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## OUR WEEK

*CARE for others*

*BELIEVE in yourself*

*SUCCEED through effort*

### Book Club Issue 7

Each club has great gift ideas for Christmas. Why not order and pick up from the office to make your Christmas shopping that bit easier? Remember all sales benefit the school with reward points and coupons.

Look out for these gift ideas:

STAR – latest Percy Jackson "Sea of Monsters" by Rick Riordan \$14

ARROW – latest Alice Miranda Shines Bright by Jacqueline Harvey \$13

LUCKY – Billie B. Brown 10 book set by Sally Rippin \$50

WOMBAT – The Very Cranky Bear Collection by Nick Bland (3 books for \$19)

BUSY BEE – Sing and Dance Along to the best of the ABC for kids \$12.50

EXTRA – 200 Paper Planes to Fold and Fly \$20

You can find extra flyers in the Library. Orders and correct money are due to the office by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Happy Shopping,

The Book Club Team

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 2. The children have settled back into school quickly and are being very productive in their classes.

It was a cheap shout on Tuesday afternoon in the hall. I made one mum a cup of coffee and had a chat with her and another mum and one grandma. Each lady had useful feedback for our school. We are always interested in feedback from parents and students and together with teacher evaluations we try to modify and improve our school on a continual basis. I have included our annual survey with this newsletter. Each year I ask the same question of parents, teachers and Year 6 students, and use the scores as a way of monitoring our performance and report on the scores in our Annual School Report. We can only try to make things better when we know what you think. Basically it is important to know which things are highly valued and which things need to change. There is very increasing demand placed upon children's time in school and if we introduce something new it sometimes means that we need to take something out of things on offer. Please make sure that you let us know your thoughts.

This week we have students competing at the State Athletics Carnival as members of the South West Sydney team. We will let you know how they went next week. On Monday night our choir will be performing at the Opera House. This is always a highlight in our calendar and I am really looking forward to the performance.

Thank you to those people who have offered to help at our working bee. It will be held on Sunday 17th November, commencing at 12:30pm with a sausage sizzle. We aim to start work by 1:00 and work until 3:00pm. It's not too late to volunteer. Just fill in the slip and return it to the office.

I currently have several companies interested in running a before and after school care program at our school. I am interested to know if you think this is needed and would be used. Please let me know your thoughts.

Next week I will be working in Sydney all week and Mr Woudsma will be relieving as principal.

My thought for the week is from Dean Rusk, 'One of the best ways to persuade others is with your ears-by listening to them.'

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

### Year 7 Selective High Schools 2015

Earlier this week notes went out regarding Year 7 entry into selective high schools for 2015. This form must be returned to the school office by **Friday 18th November 2013**.

### DIARY



#### October

- 18th: School Spectacular Dance Rehearsal 2:30-4:30pm
- 21st: Choral Festival Performance
- 22nd: Nan Tien Temple excursion Year 2
- 23rd: Oracy Public Speaking
- 24th: Kindergarten Transition Day Group 2 No. 1
- 25th: Sports Photographs
- School Spectacular Dance Rehearsal 2:30-4:30pm
- 28th: Specialty Photographs
- Kindergarten Transition Day Group 1 No. 2
- School Spectacular Rehearsal 9:30am-2:30pm
- 30-31st: Yr 5 Bathurst Camp
- 31st: Nursing home visit 3/4B
- Nan Tien Temple excursion Year 1 and 1/2J

#### November

- 1st: Yr 5 Bathurst Camp
- 4th: School Spectacular Dance Rehearsal
- 5th: Melbourne Cup Day
- P&C Meeting - 7pm

### 2014 Kindergarten

Parents, please return your child's completed enrolment form as soon as possible. If your paperwork is outstanding please bring it to the Transition Program or any time that suits you.

Many thanks,

Mrs Malone

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

3C	Ashley C	Great work on her basic number knowledge in Maths	5B	Thomas G	Great working during Mathematics lessons
3C	Orlando F	Writing a great story about a scary house	5M	Sarah C	Great effort in measuring angles
3C	Chloe C	Always completing her work to a high standard	5M	Felix M	Exceptional effort in Mathematics
3C	Bailey C	Making fantastic connections to his text in Literacy Circles	5NT	Nicholas R	Fantastic effort in understanding and using fractions
3C	Kimberley C	Reading her texts with lovely fluency and expression	5NT	Jaimee W	Wonderful results in weekly spelling tests
3D	Luke B	Displaying high levels of focus during meditation	5S	Georgia T	Outstanding work during multiplication lessons
3D	Matthew C	Improved concentration and focus during class activities	5S	Ryan P	Being a multiplication wizard. Well done Ryan
3D	Joseph C	Working really hard on his narrative	5/60	Connor H	Great research in our Library Unit "Heraldry"
4EW	Hayden F	Working well as a team member	5/60	Alex W	Outstanding improvement in all three strands of Mathematics
4EW	Tara M	Working well as a team member	6G	Aaron T	A very pleasing effort in writing
4EW	Bradley G	Working well as a team member	6G	Victoria M	Excellent work in writing
4EW	Nicholas W	Working well as a team member	6O	Karley M	Excellent comments peers library video
4/50	Carissa W	Creating a creative game to present her P.I.P.	6O	Blake K	Excellent comments peers library video
4/50	Aiden W	Creating a great game to present his P.I.P.	6W	Sidney D	Great effort in all areas of learning
5B	Jessica W	An improved effort during guided reading groups	6W	Joseph P	A wonderful effort with his reading contract

## Help needed in the Uniform Shop

We urgently need helpers in the uniform shop. Only a couple of hours of your time is needed on a Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon and would be greatly appreciated. Help us continue to provide this service to you and your children.

