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## OUR WEEK

*CARE for others*

*BELIEVE in yourself*

*SUCCEED through effort*

### Parent Information Session

#### Receptive and Expressive Language

**Speech Pathologist**, Meredith Oxley, will be at the school on **Wednesday 20th November** to speak to parents about **receptive and expressive language difficulties**.

Many children have difficulties in these areas to varying degrees. Meredith will explain how to **identify** these issues, **the impact on learning** and what you as parents and carers can do to **best assist your children**. This is relevant to parents of children of any age and your child does not need to have an identified need for you to attend. This session will be informative and useful to many.

We have invited Meredith on the same day as the Mini-fair in the hope that many parents can access this free session. It is envisaged that Meredith will speak from **9.15am until 10.00am** followed by a 15 minute question time. The venue will be in our PC lab. A light morning tea will also be provided.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 5. On Tuesday night Mr Bush presented to the P&C. He gave a talk on his recent trip to Cambodia and we had a live link via Skype with two of the workers from See Beyond Borders. His talk was very informative and gave great insight into the challenges faced by the people of Cambodia. Mr Bush expressed his gratitude to the school community for their support with the project and urged continued connections with the program for our school.

This week we have had the new bike area concreted so that we have a large enough area to park bikes. Our Bike Education program is progressing well and we are encouraged by the number of children who can now ride safely to school. Thanks to the P&C for their support in making this new area available to our children.

The grounds committee have been very busy and over the coming months we are hoping to initiate several major improvements to our school with projects jointly funded by the P&C and the school and also through money granted to the school which has been held over until we had the necessary funds to go ahead. We are hoping to build a new netball court and also provide new passive and fitness areas for the children to enjoy.

Our working bee on 17th November will be used to create new garden areas in the playground where children can enjoy quiet activities in shaded areas. Thanks to the people who have indicated that they can help on the day.

At the time of me writing this our senior girls are locked in battle with Newport PS in the Cricket State Knock-out. I hope that they go well and we will know by the time this letter is published if they have made it through to the next round.

Congratulations to Priyanka S in 3/4B who will be representing our area at the Regional Public Speaking Finals. Good luck Priyanka. I'm sure that we will be proud of your efforts.

The uniform shop has been staffed by volunteers in recent months and we are very grateful for their support. Business has been slow of late so for the rest of this term **the uniform shop will only be open on Tuesday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am. All orders outside of this time can be filled by email order or by leaving a form at the school office.**

My thought for the week is in relation to the new Australian Curriculum. Dwight Eisenhower said, 'Neither a wise man or a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him.' Our new curriculum is geared to equip our children to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Let's embrace it.

Have a good week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

### DIARY



#### November

- 8th: CBS Assembly
- 11th: Remembrance Day
- Kindergarten Transition Day Group 1 No.3
- 12th: Year 6 Hot Dog Day
- Hot Peppers Performance @ Homebush
- 14th: School Spectacular Choir Rehearsal
- 15th: School Spectacular Dance Rehearsal
- 17th: Working Bee 12:30pm-3:00pm
- 20th: Year 6 Mini Fair
- Parent Information Session
- 21st: Kindergarten Transition Day Group 2 No.3
- 25th-27th: Yr 6 Canberra Excursion
- 27th: Kindergarten Orientation Day
- School Spectacular Choir and Dance Full Rehearsal
- 28th: School Spectacular Choir and Dance Costume Rehearsal
- 29th-30th: School Spectacular Performance

#### December

- 3rd: P&C Meeting 7pm
- 4th: Year 6 Orientation Day at High School
- 6th: CBS Assembly
- 11th: Year 6 Sausage Sizzle (Canteen Closed)
- 13th: Presentation Day
- 16th: Yr 6 Farewell - Campbelltown Catholic Club - 6pm
- 18th: Students Finish Term 4
- 19-20th: Staff Development Day

#### January 2014

- 28th: Staff Development Day
- 29th: Students Return for Term 1 (Yrs 1-6)

### Year 7 Selective High Schools 2015

Earlier this term 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**.

