

HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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OUR WEEK

CARE for others

BELIEVE in yourself

SUCCEED through effort

Care, Believe, Succeed Awards FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
NOMINEES FOR FEBRUARY

CARE: Durshi S (Yr 3) For being a kind and considerate friend to others. She has welcomed two new students into the school and done everything possible to make sure they are happy and comfortable in their new surroundings. We need more people like her in the world. Congratulations, Durshi!



Other Nominees: Georgia W, Katarina M, Irvin V, Ryan S, Ava S (K); Charlie W, Jack D, William T, Dakota L, Lucas B, Jonathan N (Yr 1); Eillan A, Breeanna L, Gabrielle R, Kayley S (Yr 2); Lucy O, Annabelle M (Yr 3); Jamie F, Shae E, Lily D (Yr 4); Mia C, Sara S, Olivia S (Yr 5) Reuben W, Luke D (Yr 6)



BELIEVE: Ryan E (Yr 4) For his determination to succeed in all that he attempts. Ryan works extremely hard to improve his understanding and knowledge in all key learning areas. He represented his team proudly at the swimming carnival and pushed himself in many challenging events. Congratulations, Ryan!

Other Nominees: Alec C, Logan G, Lachlan S, Eva R (K); Charlie T (Yr 1); Darci C, Hannah R, Deanna C (Yr 2); Luke B (Yr 3); Tane M, Jack O, Georgia T, Jake M, Dylan S, Connor E (Yr 5); Jemma T, Hayley M (Yr 6)

SUCCEED: Tara F (Yr 5) For consistently challenging her own expectations of her learning. Tara has displayed exemplary cooperative learning skills in her participation in group tasks. She should be congratulated for her enthusiasm when participating in class activities and her drive to succeed in all areas of learning. She is an outstanding role model for her peers and always displays a positive attitude. Congratulations, Tara!



Other Nominees: Caiden S, Dario C, Georgia de R, Mikey E (K); Isabella T, Matthew B, Samuel P (Yr 1); Jake H, Jett M (Yr 2); Bri H, Samuel P, Jake D (Yr 3); Alexander C, Louis H, Robbie M, Hannah T (4); Patrick S, Jordyn E (Yr 5); Emily D, Jasmine C (Yr 6)

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.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 7. Thank you to those people who have already voted on the school hat question. Voting closes tomorrow, so please get your vote into the school office by then if you wish to have your say.

Some parental responses in the recent survey made comments about the curriculum. Some parents liked the choices on offer at our school, and some preferred a narrowing of the subjects. Schools in NSW are bound by the Board of Studies which dictates the curriculum that is to be taught. We are currently moving to a national curriculum which will be phased in over the next few years. This is going to involve a considerable amount of training by the staff of our school. The school leadership team in particular is currently involved in training which will then be delivered to all staff members. This is an exciting time as we learn of new ways to deliver learning for our children, which will equip them with the skills necessary in a rapidly changing world. There will still be a strong emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy, particularly in primary schools, and these two areas will be the first to be looked at by our school. We are also beginning to look at Science and have already been involved in a little bit of development work on the upcoming History syllabus.

I have recently negotiated with Sydney University to introduce a new robotics program for our school and a trial day will be held with three classes in Week 10 of this term. If this day goes well we are hoping to build upon the program.

My thought for the week comes from my father, Francis Best, who once wrote, "In my opinion, a good linguist is someone who can listen well in seven languages."

