

HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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OUR WEEK

CARE for others

BELIEVE in yourself

SUCCEED through effort

Voluntary School Contributions

Voluntary school contributions of \$43 per child or \$65 per family are now being accepted by the school office. As the money goes towards stocking our library, any contribution received will be recognised by a name plate inside one of the library's new books.

To have your child recognised for his/her school contribution, any money received by **the end of Term 2** will automatically result in a book donated in your child's name. Your child will select the book of their choice and be given the privilege of being the first person to borrow the book from the library.

Thank you for your voluntary support of the school.



DIARY

TERM 1 March

- 1st: Zone Swimming
- 3rd: Clean Up Australia Day
- 4th: School Photos
- 5th: School Photos
P&C Meeting - 7pm
- 10th: Campbelltown Challenge Walk
- 14th: Selective High School Test - Yr 7 (2014)
- 19th: SSW Swimming at Bradbury Pools
- 22nd: Cross Country
- 26th: Interrelate - 6pm & 7:15pm
- 29th: Good Friday

April

- 1st: Easter Monday
- 2nd: P&C Meeting - 7pm
- 2nd-4th: Yr 6 Jervis Bay (1st day at pool)
Yr 6 Wooglemai camp
- 5th: CBS Assembly
Family Bush Dance
- 12th: Last day of Term 1
- 25th: ANZAC Day

TERM 2

- 29th-30th: Staff Development Day

May

- 1st: Student return - Term 2
Kindergarten Scripture commences
- 7th: P&C Meeting - 7pm
- 9th: P&C Mother's Day Stall
- 10th: Zone Cross Country
- 17th: Gala Day #1
- 21st: ICAS Computer Skills Test
- 22nd: Maths Olympiad #1

June

- 4th: P&C Meeting
- 7th: Gala Day #2
- 10th: Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
- 12th: Maths Olympiad #2
- 13th: SSW Cross Country @ Hurlstone Ag. HS
- 28th: Gala Day #3
Last Day of Term 2



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 5. Yesterday we were set to form new classes after many hours of careful consideration and reorganisation. Just as this was about to happen we received a new enrolment, and we had already received a new child the day before. The new enrolment yesterday will commence on Monday and provided our numbers stay constant all of next week we will be able to maintain 31 classes. We are hoping that this will be the case and that we can now continue with our current arrangements.

I promised in last week's newsletter to address some of the concerns raised in your surveys. This week I'd like to discuss our playground. There are many initiatives in the pipeline. We are currently establishing a grounds committee with staff, parents and children to look at how we can further develop our playground and the school grounds in general. I hope that you are noticing that there has been a considerable amount of effort in recent months to improve our grounds. The P&C are working with us to raise funds and we have had some donations and grants to help also. We are looking at different types of fixed equipment to install. We have created some passive areas and we are dividing some play areas for different age groups. We also have introduced lunchtime sports competitions and clubs such as the Lego Club. Children are also involved in extra curricular activities at these times. A structured play program is also being developed.

We had a working bee last term on a Sunday, where a few families worked hard to improve one area of the school. All of these projects take time and money. If we continue to work together I'm sure that our children will reap the benefits. If you are interested in helping with these projects and would like to be on our new committee please don't hesitate to contact me.

Congratulations to Bradley in Year 6 who this week was selected in a NSW Oz Tag team. We are very pleased for you Bradley. Well done!

We had planned to have our first Care, Believe, Succeed assembly tomorrow but the weather forecast is for storms, so we are postponing this event until next Friday, 8th March.

Over the next few weeks you will hear a lot in the media about the Gonski Review. The Federation of P&C's, and all major principals groups as well as the teachers Federation support the findings of this review, and if it is implemented our children will receive a much deserved increase to the funding of their education. I urge you to take an interest in the process and let your members of parliament know your feelings on the matter.

My thought for the week is from Marianne Williamson, 'The purpose of our lives is to give birth to the best which is within us.'

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

CARE BELIEVE SUCCEED ASSEMBLY

Our Care Believe Succeed Assembly will be held next Friday, 8th March 2013.