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

1E	Anthony B	Excellent excursion manners and behaviour	2C	Liam S	Excellent behaviour and lovely manners on our excursion
1E	Olivia V	Excellent excursion manners and interest in activities	2C	Xavier D	Always striving to do his best
1G	Braylan H	Amazing story writing	2D	Caitlin K	Fantastic self editing of her writing
1G	Isaac W	Awesome holiday recount	2D	Mason D	Great work in computers using Power Point
1HP	Keeley B	Terrific effort in Readers Theatre	2MC	Jake H	Settling into class routines quickly
1HP	Annabelle M	Excellent presentation of work	2MC	Abigail P	Always trying her best in class
1M	Noah R	Excellent listening skills	2P	Kohan A	Fantastic use of paragraphs
1M	Tahlia M	Fantastic work during mathematics	2P	Rianna J	Excellent behaviour in class
1S	Zachary M	Trying hard to improve the presentation of his work	2P	Marcus R	Improved work in reading groups
1S	Benjamin D	Excellent work during TEN time	4EW	Ryley C	Working hard to improve her mental arithmetic
1/2J	Brooklyn B	An excellent "pop" art work	4EW	Liam S	Great effort in mental arithmetic
1/2J	Jake S	An excellent "pop" art work	4EW	Bradley G	Working hard to improve his times table knowledge
2C	Breiamber M	Writing an excellent recount on our excursion to the Nan Tien Temple			

## More success in Public Speaking

Priyanka S wins again. Priyanka won the District Oracy Public Speaking competition last week. In Term 3 she also won the District Multicultural Public Speaking. She will again represent the Macarthur District in the SSW Oracy Competition later this term.

Well done also to Amanda C who was highly commended in the Stage 1 division. Other students who were chosen to represent Harrington Park at the District Oracy were Sienna S, Akirra W, Paris M and Jayden T.

Well done to all students.



## Climate Clever FUN FACT: Week 5

If you use your computer for approximately 4 hours every day and leave it on standby it will cost you \$97 per year.

If you leave it on standby and do not turn it off at the power point it will cost you an extra 17 cents per hour!!

It uses 7 watts of power when the screen is left on and your monitor is turned off!

Save money and the earth by turning it off at the power point!



Researched by the Climate Clever Energy Savers of 4C

## 2013 Leavers

If your child is in Years K-5 and will not be returning to Harrington Park Public School in 2014, can you please advise the office in writing or collect a leavers form.

## Expression of Interest - Working Bee

Sunday 17th November 12:30pm - 3pm

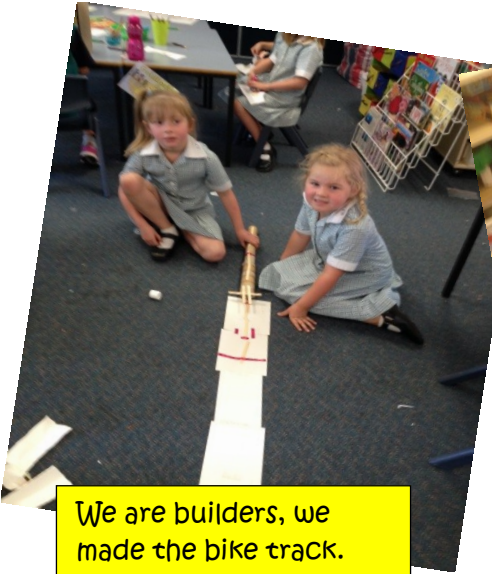
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# KT Park Creation

This term KT has been investigating the needs of our community in order to create a park for all ages. Here we are creating different aspects.



We are builders, we made the bike track.  
Eryn and Ruby



I am a builder, I helped make the slippery dip.  
Xander



I am a gardener, I helped make the grass and the pond  
Kynan

The Park we created



I am a builder, I helped make the cubby house.  
Ryan



I am a painter, I helped paint the trees.  
Lily





# Going on a bug hunt

Biodiversity is vital for supporting all life on Earth. It provides all of our food and many industrial products and medicines. Biodiversity also ensures clean air, water and fertile soils. Biodiversity is the foundation of healthy, functioning ecosystems upon which all life depends.

