Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9. The end of term is approaching quickly. Reports for Semester 1 will be sent home on Monday. Please remember that these are a snapshot of where your children are at in their learning, and that all children travel at a different pace on their learning journey. Parent interviews are being held next week and the opportunity to discuss reports is available then. If you aren't able to come to the interviews next week please remember that interviews can be organised at any time throughout the year by contacting the school office to determine a mutually suitable time. The important thing to remember is that if we continue to work in partnership our children will reap the rewards.

I have had a few people get in touch with me this week about the proposed rail line for Harrington Park. The school is not in a position to comment on this proposal. I can recommend that if you want more information that you can attend a feedback meeting on Thursday 25th June at Camden Civic Centre from 4-8pm. There is also a website that you can visit http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/b2b/projects/swrl-phase2-maps.pdf. You can also make submissions to either swrlecp@transport.nsw.gov.au or PO Box K659 Haymarket 1240 by 20th July.

Georgia in Year 6 still has some guessing competition tickets to sell and has a stall set up in the playground each morning. Let’s all get behind her in raising the levy to represent NSW Hockey in Perth.

Next week on Thursday our School Parliament is having its next Mufti Day. It is a pyjamas and teddy bear day to support the Bandaged Bear charity.

My thought for the week is from Alexander Hamilton, ‘Men give me some credit for genius, but all the genius I have lies in this: When I have a subject in mind I study it profoundly. Day and night it is before me. I explore it in all its bearings. My mind becomes pervaded with it. The result is what some people call the fruits of genius, whereas it is in reality the fruits of study and labour.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

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**Reminders**

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

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**
23rd-25th June

**CBS Assembly**
Friday 26th June - 12.45pm

**Last Day of Term 2**
Friday 26th June
CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

KA Piper K  Fantastic listening and answering questions at the farm  3E Flynn B  Involving the class in interactive quizzes
KA Eliza B  Fantastic listening and answering questions at the farm  3E Cruz L  Involving the class in interactive quizzes
KA Harry R  Fantastic listening and answering questions at the farm  3J Logan F  Working hard to improve her times tables
KL Skylah D  Wonderful participation in class discussions  3M Zac M  Being more focused during lessons
KL Aston N  Being a lovely neat worker  3M Elia F  Always trying his best during lessons
KL Noah P  Excellent work during literacy groups  4M Savar N  For always working his hardest in all aspects of school
KS Sophia B  A great improvement in her reading  4/5O Sebastian W  Critical thinking during Mr Best’s talk on Climate Change
KS Megan R  Working hard to improve her writing  4/5O Olivia P  Being an effective team member in SOLE
KS Olivia H  Fantastic addition work during TEN time  4/5O Seth G  Excellent concentration in the Maths Olympiad
KS Alicia P  Excellent number work  4/5O Audrey A  Using her initiative to bring in her instrument for our item
KV Tariq S  Wonderful subtraction work during TEN time  4/5O Daniel G  A well researched report on Movie World
KV Toby C  Trying hard to sound out words during literacy groups  4M Eleanor S  A well researched report on Movie World
KV Ruby M  Wonderful work during writing lessons  4M Ethan Budd  Working hard in class
1E Leilani E  Excellent effort during IPad research on frogs  4M Kaitlin F  Fantastic diorama of the ships of the First Fleet
1E Cameron W  Excellent effort during IPad research on frogs  4N Hannah M  Excellent application across all key learning areas
1E Kai W  Outstanding work during HSIE and IPad research lessons  4N Samuel F  Increased concentration during class activities
1E Abby Z  Excellent effort during group research on dragons. Well Done  4G Hannah R  Consistent effort in all areas
1G Myah L  Excellent progress and commitment to learning  4G Daniela S  Excellent effort and lovely presentation of bookwork
1G Jake B  Excellent progress in Literacy  5H Jack K  Demonstrating excellent sportsmanship skills
1J Zachary M  Trying hard to improve his behaviour  5H Olivia A  Displaying excellent skills in literacy groups
1J Mia D  Trying hard in all areas  5H Jack K  Displaysing excellent skills in literacy groups
1S Riley C  Wonderful writing about teddy bears  5G Bianca C  Persisting with 2 digit multiplication
1S Kay-Lee F  Great work in reading  5J Jakobie C  Spelling effort
2A Cindy H  Wonderful improvement in writing and spelling  5J Reece S  Creativity in puppetry
2A Theo P  Making informative contributions to class discussions  5B Zachary A  A fantastic effort in writing
2C Tyson C  For excellent behaviour at “Lunch Bunch”  5B Madisson C  Ensuring her work is neatly presented
2C Bruno C  Excellent effort during maths lessons  5B Aahana S  Writing descriptive passages in her narratives
2M Lucinda G  Always trying her best in all learning areas  6C Talon G  Taking care with his spelling and use of punctuation
2M Alec C  Great work during TEN time activities  6J Jessica L  Her excellent descriptive work on dragons
2W Alexi W  Writing a wonderful information report  6J Dylan S  His excellent contributions towards the Art Show
2W Lucas P  Always trying hard when reading  6J Georgia V  Working hard in all areas of learning
2/3T Kaylee W  Great contributions during “Wet & Dry” environments  6D Emily C  Insightful responses during BTN discussions
2/3T Georgia D  Always working hard and contributing great ideas  6D Zac C  A high quality “Litho” print
2/3T Dakota L  Including insightful arguments in her persuasive writing  6D Tara M  Excellent contributions to our discussion lessons
3D Simone W  Always works to the best of her ability  6O}