Year 7 High School Application Forms

Year 7 High School application forms will be given to the Year 6 students this week. They need to be returned no later than **Friday 15th March 2013.**

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

Week 3

3C	Keira H	Her artistic flair during visual arts lessons
3C	Madison B	Being a wonderful class helper
3C	Anthony R	His excellent effort in writing an exposition

Week 4

KF	Isabella W	Being a wonderful classroom helper
KF	Ella S	Taking pride in the presentation of her work
KF	Cooper E	Great class participation
KL	Isaac R	Being a keen and enthusiastic student
KL	Shelby M	Being a lovely neat worker
KM	Mackenzie R	Being a beautiful listener
KM	Chelsea R	Great reading of 'I can....' sentences
KT	Lily M	Always trying her best in her work
KT	Ryan T	Having fantastic listening skills
KTM	Alexis W	Always taking pride in her work
KTM	Ryan S	Great effort during sport
1E	Zahra K	Working hard during writing activities
1E	Pasquale M	Excellent participation during all activities
1G	Paris P	Beautiful 'hot air balloon' art
1G	Aaron F	Beautiful 'hot air balloon' art
1HP	Dakota L	Being a caring and responsible class member
1HP	Ella S	Beautiful manners and listening in class
1M	Jesse S	Helping others in the classroom
1M	Jacynthia M	Working hard in class
1S	Cooper M	Great listening skills and always trying his best
1S	Annalise S	Great effort during reading groups
1/2J	Joel B	Sharing great answers

1/2J	Jessica O	Being well mannered
2C	Eillan A	Wonderful listening and commitment to learning
2C	Jarrold B	Excellent effort during reading groups
2D	Jayden I	Outstanding effort in reading
2D	Taylor H	Wonderful work with writing
2MC	Jake H	Excellent work in mathematics
2MC	Daniella D	Working hard in class
2P	Olivia R	Being a great listener and always sharing her ideas during discussions
2P	Kohan L	Great work in reading groups

Week 5

3C	Tayla S	A great result in her first spelling test
3C	Adam T	Working well in our group mathematics lesson
3C	Will C	Writing an excellent recount about the storm
3D	Kyle S	Completing his homework to a very pleasing standard
3D	Joseph C	Completing his homework to a very pleasing standard
3D	Jayden M	Completing his homework to a very pleasing standard
3M	Maddison C	Excellent work ethics and dedication to learning
3M	Cooper C	Fantastic ideas during talking & listening
3M	Nikita S	Beautiful handwriting and book presentation
3/4B	Isabella F	Excellent speech presentation
3/4B	Jessie H	Excellent speech presentation
4EW	Cooper E	Great contributions in numeracy discussions
4EW	Clayton E	Excellent writing

Getting Ready For School Photographs



The school will be having class photos taken over two days on **4th-5th March**. All school photographs are pre-paid and payment must be received before the photo day (Thursday 28th February) to help with the overall organisation. Please

remember to put each child's payment in their separate envelope or write which of your children's envelope the payment is enclosed in if combining payments.

All children **must** be in **summer school uniform** to maintain uniformity in the students' appearance (school dress or school polo shirt/short/skort, all-white socks (girls); polo shirt and navy shorts, navy socks (boys) & **black school shoes** for all children. Hair ribbons in navy, jade and/or white are very welcome but other hair adornments including floral head pieces detract from the photo and are unacceptable. If your child needs their summer school uniform refreshed now is the time to get organised. The uniform shop is open on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

Family photographs of siblings in the school require a request for a payment envelope to be completed and handed in at the office. A special envelope will then be passed on to your child/ren. Please note that family photos will be taken **before school from 8:00am** or during lunch over the two days of photography. Family photos do not include preschool children or toddlers.

Friendships to boost your child's learning



If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

Scripture

The commencement of Scripture was delayed again this week but it will definitely begin next week on Wednesday 6th March.

2013 Swimming Carnival Age Champions

Congratulations to the following children who are the age champions for the 2013 Swimming Carnival:

Junior Girl Champion	-	Stephanie W
Junior Boy Champion	-	Luke T
11 Yrs Girl Champion	-	Ashlee S & Emily C
11 Yrs Boy Champion	-	Hayden C
Senior Girls Champion	-	Casey M
Senior Boys Champion	-	Angus W

Due to these students representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival today and tomorrow, their certificates will be presented at the next Care Believe Succeed Assembly later in the term.

Mrs Scherer



P&C News

This year the P&C will be holding various fundraising events. Our major focus for the year will be to improve our school playground. We would like to build another basketball court and provide some picnic table seating with shelters. In order to achieve these goals, we will need support from the local school community.

Our first fundraiser for the year is a Family Bush Dance. We have booked a live band called 'Coachwood' who will not only play some great music but will teach us the moves as well. This is to be held on Friday 6th April, with a BBQ from 5:30pm (put on by the canteen) and then dancing from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

The cost for the event will be:

Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) = \$20
Adult = \$8
Child = \$4

This will be a fun event and a great way to start the year. Bring your family and friends! There will be many exciting prizes to be won on the night.

A separate note will be coming home soon with all of the details and how to pay for your tickets.

If you are able to help out with donations of any prizes for this event, please email the P&C at hppsandc@yahoo.com.au.