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

DIARY



TERM 1 March

- 15-16th: Camden Show
- 19th: SSW Swimming at Bradbury Pools
- 22nd: National Ride to School Day
Cross Country
- 26th: Minnamurra Falls Excursion - Yr 3 & 3/4B
Interrelate - 6pm & 7:15pm
- 27th: Minnamurra Falls Excursion - Yr 4 & 4/50
- 28th: K-2 Easter Hat Parade - 12pm
- 29th: Good Friday

April

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

TERM 2

- 29th-30th: Staff Development Day

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

Week 7

3D	Tyson A	Being a positive role model to his peers	5B	Joanne P	Working consistently in all KLA's
3D	Jack B	Always doing his best and displaying lovely manners	5B	Owen F	Great work during all maths lessons
			5M	Jackson J	His enthusiasm during our work on Natural Disasters
3D	Bayley S	Working productively in reading groups	5M	Sara S	Excellent attitude to learning
3/4B	Travis F	Excellent effort in tables	5NT	Georgia F	Settling in well to her new class
3/4B	Oliver B	Excellent effort in maths	5NT	Tyanne D	Beautiful work in handwriting lessons
4C	Kirstie W	Improving her ability to subtract when trading is involved	5S	Saif J	Being a conscientious and hard working student
4C	Lachlan J	Trying hard during maths lessons involving perimeter	5S	Kayla F	Outstanding work during computers and in homework
4EW	Damara M	Splendid poetry recital	5/6O	Chloe P	Excellent effort with her homework
4EW	Clayton E	Splendid poetry recital	5/6O	Blake M	Excellent problem solving in maths
4EW	Barbara P	Great effort in mathematics	6G	Madeline A	Excellent results in spelling
4EW	Keira M	Great effort in mathematics	6G	Victoria M	Excellent results in spelling
4/5O	Hayley F	Developing persuasive language in her expositions	6O	Lachlan S	Excellent concentration during writing on text types
4/5O	Morgan W	Thinking deeply about the characters in the novel	6O	Madison N	Continuing to display high levels of application
4/5O	Jessica M	Deep thinking about the novel in literature circles	6W	Andrew S	Always focussing on his work
4/5O	Stephanie W	Writing convincing arguments in her exposition	6W	Aurora T	Consistently completing all tasks

National Ride2School Day



Preparations are well under way for the 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.



School Cross Country Carnival

The school cross country carnival will be held next Friday, 22nd March, at school. The carnival for Years 2-6 will commence at approximately 9:15am and should conclude by 11am. The top 4 students in each age group from 8 years to 13 years will go on to represent the school at the zone competition. There will also be a special race for all the children in Year 2 who turn 7 this year. All parents are welcome to attend and cheer on their children. A sausage sizzle will also be held at the carnival to raise funds for the Year 6 Farewell.

Students must wear their sports uniform or a uniform consisting predominantly of the colours of their sports house (Fairfax=Red; Macarthur=Green; Bradman=Blue; Freeman=Yellow), and must also remember to bring a large cold drink, something to eat (preferably energy food eg. banana etc), and protection from the sun including a hat and sunscreen.

We also still require parents to assist on the day by acting as track officials. Please see Miss Carter in the morning if you are able to help.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to the following children for their selection in Razorback Teams:

AFL	- Andrew S, Emerson D, Hayden C
Basketball	- Blake M, Briannan E
11's Rugby League	- Bradley F, Tane M
Open's Rugby League	- Reuben W
Swimming	- Stephanie W, Shae E, Caitlin C, Georgia M, Luke T, Liam S, Lochi K, Aiden W, Casey M, Madison N, Victoria G, Amelia K, Hayden C, Jackson F, Lachlan S, Angus W



Congratulations to Blake M for being chosen in the SSW Boys Basketball team. Good luck at the NSW trials.

Book Club

IMPORTANT Book Club Information

As you are aware Harrington Park Public School is a large school and many steps are involved in the Book Club process. Occasionally an error occurs that needs to be sorted out. We would appreciate your support in checking the following carefully:



1. When you fill in the order form, place your child's full name and correct class replacing the number of items and the correct money total.
2. When the order comes home, please check that you have received only the items you ordered.
3. If there is a problem, please keep the order form and items and bring to the library to Mrs Creasey so that it can be resolved.

Your support in this would be greatly appreciated.

