Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 8. Thank you to everyone who attended our P&C meeting last week. I’m sorry that I was unable to attend. Our P&C continue to be a great support to our children. Last week they gave $5000 to purchase the school magazine again for another year for each of our primary students and they also gave $5000 to commence work on converting one of our computer labs into a 21st century learning space to provide a vastly improved learning environment for technology usage. The support is greatly appreciated.

Most of you would be aware that I began life in England and emigrated to Australia as an eleven year old. Whilst at primary school in England we had an excursion to London and as part of the trip we visited Runnymede Island. This is a small island on the River Thames which is famous as the place where the Magna Carta was signed. Next week will be 800 years since the Magna Carta was signed.

A copy of the Magna Carta is on display in Parliament House, Canberra. Our Federal Education Minister, Mr Pyne is on record as saying that this is a milestone in our history which should be studied in schools. I agree with him.

As my thought for the week I’d like to point out one of the three clauses which remain in British law.

“No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled, or deprived of his standing in any other way, nor will we proceed with force against him, or send others to do so, except by the lawful judgement of his equals or by the law of the land. To no one will we sell, to no one deny or delay right or justice.”

These are powerful words, but are words enough? David Suzuki says, "We are what we do not what we say."

I love our school motto, Care, Believe, Succeed. I’m glad that it starts with ‘Care’. Hopefully if we create caring students we will in turn create a caring nation.

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

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**DIARY**

**June**
- 12th: Multicultural Public Speaking SWS Regional Final
- 15th: ICAS Writing (Yrs 3-6) (during this week / date to be advised)
- 16th: ICAS Spelling (Yrs 3-6)
- 18th: Debate vs Cobbitty PS (time to be confirmed)
- 19th: Gala Day #3
- 22nd: Hockey KO vs Gyrmea Bay @ Moorebank
- 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)
- 20th: Debate vs Oran Park PS HPPS Hall @ 11.30am
- 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
- 24-28th: Book Week
  - Swimming Scheme Years 2-6
- 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
- 20th: Kindergarten Transition
- 28-29th: Sports Photos
- 30th: CBS Assembly

**November**
- 5-6th: Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- 27th: CBS Assembly
- 3rd: Year 6 High School Orientation Day
- 16th: Last day of Term 4 for Students

**December**
- 14th: Year 6 Formal

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**REMINISDERS**

**Tuesday 23rd June**
- **Canteen Pizza Day**
  - (No other lunch orders)

**Friday 26th June**
- **CBS Assembly**
  - 12.30pm
- **Last Day of Term 2**
  - Friday 26th June
CARE: Abigail H (Yr 5) For always displaying a friendly and caring attitude towards others. Abigail is a very polite student who willingly helps teachers and students throughout the school. She is a sympathetic listener and has the ability to make people feel very well welcome. Well done, Abigail!

Other Nominees: Megan R, Eliza B, Sophie C (K); Joshua K, Dior D, Lincoln P, Lukas R (Yr 1); Emalai M, Xavier G, Jessica D (Yr 2); Benjimini O, Chloe B (Yr 3); Logan W (Yr 4); Seth Gillies, Eliza B, Cooper C (Yr 5)

BELIEVE: Harrison W (Yr 2) For growing in confidence in his reading and comprehension and being prepared to work hard to achieve his best. Harrison has made a wonderful effort and he continually displays his dedication during reading groups. Well done, Harrison!

Other Nominees: Pranavi N, Arham A, Tariq S (K); Liam A, Jasmine L, Braylen L (Yr 1); Alyssa S, Harrison F (Yr 2); Dakota L, Bailey M, Aiden J (Yr 3); Samuel T, Jade C, Emily A, Darci C (Yr 4); Savanah T, Kimberley C (Yr 5)

SUCCEED: Ray O (Yr 1) For his commitment to his school work. Ray demonstrates a wonderful urge to excel in everything he does. Well done, Ray!

Other Nominees: Cameron F, Maksim C, Koby H, Mae C (K); Jay C, Mosawer H, Cooper C (Yr 1); Dario C, Eva R, Sebastian S (Yr 2); Cooper M, Summer M, Logan S (Yr 3); Luke N, Eliza S, Masuma A, Erin C (Yr 4); Aria M, Tamzyn H, Madisson C (Yr 5)

BELIEVE: Emily L (Yr 3) For having a fantastic attitude towards school and showing real determination to master the English language. Emily is a conscientious and dedicated student who will often complete extra work at home. She never gives up when faced with a challenge and her progress this semester is due to her wonderful self belief. Well done, Emily!