3D has been studying the biodiversity in our school environment. We read the text, 'Leaf Litter' by Rachel Tonkin and were very excited about discovering the animals that call Harrington Park PS home. We set pitfall traps, did a tree shake and searched through the leaf litter to find a variety of invertebrates. The boys were surprised to find spiders living in cicada shells, leaf hoppers, slaters, cockroaches and several St Andrews Cross spiders. They even found animals that they had never seen before. Jack even found a huge huntsman protecting its egg under a rock. The boys followed up with some fantastic futuristic drawings of creatures that drew inspiration from their findings.



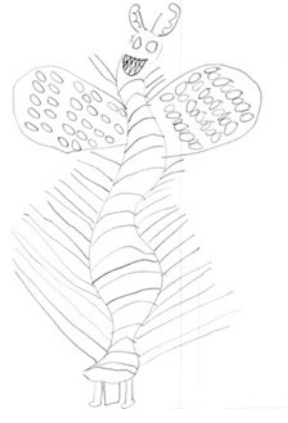
## Drawings inspired by insects



By Cameron



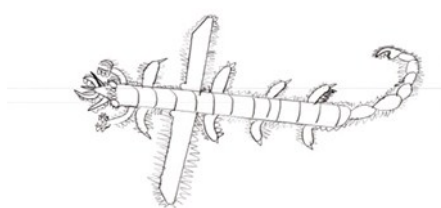
By Presley



By Charles



By Jack B



By Zac

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On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 24 students from Harrington Park PS went for the first time, to represent our school in the Macarthur District Chess Tournament at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. There were 192 students competing in one big room (that's 64 teams of three). We had eight teams with three in each. It was a great day, many thanks to the Junior Chess League for organising the day and also to the parents for assisting with transport. We look forward to future participation in this event. The team of Talon, Dylan K and Jamie finished best with a creditable 16<sup>th</sup> place.

Dylan K and Clayton E (4EW)



## Before and After School Care

It was mentioned in last week's newsletter that several companies have expressed an interest in running this kind of service on our premises and we are trying to gauge the need and support for such a service. It was discussed at the P&C this week and we are asking parents to send in the slip below if they would like the school to further consider this proposal. Five people wrote to me last week expressing interest, but we would need more than that. Please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office by Friday 15th November.

Thank you

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## Girl's Cricket State Knockout vs Newport Public School

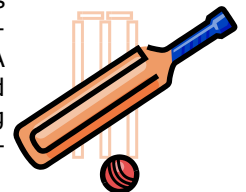
On Wednesday we travelled to Newport for our Round 5 match in the State Knockout. We had an hour and 40 minutes road trip to get there but we arrived at a very nice ground, close to the beach and with lots of shade and a cool sea breeze blowing across the field.

We won the toss and sent Newport in to bat. They got off to a very good start but some excellent bowling, especially by Jorja U and Karley M who took 3 wickets each, saw us bowl Newport out in the 22<sup>nd</sup> over.

Needing 129 to win, we got off to a great start thanks to our openers Portia Z and Kirsty I, and then an excellent innings by Lara R, who top scored with 17, kept us in the game. In the end though, the accurate Newport bowling was too good and they managed to win the game.

The girls should be very proud of their efforts this year and the big improvements they have made. Hopefully some of them will continue playing cricket in the future.

A big thank you to all the parents who made the long drive to Newport and supported the team. A very big thank you to Mr Quirk and Mrs Davis whose help in training the team has been greatly appreciated.



### CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 11th November

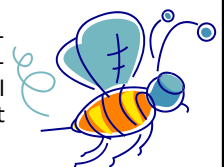
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**Wed:** am Sam Jo  
**Thu:** am Ross, Sally  
**Fri:** am

**pm**  
**pm** Kylie  
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## Working Bee

We are having a Working Bee in Term 4. If you are interested in helping out it will be held Sunday 17th November 12:30pm - 3:00pm. Please fill out the attached Expression of Interest form and return it to the school office.



I am interested in before and after school care operating on school premises.

If available I would use this service:

Before school only

After school Only

Both before and after school (Please circle)

I have .....children who would be using the service.



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