Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 5. Last Thursday evening it was my great pleasure to watch our recorder group perform at The Sydney Opera House as part of the State Instrumental Festival. They were awesome! I was very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to all of them and to Mrs Bush and Mrs Creasey for preparing them so well.

Next week I go back to watch our choir perform in a special concert with students from China. I’m sure that they too will be amazing.

We are also very lucky to have Georgia in Year 6 who represented NSW in Hockey at the National Titles in Perth. Georgia was the goal keeper and only conceded two goals in the whole tournament. NSW were runners up, so we now have a silver medallist at national level amongst our ranks. Well done Georgia!

The new Skoolbag App is proving to be very popular with parents. We have attached a one page instruction guideline with this newsletter. Please follow the instructions carefully if you would like to download the App.

We ask that you support us in keeping children safe on the way to and from school if they are riding bikes or scooters. A couple of children have taken to riding without helmets. If children bring bikes or scooters to school without helmets we will hold the item at school and ask you to collect it. Also please help us and each other at the kiss and drop zone. Children are instructed to wait behind the line until their parent’s car has stopped. Please don’t call them to you whilst your vehicle is still moving, and if possible move as far up the zone as you are able, to allow other parents into the space also. Thank you for your antici-pated cooperation with these matters.

We are now commencing plans for classes next year, and we would like to get a clear idea on Kindergarten numbers for 2016. If you have a child enrolling or have a friend or neighbour who is 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

My thought for the week is from William Jennings Bryan, ‘Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved.’

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

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REMINDEERS

Opera House Choir Rehearsal
Monday 17th August

Gala Day No. 1
Friday 21st August
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

### CARE: Isabella W (Yr 3)
- For always thinking of others before herself. She consistently allows others to have an equal share of resources and allows her peers the opportunity to answer questions even when she knows the answers herself. Well done, Isabella!

**Other Nominees:** Avanindra S, Kyanan E, Tiffany C, Bailey E, Holly C (K); Simran S, Aviendha M (Yr 1); Sabrina C, (Yr 2); Jackson D (Yr 3); Lilly C, Ben M (Yr 4); Charlotte T (Yr 5); Annabelle P, Philip S, Anastasia M (Yr 6)

### SUCCEED: Jaxon S (Yr 1)
- For showing great determination in all areas of his learning and striving for success in all areas. Jaxon has worked hard and shown great progress in literacy, especially in reading. He should be proud of his effort during all class activities. Well done, Jaxon!

**Other Nominees:** Alicia P, Izaac W, Jonathan K, Isabella W, Rhys P (K); Gabrielle Z, Harley W, Myah L (Yr 1); Allegra T, Emily E, Hunter F, Ruby C (Yr 2); Rianna L, Izabella N (Yr 3); Savanah D, Cameron S (Yr 4); Breanna S (Yr 5); Erin M (Yr 6)

### BELIEVE: Annabelle L (Yr 2)
- For gaining confidence in classroom discussions and displaying a strong determination to complete schoolwork to a high standard. Annabelle is an enthusiastic student with beautiful manners. Well done, Annabelle!

**Other Nominees:** Jayden M, Daniella P, Chase J, Luke M, Noah P (K); Harrison F, Braylen L (Yr 1); Charlotte J (Yr 2); Braylan H, Angela W (Yr 3); Taylor H, Ilana K (Yr 4); Luke L (Yr 5); Stephanie W, Yi-Tai Tsai, Blanca B (Yr 6)

### CARE: Lily M (Yr 2)
- For always being a wonderful and caring friend. Lily's kind nature always ensures everyone has a friend to play with. She is always thinking of others and goes out of her way to make sure everyone 'gets along' and are included in activities. Well done, Lily!

**Other Nominees:** Penelope S, Ashley G (K); Siella R, Nicole L (Yr 1); Marcus S, Lachlan S, Annabelle F (Yr 2); Keira P, Olivia V, Ellie H, Brayden U (Yr 3); Jalen F, Natasha M, Olivia P (Yr 4); Olivia A, Will C, Portia V, Imani J (Yr 5); Alysha C (Yr 6)

### SUCCEED: Efe T (Yr 3)
- For making a concerted effort to apply himself in all Key Learning Areas. Efe has demonstrated the ability to monitor his behaviour, work hard and consistently produce quality work of a high standard. Well done, Efe!