Other Nominees: Emma C, Anastasia B, Isabella H (K); Cameron W, Tayla S, Ayla B (Yr 1); Kiarna H, Charlice W, Tyler R, Georgia D (Yr 2); Andraya L, Zachery M, Simone W (Yr 3); Mason D, Hannah M (Yr 4) Annalysse S, Mikayla C, Concetta M, Briannan E (Yr 5)

SUCCEED: Kobi E (Yr 4) For being a cooperative learner. Kobi eagerly shares his ideas and opinions in discussions. He has worked hard this semester and his positive attitude is infectious to those around him. Well, done Kobi!

Other Nominees: Brady A, Sebastian C (K); Haze S, Ilisha S, Alyssa T, Chloe T, Riley J, Zachary C (Yr 1); Cindy H, Chelsea R, Scarlett S, Logan G, Zane P (Yr 2); Charlice J, Catherine F, Olivia V, Matthew F (Yr 3); Mikaela M, Emily M (Yr 4); Xavier D, Blaine D, Bethany F (Yr 5); Dylan K, Jessica L, Dylan R, Jason L (Yr 6)

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

2/3T Erin S Great contributions during SOLE 4G Jalen F Pleasing improvement in handwriting
2/3T Isabella W Investigating and hypothesising about 4G Ryan C Pleasing improvement in handwriting erosion during science 5H Charlotte T For developing confidence with her reading
3D Jayden T Always striving to achieve 5H Charles K Trying very hard in mathematics tasks
3D Jayde S Improved concentration & application 5J Jayden Mc Great research
3E Koby T Great overall effort in mathematics this term 5J Bailey C Persevering with difficult tasks
3E Patrick C Improved concentration on his learning 5B Presley G Maintaining a high standard of neatness in his bookwork
3E Kately L Great overall effort in mathematics this term 5B Imani J Always working to the best of her abilities
3J Chloe B Always trying her best in all activities 4/5O Lucas T Being a responsible, independent learner
3J Isaac W Being more productive in all classroom tasks 6C Annabelle P Working well in her inquiry library
3M William T His terrific effort in spelling activities learning group to plan a BTN clip
3M Savar N Exemplary classroom behaviour 6C Ryan E Being a cooperative learner during SOLE
3M Haylee M Excellent effort in all learning areas 6J Bianca B Excellent work study habits
4/5O Amanda C Outstanding public speaking 6J Gabby D The creative way she approaches her work
4/5O Rory G Great on task, focused learning 6D Zayne L A creative project presentation
4N Jarrod B Terrific results in weekly spelling tests 4N Liam M Working well during all activities 6D Ryley K Excellent group work during SOLE
4N Chloe W Fantastic work on weekly spelling activities 6O Ben C Sessions
4G Jayden I Excellent results in mathematics 6O Marnie W Continuing to display excellent work study habits
4G Brianna B Excellent results in mathematics
KIDS CAMPS

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- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

*Snow Sports camps are suitable for kids aged 10-16 years.

Family Camps include:
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- Meals
- Accommodation
- Lift and lesson tickets and transport to Perisher (for Jindabyne camps only)**

**Kids as young as 6 years can participate in group lessons as part of a Family Camp.

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Important Message to Parents regarding Whooping Cough

We have a confirmed case of Whooping Cough at Harrington Park Public School. If your child has not been immunised you should seek medical advice before sending them to school, and if your child is showing any symptoms at the moment it is also a good idea to visit your doctor. Even immunised children can sometimes catch Whooping Cough, but their illness is often milder.

Some symptoms may be a blocked or running nose, sneezing, a mild fever and an occasional cough. The cough gets worse and may be followed by a persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts of coughing may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.

Children diagnosed with Whooping Cough should be kept at home until the first 5 days of a special antibiotic have been taken. Your doctor will advise when it is safe to return to school.

Parent Online Payments (PoP)

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’s 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:

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- class and reference number OR
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These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

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When?

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

How?

Log onto our school site at:
http://www.harringtonparkp.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.

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Please see Mr Gawthorne for more information.

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TERM DATES

Term 2 concludes on Friday, 26th June 2015.

Students commence Term 3 on Tuesday, 14th July 2015.

PoP Payments Note Reminder

If paying by PoP (Parent Online Payment) please make sure that you send in your child’s permission note for that payment.

Student Banking

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

Have you visited our Facebook page?

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2015 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Signed: _____________________________ Date: ______________
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