Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 5. You may remember a year ago today when Harrington Park PS became the first school in Australia to register as an Eco School. International guests launched the program at our school. We joined 45000 schools around the planet in 55 different countries.

I am pleased to inform you that in a year we have had 102 schools register from around Australia with Eco Schools in every state and territory except Western Australia. Our children are now linked to 11 million other children around the planet in working towards a more sustainable future.

Congratulations to our Eco School Committee and the boys and girls who showed leadership from our school at a national level. This is a great achievement.

I really enjoyed accompanying our children to the Zone Cross Country last Friday. I was impressed by the fitness levels of our students. They all competed well and were a credit to our school. Congratulations to all of our runners and good luck to those students going on to the next level as Razorback Zone representatives at the SW Sydney Regional Carnival.

'Be Safe!' Is our number one school rule. Sometimes parents object to children being reminded when they are being unsafe, and also object when they themselves are asked to comply with rules that have been put in place to keep our children safe. This is especially important at the beginning and end of the school day when we have high level movement on our site. Children are asked to walk on concrete and asphalt areas, and not to ride bikes, scooters or skateboards in the school grounds. This also applies to pre-schoolers in the company of parents.

Parents are also asked not to drive into the school car park. These rules help us to keep children safe. We have had two head injuries in the last month caused by children running into other children before school.

Some children have been wandering out of bounds into unsupervised areas. This is also not allowed for safety reasons. Please help us all to follow the rule of 'Being Safe!'

This week’s thought is from Mohandas Gandhi, 'You must be the change that you want to see in the world.'

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

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21st May 2015

May
22nd: State Soccer Knockout @ Bradbury - 10am
      Debate HPPS Jade vs HPPS Blue @ 12:30pm
26th: Year 3 Excursion to Minnamurra Rainforest
29th: Gala Day #2

June
1st: Book Club Orders Due
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 Yr 2 classes)
8th: Book Week Performance
      Milo Cup @ Onslow Park Camden
10th: Year 2 Belgenny Farm Excursion (some Yr 2 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
27th: CBS Assembly

Year 3 Excursion to Minnamurra Rainforest
Tuesday, 26th May 2015

Years 3-6 Gala Day #2
Friday, 29th May 2015
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

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<th>Stage</th>
<th>Student</th>
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<td>1E</td>
<td>Abby Z</td>
<td>Excellent use of expression when reading aloud</td>
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<td>Jessica S</td>
<td>Excellent effort during maths activities</td>
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<td>1G</td>
<td>Noah W</td>
<td>Always concentrating in class and trying his best</td>
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<td>Kalpana N</td>
<td>Writing a great factual report</td>
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<td>1J</td>
<td>Emily S</td>
<td>Fantastic spelling results</td>
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<td>Reece T</td>
<td>Improved classroom behaviour</td>
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<td>Ava M</td>
<td>For excellent work during TEN’s groups</td>
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<td>Aiden A</td>
<td>For great thinking ideas when learning about 3D shapes</td>
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<td>2A</td>
<td>Mia S</td>
<td>Excellent effort in reading groups</td>
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<td>Samuel A</td>
<td>Excellent classroom behaviour</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Annabelle L</td>
<td>Excellent research on Cats</td>
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<td>Tyler M</td>
<td>Taking pride in his book presentation &amp; handwriting</td>
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<td>Jessica D</td>
<td>Wonderful improvements in work habits</td>
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<td>Marcus S</td>
<td>Wonderful improvement in spelling</td>
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<td>Jasmine S</td>
<td>Fabulous mental strategies during maths</td>
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<td>Trent L</td>
<td>A big improvement in his persuasive writing</td>
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<td>Maison D</td>
<td>Making great progress in ukulele</td>
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<td>Abigail H</td>
<td>Excellent participation in class and ukulele lessons</td>
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<td>Ben V</td>
<td>Presenting an excellent speech with expression</td>
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<td>Presenting an outstanding speech to the stage</td>
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<td>Baedyn S</td>
<td>Using research time wisely in SOLE sessions</td>
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<td>Brendan F</td>
<td>His improved work ethic and positive attitude</td>
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<td>Louis H</td>
<td>Applying herself in all areas of learning</td>
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<td>Liia M</td>
<td>Perservering with challenging maths activities</td>
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<td>6O</td>
<td>Yi-Tao T</td>
<td>Excellent concentration &amp; application</td>
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<td>Paige B</td>
<td>Working consistently in all key learning areas</td>
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The Senior A Netball team lost to Mawarra and Camden South and won against Curran’s Hill and Camden. The Junior A team lost to Camden South and Camden. They defeated Mawarra and Curraun’s Hill. Well done to all of our netballers!

The Senior Hockey team defeated Camden South and Mtn Annan. They drew with Curraun’s Hill and lost to Narellan Vale. The Junior Hockey team drew their games with Camden South, Mtn Annan, Curraun’s Hill and Narellan Vale.