**Other Nominees:** Paul K, Matthew B (K); Emily S, Leilani E (Yr 1); Georgia C, Annabelle L, Rahul S, Tyler C (Yr 2); Erin S (Yr 3); Deanna C, Maddison W (Yr 4); Hayden B, William F (Yr 5); Emily C (Yr 6)

### BELIEVE: Claudia B (Yr 6)
- For developing the courage to believe in herself and her abilities. Claudia has made a conscious effort to contribute and share her ideas in class discussions. She is persistent when tackling learning challenges and is striving to achieve her personal learning goals. Well done, Claudia!

**Other Nominees:** Olivia H, Piper K (K); Christian T, Xavier R, Jake M (Yr 1); Alec C, Sebastian S, Samuel A, Jasmine S (Yr 2); Aidan O, Isabella B, Haylee M (Yr 3); Ryan C, Abigail P, Jake S (Yr 4) Chloe C (Yr 5)

### CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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<td>Always trying his best</td>
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<td>Excellent work during maths groups</td>
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<td>Excellent contributions to class discussions</td>
<td>5J Joseph C Making good progress in all areas of learning</td>
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<td>6C Cooper E His detailed biography and efforts in planning and researching</td>
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The students and teachers were welcomed by Mr Trench and Mr Matthews who ran the camp and led our adventure. We participated in activities such as; sheep mustering, milking cows, creating iMovies and feeding calves. We even got to go to an agricultural science laboratory to see a real scientific study on fruit flies. They taught us out about how they are researching into controlling the fruit fly for the farmers in Queensland.

The food was delicious but the accommodation was cold, we had to sleep in tents in the middle of winter. But overall the camp was fun, educational and awesome. A big thank you to Mrs Smukulis for organising this great experience.

By Talon G
6C
The boys soccer teams had a great day at the last Gala Day on 31st July. All four teams performed very well and produced some excellent soccer. Special congratulations to our Senior A team who finished second in the competition over the three Gala Days, and our Junior A team who finished third. The most pleasing aspect of the day was the excellent behaviour of all the boys and the great sportsmanship and effort they displayed on the field. Thank you to the parents who came along and supported the teams. Well done everyone!

Mr Beeby and Mr Gawthorne.

Hockey

Seniors
HPPS vs Narellan Vale Win 1-0
HPPS vs Narellan Vale Draw 0-0

Juniors
HPPS vs Narellan Vale Draw 0-0
HPPS vs Narellan Vale Win 1-0

FINALS
Snr HPPS vs Narellan Vale Loss 0-2
Jnr HPPS vs Narellan Vale Draw 1-1

Great team work and sportsmanship was shown by the students on the day. Well done to all HPPS hockey players.

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.harringtonp-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.

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.

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The Reading Hour

At libraries, schools, businesses and homes, thousands of Australians will be sharing a book together during National Celebration of The Reading Hour on Tuesday, 18th August between 6-7pm.

We are encouraging all families at HPPS to participate in the hour of reading anytime during the next week.

Show your children that you value reading and why not spend some special time together sharing a favourite book.

Everyone will be richer for the experience!
2015 Athletics Carnival

Friday 7th August dawned a clear, sunny day just right for our Athletics Carnival. With lane ropes laid, pits raked, stop watches primed, circles marked, sausages sizzling - we were ready for a great day! It was wonderful to have so many parents share the day with us.

Once again we had terrific support from a large group of students from Elizabeth Macarthur High School including: Frank C., Lucas G., Our thanks go to these students who made valuable contributions to the running of our day.

It was pleasing to see the great participation and involvement shown by our students across the different events and throughout the day. School ribbons will be given out at Stage assemblies in the near future.

Monday 10th August saw an equally beautiful, sunny, Winter’s day for our follow up 800m and relay event.

School Records

100m 9yr girls Sienna S., 11yr girls Bianca C., 12yr boys Hayden
High Jump 12 yrs boys Hayden F.
Long Jump 12yrs boys Hayden F.

House Points

Following our 800m and Relay event we are able to announce the final point score for Athletics for 2015.

Macarthur earned 220 points, Freeman earned 531 points, Fairfax earned 595 points.

The winning house for 2015 is BRADMAN on 646 points!!
Representing at Zone

Our Zone Carnival will be held on 27th-28th August at the Campbelltown Athletics Stadium. Students will be notified this week with a permission note if they are to represent our school at this event.

For your information there are qualifying distances and heights for the field events that students must meet to participate at Zone.

In the 100m event the first two times for each age group will compete.

For all other events there are Juniors (8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs), 11 years and Seniors (12yrs, 13yrs).

We will also be selecting the fastest 100m runners for Junior and Senior relay teams.
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**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
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