Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now half way through our first term and moving around the school I hear and see our students participating in highly engaging teaching and learning programs. To assist with the implementation of the curriculum your child’s class teacher was recently provided with a collaborative planning day. The aim of this initiative is to ensure consistency in curriculum planning, delivery and assessment across grades and stages. Staff reported how valuable it was to be able to discuss with their colleagues planning processes and to develop similar approaches to the way they will assess student work samples. These days are extremely valuable to all our staff and will continue to become an integrated professional learning activity throughout the year. The benefit to your children is that we have a consistent and sustainable approach to the quality of curriculum content being delivered, while staff engage in a valuable professional development experience that will improve their knowledge and application of teaching and learning programs.

Over the past month students have been consulted about making improvements to our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) system, which includes both positive rewards and negative consequences. Through our Parliament, members have taken suggestions from each of the classes and tabled them at the latest meeting. At this meeting the Parliament decided upon several suggestions to take to the school staff. These suggestions have been refined and will be raised for community consultation at the P & C meeting tomorrow night. It is hoped that within the next fortnight we will be able to relaunch our PBL system and implement the revised processes for both positive and negative behaviour.

Tomorrow night is the P & C Annual General Meeting. This is a great opportunity to come and join an enthusiastic group of parents who have the students and the school’s best interest in mind. There is a strong, positive working partnership between the school and the P & C and with more interest and participation from the community this can only become stronger. I look forward to hopefully seeing some new faces tomorrow night.

Lastly, thank you to all the parents and carers that attended our Meet the Teacher information night. It was extremely well supported and feedback I received from the event was very positive and supportive. If you missed out on attending please don’t hesitate to call your child’s class teacher to arrange a meeting. Similarly, at any time for any concern the class teacher is the first contact that should be made as they will have the most information about your child’s recent school activities.

Enjoy your week.

Mr B Green
On Tuesday 16th February, Harrington Park Public School held their annual swimming carnival at Camden Pool. 175 students from Years 2-6 attended the event and participated in a variety of races. It was wonderful to see so many parents and community members attending the event.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Brown, Mr Cortis and Ms Lalich for volunteering to be time keepers, your assistance on the day was greatly appreciated. Also a big thank you to all of the parents who helped supervise the students from the back of the stands, ensuring the safety of our students near the wading pool.

Thank you to Mrs Stevens for providing these wonderful photographs from the day.

Overall, it was a very successful day with many students qualifying for the zone swimming carnival on the 25th and 26th February in Picton.

Mrs A Tidyman
We have been creating initial art!

We have been setting goals!

Welcome to 4J

We are learning about the Dreamtime!

School is GREAT!
1M Loves Creative Writing

During reading groups 1M have been using their imaginations to write creative stories based on a picture stimulus.

We hope you enjoy reading our stories.

Once there was a little boy flying on a plane across an island. Then the plane crashed. Everyone died except the little boy. He fell into a pond in the jungle. Then he found a mine. He found a key inside the mine. Then he saw the exit. When he ran out he tripped over. He got a splinter. He was excited to turn around. It was a treasure chest! He found $1 000 000.00.  

Cameron

One day I was trapped in jail. I saw this mysterious chest. When I touched the chest 127 balls came out of the chest. It even turned me into a ball. Then all 128 balls bounced back into the chest. Then I turned back into myself.

Lachlan

One day I went to the beach. I found a house. In the house there was a chest. There was a key. I found another chest. In the chest were some cookies. I ate them all!

Alicia

I was opening a treasure chest and inside I saw fairies. I was going to take them when I saw the door close. I tried to open it but it was stuck. The fairies said they will magic it open and they did. We were saved!

Pranavi

In a volcano I saw $500 000 000.00. The volcano is going to erupt! Booooooom! I grabbed the treasure chest. Aaaaah, it is hot. The treasure chest is miiiine! Phew, I escaped from the volcano. Finally I get to open it.

Arham
The Book Fair is coming to Harrington Park and it is a wonderful opportunity for children to purchase a new book to enjoy!

The book fair will be open for the children to view the books from Thursday 17th March to Monday 21st March with their class.

The fair will then be open from Tuesday 22nd until Tuesday 29th March for children to purchase books both in their library lesson and at select times before and after school. Parents are also invited to visit the Fair before and after school.

The purchasing days and times will be advertised on posters around the school once they have been confirmed.

Every child who purchases a book from the fair will be given a raffle ticket which gives them the chance to win a lucky door prize.

Any enquires can be made to Mrs Bligh in the school’s Library.

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-p.schoo ls.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 your convenience, payments can now be made through “PoP” for all excursions, camps, or any financial transaction.