The Senior B’s Soccer team lost to Narellan Vale, Cobbitty, Curraun’s Hill and Narellan. The Junior B’s team lost to Camden, Cobbitty Gold and Cobbitty Green. They defeated Camden South.

We would like to wish the Razorback Softball team good luck.

Well done to all of the competitors that represented our school at the Zone Cross Country last Friday and congratulations to the boys and girls that are going through to the next level.

Yours in Sport,
Shae and Hayden - 6J (Sport House Captains)
On Monday, 18th May 2015, Parent Online Payments (PoP) went live and it is now 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 school 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 went live on Monday, 18th May 2015.

How?
Log onto our school site at:
- http://www.harringtonpark.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.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to race BMX?
Macarthur BMX Club at Elderslie is holding a FREE Come & Try Day on Sunday 24th May from 11am-2pm.

Anyone from the age of 2yrs old is welcome to come and give BMX a go under full guidance of club coaches.
The first 25 participants will receive a free showbag. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and closed in shoes. You will also need your bike.

For enquiries please search Macarthur BMX on Facebook, email macarthurbmx@yahoo.com.au or SMS 0404 097 075.

Have you visited our Facebook page?
www.facebook.com/HarringtonParkPublicSchool
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015

The time is approaching when all entries need to be finalised for this year’s challenge. The closing date is **August 21st**.

At HPPS classroom teachers are reading the challenge books to all classes K – 2 and they will enter your child in the challenge.

In Years 3-6 students have been borrowing each week from special areas, reading the books, recording them on their reading log in the Library and getting them signed off after they have been read. Now comes the time when they need to be entered online. Individual students are required to enter their own books read onto the computer. All Year 3 classes were instructed on this earlier in the year. However, your support from home will be of great assistance in achieving this.

Instructions below will assist in this process:

1. **Google** – nsw dec student portal
2. Enter your **username** eg. john.smith and **password** ie. your child’s class
3. Once in the student portal, select **Learning** tab and click on **More to get a larger list of sites.** This is where the **Premier’s Reading link** will be found
4. On the main PRC page select **Student Reading Records** from left hand side menu.
5. This is where you can begin entering your books by title and author in **My Reading Record.** An ID number is not needed as the site will automatically match this and write it in.
6. Alternatively, books can be entered through the **Booklist** tab on the PRC main page left hand side menu. Here you can search an alphabetical list of authors and titles.
7. **Choice books** are added from the tab next to My Reading Record.
8. **20 books will complete the challenge!**

Should you need further assistance please come and see Mrs Creasey in the Library.

There were **416 students involved in 2014.** 13 received a Platinum award (for 7 years completion) and another 26 received Gold after 4 years of doing the challenge. Our goal this year is to have **500 HPPS students** complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Look forward to your assistance in helping us achieve this.

Certificates are awarded during class assemblies on Presentation Day in December.
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 Felgendorfer
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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STUDENT: _____________________________ CLASS: __________

AMOUNT: $45 - single child / $65 - family CASH / CHEQUE / PoP (Receipt No: __________) (please circle)

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ______________
Does your child suffer from Anxiety?

Being the parent of an anxious child is not an easy task. They often place additional demands on parents in terms of time and emotion. When a child is anxious to the point where they are missing out on enjoying some aspects of life, many parents want to do something to help them. Sometimes people think that children will “just grow out of it” and often suffer for a long time before they find out that something can be done.

Anxiety is a common problem among children and adults alike. Research has shown that there are a growing number of children suffering with anxiety but involvement of parents in the treatment of anxiety disorders leads to better outcomes.

In order to explore the ways you could support your child’s anxious behaviours, I have secured the services of Dr Sally Fitzpatrick, a leading therapist from the Centre of Emotional Health at Macquarie University to deliver a parent workshop on anxiety. Sally will discuss different types of anxiety, how to recognize it and most importantly strategies to support your child in positive ways.

**Date:** Tuesday the 26th May  
**Where:** Currans Hill Public School Hall. Parking is available on the street or at the IGA shops.  
**Time:** 1:15pm for a 1:30pm start. The workshop will conclude by 2:45pm  
**Cost:** $5 per person payable in advance to secure your placement as numbers are limited.

Please complete the form below and return it with your $5 payment to the office by Friday 22nd May 2015.

Kind Regards,  
Sandra Wilson  
Deputy Principal  
Currans Hill Public School

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**Macquarie University Anxiety Workshop**

Name: __________________________  Contact Phone Number: ______________

Please find enclosed $5 payment to secure my place in the anxiety workshop for parents on Tuesday the 26th May at Currans Hill Public School. I understand payment is non-refundable in the event I am unable to attend.  
(Payment to be paid to Currans Hill Public School).

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Signed                          Date