss 2-5
Round 4: HPPS vs Curran Hill Win 8-2

Snr Hockey

Round 1: HPPS vs Camden Sth Win 5-0
Round 2: HPPS vs Mt Annan Win 3-0
Round 3: HPPS vs Curran Hill Draw
Round 4: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Loss 0-1

Jnr Hockey

Round 1: HPPS vs Camden Sth Draw
Round 2: HPPS vs Mt Annan Draw
Round 3: HPPS vs Curran Hill Draw
Round 4: HPPS vs Narellan Vale Draw 1-1

Gala Day
No. 2
29th May

Mastering spelling
Are you checking your child's weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word. Here's some advice about how to help your child master spelling.


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

Is your child making friends at school?
Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning
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)

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ______

2015 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
Harrington Park Netball Club are looking for players turning 10 and 11 years old this year to join teams in Camden & District Netball Association Winter Competition.

Games are played on Saturday’s at Kirkham Netball Courts at the same time each week.

For further information, please contact the Club Registrars:

Chris: 0438 579 022
Kylie: 0403 487 595 (after 3pm)

or email: harringtonparknetballclub@gmail.com