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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:

- 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.harringtnp-schools.nsw.edu.au

Click on $ Make a Payment and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard.

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 visited our Facebook page?
www.facebook.com/HarringtonParkPublicSchool
Kindergarten children and their teachers had a fantastic day at Calmsley Hill City Farm last Wednesday. Despite the cold and a little bit of rain we were able to see and learn about many different farm animals. We milked cows, played with baby goats and lambs and patted a duckling and a rabbit. We wandered the gardens looking at herbs and other trees and plants growing on the farm. We watched ‘Dot’ the sheepdog at work, a little sheep called ‘Barbara’ being shorn for the first time and Farmer Simone taught us how to crack a whip. Some children even got to have a turn!

It was such a wonderful day!

“We saw lots of different animals on the farm. We saw a camel, wombat, peacock and koala as well as all the normal farm animals.” Arham, KA.

“My favourite part of our excursion to the farm was milking the cow.” Andrew, KL.

I liked seeing the wombats and milking the cow. I liked watching the sheep dog show. Sebastian, KS.

When I went to the farm I got to pat a goat. Mae, KV.
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 Andy Best
President Principal
HPPS P&C Association 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 / PoP (Receipt No:__________) (please circle)

Signed: ____________________________ Date: __________
Athletics Carnival Friday 17th July

Our annual Athletics Carnival is fast approaching and we invite you to come and join in supporting your children as they participate in this great day. The Kindergarten and Year 1 students will run their Athletics events on our school oval. The Primary Carnival is for 8-13 year old students and will be held at Sir Warwick Fairfax Oval. All students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours and cheer each other on throughout the day. There will be a sausage sizzle run by Year 6 on the day.

The events to be run on this day include 100m, 200m, shot put, discus and long jump. Our 800m event and 100m relays will be held on Monday 27th July from 1.30pm also at Sir Warwick Fairfax Oval. Just a reminder that metal spikes are not allowed for this event, however rubber spiked running shoes are acceptable. The high jump trials will be held at lunchtimes on Monday 20th July for 8 & 9 yrs, Tuesday 21st July for 10yrs and Wednesday 22nd July for 11yrs and Thursday 23rd July for 12yrs.

On the Athletics Carnival day the children participate in their age group for each event in a 25 minute rotation. We encourage all students to compete and have a go with house points being awarded to the final 6 athletes in each event. Our 100m and 200m running events are run in heats and the fastest times are recorded. If time allows a 100m final will be run for each age group.

We will be seeking the support of timekeepers and place judges for the 100m track on the day. If you are able to assist please complete the slip and hand to Mrs Creasey in the library.

We hope you can be a part of our 2015 Athletics Carnival.

Return to Mrs Creasey in the Library by end of Term 2
Athletics Carnival Helper

I am available to assist with place judging and/or time keeping on the 100m track for the Athletics Carnival on Friday 17th July.

Name: _________________________________________ Contact no.: ______________________

Child's name: ___________________________________________ Class: ______________________
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