Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Education Week. This is the week in which we celebrate the achievements of Public Schools in NSW. Our children in particular have enjoyed showcasing their many fine achievements.

Our Open Day on Tuesday saw many visitors to the school to visit classrooms and to enjoy a performance from our skipping team, The Hot Peppers. Many people also took the opportunity of viewing our outstanding Art Show which opened on Monday and will remain open until midday tomorrow. I am always amazed by the brilliance of this show and each time we have it I think, “It will be difficult to match that in the future.” Our children and their teachers always rise to the occasion with such a creative and diverse display. If you haven’t managed to see it yet and have the opportunity to drop in tomorrow morning, it is well worth a visit.

Today we have three groups performing in the 2567 Showcase at Elizabeth Macarthur High School. This event highlights the great performing arts that are taught in our community of schools. It is always an enjoyable performance and I am really looking forward to it.

I’d like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our great children for their efforts and to thank their dedicated teachers for going the extra mile to provide these wonderful opportunities for their students.

Next week our recorder group will be performing at the Sydney Opera House in the Festival of Instrumental Music. They are busy rehearsing and I’m sure that it will be a great night.

Our P&C will be meeting on Tuesday night. I hope to catch up with some of you there. The fitness playground is nearing completion. Our P&C have worked hard to make this a reality and I’m sure that it will be put to great use.

In a week where creativity has reigned supreme I thought that I’d look to Albert Einstein for my thought for the week.

“Imagination is more important than knowledge!” Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best
Principal

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**Kindergarten 2016 Enrolment**

Please contact the office if you have a child enrolling for Kindergarten next year. Early information helps us organise a much smoother transition and orientation. If you have friends or relatives enrolling a Kindergarten child for 2016, we would appreciate your assistance by reminding them to enrol.

When returning your completed enrolment form please ensure you have the following documents:

- Original Birth Certificate or Passport
- Original Proof of student’s Residential Address (rates, gas, electricity bill, rental agreement etc.)
- Immunisation History Statement (not blue book)
- Copies of any Family Law or other relevant Court Orders

Thank you

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**Urgent Year 4 Camp Information**

Please ensure that your child’s medical form for camp has been completed online.

Full camp payment is due by Monday, 3rd August.

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**Year 5 Camp Reminder**

A reminder for Year 5 students to return their medical notes for Youthworks Camp as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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

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Debating Update

This year Harrington Park Public School entered two teams into the Premier’s Debating Challenge for Years 5-6. Both teams represented their school with pride in all of the debates which were against schools from our local area. The students worked hard in their lunch and recess time to learn how to effectively use the appropriate manner and method to persuade larger audiences and express their viewpoints. We had a mix of wins and defeats from both teams and many very close decisions from the adjudicators. After each debate both teams received fantastic feedback based on their deliveries and preparation. Each of the students should be proud of their achievements, successes and improvements. A big thank you goes to Paris B who stood in for both teams. Congratulations!

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015

Reminder to all Year 3-6 students that the challenge is nearing the closing date. You have a couple of weeks to complete reading your 20 books and enter them online through your dec portal. These titles can be entered at home or school. See the instructions below. Mrs Creasey is happy to assist where needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions below will assist in this process:

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!

Skoolbag App Trial

Our school is trialling our own Skoolbag iPhone App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent community. We are trialling the iPhone, Windows phone and tablet version for 30 days. If we continue with the App after the trial period we will then get the Android version in the Google Play Store.

We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag App. The App is free.

To install it you will need to search ‘Harrington Park Public School’ in the Apple App store and install it on your phone. For Windows Phones and Windows Store, search for Skoolbag, install the App and then find the school. Please note it must be a Windows 8.1 device.

We are building the content over the coming weeks and as the trial continues you will notice more features becoming available. Please help us make this a successful trial by providing feedback. Feedback can be sent by clicking on eForms and then the Feedback form. This will come directly to the school when you click submit.

Alternatively, you can email the school directly on harringttnp-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and attention it to Karen Williams. All feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Book Club Issue 5

Flyers were distributed last week through classrooms. If you need any more they are available from the Library.

Don’t forget that all orders are conducted through the LOOP system. See details on the order forms. We are a cashless Book Club school. Orders and payments are made online. No need to send anything to school.

This issue holds many of the Children’s Book Council Shortlist Titles at great prices. All orders support the school with Reading Rewards which can be used towards the purchase of books and teaching resources to use with your children. Take a moment to browse.

Orders are due to be completed by Monday, 3rd August.

Please direct any questions to Mrs Creasey in the Library.

REMINDERS

Gala Day
Friday 31st July

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 4th August at 7pm
Macarthur CDC’s Free Spot Check’s!

Macarthur CDC’s Speech Pathologists are offering FREE screening services for preschool and school aged children in our clinic. Our speech pathologists informally assess speech development, receptive and expressive language and literacy skills.

Macarthur CDC’s speech pathologists will advise if further formalised assessments are required or refer to appropriate services.

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Please contact us at

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Harrington Park Public School is once again participating in the 'Woolies Earn & Learn' program.

When you shop at Woolworths collect the Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 spent. Stick the stickers onto the Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and place it in the Collection Box located in the school front office.

If you have any questions, please see Ms Mayer.

Parent Online Payments (PoP)

You can now make payments online via a secure link on our website.

Log onto our school site at: http://www.harrington-p.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.