The Book Club Team

Book Club Issue 2 Ordering



Issue 1 was very well supported with lots of great books purchased. Issue 2 orders are due Monday 18th March. Please complete the order form and place with payment into the office by 3pm on this day for your order to be included.

Think about a book gift for Easter instead of chocolates - a gift that lasts! Happy browsing.

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

interrelate Strengthening family relationships ... since 1926

CANTEEN HELPERS
Week Beginning 18th March 2013

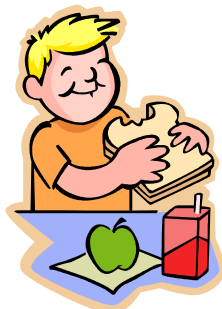
Monday:
am Stacey, Joanne, Lisa
pm Joanne

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



ICAS Competitions for Years 3-6

Your child is invited to participate in the 2013 International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS). ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 3-12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for National tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses.

• Computer Skills (Tues 21/5/13)	=	\$ 8.00
• Science (Wed 5/6/13)	=	\$ 8.00
• Writing (Mon 17/6/13)	=	\$17.00
• Spelling (Tues 18/6/13)	=	\$11.00
• English (Wed 31/7/13)	=	\$ 8.00
• Mathematics (Tues 13/8/13)	=	\$ 8.00

Please return permission slip with payment by Wednesday 10th April, 2013.

Absentee Notes



If your child/ren is absent from school for any reason, please ensure that you send in a note explaining your child/ren's absence to the class teacher on their return.

P&C News

Thanks to everyone who attended our AGM last Tuesday night. Great to see some new faces. Thanks to our outgoing committee for all of their hard work and congratulations to the new committee for 2013.

President—Raelean B, Vice President (Canteen) - Ross Z, Vice President (Uniform) - Stephanie J, Treasurer— Lydia Y Secretary—Jo B, Fundraising Coordinator—Kim E

Bush Dance

Organisation is well underway for this exciting family event. We have already received many fantastic donations to give away on the night. There will be a chocolate wheel as well as lucky door prizes. A note was sent home this week with the payment slip attached. The canteen will be open selling drinks and running the BBQ. A coffee van has also been organised for the night. Bring your family and friends for a great night.

Easter Raffle

We are holding an Easter Raffle again this year. We are asking for donations of eggs, baskets, gift bags, cellophane. These items can be dropped off at the canteen. A book of 10 tickets will be sent home today. These will sell for 50c each or 5 for \$2. We would appreciate tickets being returned by Wednesday 27th March. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th March at The K-2 Easter Hat Parade.

If you are able to spare some time on Friday 22nd March we would love some to help put the Easter Raffle prizes together. We will meet at 9:00am outside the library.

Year 1 Thirlmere Trainworks Excursion

Year 1 classes including Year 1 in 1/2J will be going on an excursion to Thirlmere Trainworks on Thursday, 4th April 2013.

The cost of the excursion is \$24 and this covers the cost of buses and entry. Payment and permission note must be received by 28th March.



Year 3 & 4 Excursion to Minnamurra Falls



Years 3 and 4 will be going on an excursion to Minnamurra Falls. Year 3 and class 3/4B will be attending on Tuesday, 26th March 2013. Year 4 and class 4/50 will be attending on Wednesday, 27th March 2013.

The cost of the excursion is \$28. Payment and permission note must be received by Wednesday, 20th March.

Student Banking

Student bank books should be sent to the office each Wednesday morning and will be returned to the classroom the following day.

Year 7 High School Application Forms

Year 7 High School application forms have been given to the Year 6 students. They need to be returned tomorrow, **Friday 15th March 2013**.

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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: _____

STUDENT: _____ CLASS: _____

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STUDENT: _____ CLASS: _____

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: _____

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: _____

HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL HAT VOTING SLIP

I support the phasing out of 'Baseball Caps' and the phasing in of 'Broad Brimmed Hats'.

YES

☐

NO

☐

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return voting slip to the school office by Friday 15th March, 2013.