## Robotics

At the end of Term 1 over 60 children from 3 classes at Harrington Park Public School were lucky enough to do Robotics with two university students, Daniel L and Felix K. Daniel and Felix organised to come back in Term 3 to continue the Robotics Program with 30 students from 5/60 and 4/50. During our robotics lessons we have learnt how robots work, how they are made and how to make several different ones. We had to then write a task and build, then program a robot to achieve it. We have made lots of mistakes and learnt a lot. The most important thing we learnt is to keep testing and not give up. I think that sometimes these robots have a mind of their own.



Chloe P - 5/60

## Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Will C is raising funds for JDRF this weekend. Come down and see us at Harrington Park Shops this Saturday from 8am and at Narellan Town Centre on Sunday from 9am.

For a gold coin donation you will be able to have one of our jelly baby cupcakes. We will also have other JDRF merchandise for sale. If you can't come and see us, tax deductible donations can be made at <http://ride.jdrf.org.au/Will'sWarriors/>

Thank you

## School Photos

Dates for school photos have now been finalised and are as follows:

Sports Photos - Friday 25th October  
Specialty Photos - Monday 28th October

## Hot Dog Day

Year 6 Fundraising  
Tuesday 12th November  
Separate note to come

## Working Bee

We are contemplating having a Working Bee early in Term 4. If you are interested in helping out would you prefer a Thursday from 1-3pm or a Sunday for a couple of hours. Please fill out the attached Expression of Interest form and return it to the school office.



### CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 21st October

**Mon:** am  
**Tue:** am Kylie,  
**Wed:** am Sam Jo  
**Thu:** am Ross, Sally  
**Fri:** am Alison, Sheena

pm  
pm Kylie  
pm Alysse  
pm  
pm





# 5S' Perspective Artworks

5S has been learning about perspective during instructed drawing in visual arts lessons. These are some of our amazing tree house creations.





# Mr Bush's Cambodian Trip

What an amazing experience. I had some very special moments that I will cherish forever and some really low days, both physically and emotionally.

My special memory will definitely be the people. Their happiness and respect was beautiful. I was fortunate on a number of occasions to work with children in the schools. Their enthusiasm, behaviour and smiling faces are etched into my brain.

Never again will I complain about teaching conditions in Australia. I have nothing but respect for the job that the Cambodian teachers do under appalling conditions.

Sadly some of the schools I worked in are now 1 metre under water in some of the worst flooding in the last 25 years. This occurred three days after I left. It has destroyed houses, roads, crops and killed people. People who I worked with lives have been seriously affected. Sadly it is not even mentioned on our news.

The money that our community so generously contributed went to paying for the local teachers to attend the course, more resources for their classrooms and for projects at the schools. This time the team laid a 30m2 slab of concrete. A tough job in scorching heat and humidity. As part of a health initiative toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap were also purchased and given to the children. They were delighted to receive these gifts.

It does make you think about what is really important in our lives.

The support of our community allowed me this special opportunity. Thank you everyone for your support.

Mr Bush





# ICAS Science 2013

The following students achieved credit (top25%) and distinction (top10%).

Credit: Annalysse S (Year 3)  
Matthew S, Tara M (Year 4)  
Alyssa C, Ashlee S, Paige E (Year 5)  
Distinction: Travis F (Year 3)  
Bradley S, Jayden T (Year 5)  
High Distinction: Lochi K (Year 4)

# ICAS Maths 2013

Credit: Joshua C, Travis F, Seth G, Tamzyn H, Noah O, Durshi S (Year 3)  
Jamie C, Clayton E, Lochi K, Lucy M, Dylan R, Matthew S, Adam S (Year 4)  
Paige E, Jeromy S (Year 5)  
Matthew B, Emily D, Ryan S, Portia Z (Year 6)  
Distinction: Breanna C, Bradley S, Jayden T (Year 5)

## Nationally consistent collection of data for students with disability

In addition to this newsletter is a letter outlining the federally driven initiative which is going out to **all students**. It aims to promote consistency in the collection of student needs across the nation.

The term, disability is being used in the broadest sense to indicate any student who may have received a modified program for a period of at least 10 weeks eg; reading recovery or adjustments to learning programs made by the teacher. The data collection in 2013 will be used to inform policy development for future funding. The data collection process will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection, please complete the tear off section and return it to the school before **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013**.



Last Friday Teranga from Musica Viva visited our school. All students and teachers that attended the performances had a lot of fun while participating in and learning about music from Africa.



## Expression of Interest - Working Bee

Sunday 12:30pm - 3pm

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

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## NET PROMOTER SCORE

Please rate our school by answering this question. If a neighbour or friend asked you to recommend our school as a school for their child by giving the school a score out of ten, with ten being the highest recommendation, what score would you give Harrington Park Public School?



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## Why?

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional) (If you would like a response, please leave name and contact details)

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***Please return this form to the office by Friday 1st November 2013***