P&C Meeting next Tuesday 5th March at 7pm in the staff-room. This is our AGM and all positions will be declared vacant. Everyone welcome. Hope to see you there!



National Ride to School Day

Preparations are well under way for National Ride2School Day on Friday 22nd March. Last year we had a tremendous response. This year we would like to go even further and have more students and parents celebrate riding, scooting and walking as fun ways to travel to school. Imagine one day with no cars around the school!



We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases 'drop off congestion'.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

When older kids struggle with reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page.



Find out more:

<http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>

Multiplication times tables



Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here's School A to Z's help sheet:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4024.pdf>

When sexuality is the question...



interrelate
has the
answers!



Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 80 years experience teaching sexuality education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skilful presenters.

The topic of sexuality will be handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The programs offer an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussion and games. A wide range of books on sexuality education and parenting will be for sale.

Evening programs provide age-specific sessions of about one hour's duration.

Where:
Harrington Park PS

When:
Tuesday 26th March 2013
6pm & 7:15pm

- informative
- entertaining
- family focussed
- designed to encourage parent/child discussion

*Keep a lookout for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content

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CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 4th March 2013

Monday:

am Stacey, Joanne, Lisa
pm Joanne

Tuesday:

am Kylie, Joanne, Lisa
pm Kylie, Lisa

Wednesday:

am Joanne, Lisa, Sam, Jo
pm Lisa

Thursday:

am Ross, Sally, Joanne, Lisa
pm Joanne

Friday:

am Simone, Sheena, Joanne, Lisa
pm Joanne, Lisa



Match Hosts



30th annual Charity Shield

St George Illawarra Dragons v South Sydney Rabbitohs
Ticket Offer – 7.30pm kick-off - Friday 22 February

Rugby league's great rivals the St George Illawarra Dragons and South Sydney Rabbitohs will battle it out in the 30th annual Charity Shield match at ANZ Stadium from 7.30pm on Friday 22 February.

The 2013 fixture will be the pre-season highlight before the NRL season swings into action on Thursday 7 March.

The principal sponsor of the Premier's Sporting Challenge Rugby League's One Community, along with the Dragons, Rabbitohs and ANZ Stadium are giving students and staff members at your school the chance to purchase an Adult General Admission ticket and receive a FREE Junior (age 4 – 16 years inclusive) General Admission for the clash!

To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should:

1. Simply click here: www.ticketek.com.au/schools
2. Enter one of the special passwords listed below:
 - Rabbitohs Fans: **GREEN**
 - Dragons Fans: **RED**
 - Public: **FOOTY**
3. Purchase their tickets and complete their details.
4. Select EzyTicket as the delivery method and bring them with you on the day to gain entry through the gates.

Please note: Students *must* have parental permission to purchase tickets in this offer. Transport to and from the venue is the ticket holder's own responsibility and is not included in the ticket price.

Public transport: Fans heading to the match by train should travel to Lidcombe Station and change for a connecting service to Olympic Park Station.

Sydney Buses will operate to a normal weekday timetable. Route 525 operates between Parramatta and Burwood via Sydney Olympic Park. Please check timetable for last trips departing Sydney Olympic Park.

To plan your trip, visit www.131500.com.au.

Parking: Casual parking is available in the precinct. The closest parking station to ANZ Stadium is P1.

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VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

FAMILY NAME: _____

Please find enclosed: *(please circle)*

\$43 - single child / \$65 - family as my voluntary 2013 school contributions for my child/ren listed below.

I request these funds be deposited into the Harrington Park PS Library Fund. Please provide me with a tax receipt.

Signed: _____ (Parent / Caregiver) **Date:** _____

STUDENT: _____ **CLASS:** _____

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CHANGED CONTACT DETAILS

Child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Please only update the contact details that have changed:

New Home Address: _____
(Proof of residency is required for change of address – please attach)

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mother Contact Details: _____ (Work) _____ (Mobile)

Father Contact Details: _____ (Work) _____ (Mobile)

Emergency Contact Details: _____ (Phone) _____ (Relationship)

Emergency Contact Details: _____ (Phone) _____ (Relationship)

Please delete previous contact details for: _____

2nd Notice

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH REQUEST

FAMILY NAME: _____

I request a family photograph be taken of my school aged children listed below.
Please supply me with a payment envelope which I will return to the school office
prior to the Photo Days with money enclosed.

CHILD'S NAME: _____ **CLASS:** _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ **CLASS:** _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____ **CLASS:** _____

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
(Parent / Caregiver)

EMAILING LIST

STUDENT NAME: _____ **CLASS:** _____

PARENT NAME: _____

I would like the school newsletter emailed to the following address:

Please change my mailing address to: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent / Caregiver) **Date:** _____