

# HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## OUR WEEK

*CARE for others*

*BELIEVE in yourself*

*SUCCEED through effort*

### National Ride2School Day



The National Ride2School Day is on tomorrow, 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.



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 8. Since we live in the land down under I thought I'd start my message this week with my thought for the week rather than finish with it. My thought is a question. "Have schools outlived their purpose?" Please give this some thought and then Google 'Sugata Mitra TED Lecture School in the Clouds.' The lecture is about twenty minutes long and well worth listening to. It has some serious implications for twenty-first century learners.

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed as part of the Razorback Team at the SW Sydney Regional carnival yesterday. They did a wonderful job. Hayden and Caitlin C have been selected for individual representation at the state carnival as have our junior boys and girls, and senior girl relay teams. Hayden has also been named as regional champion. This is a great effort from everyone, and every team member should be proud of their achievements.

The bush dance will soon be upon us. I hope that you are able to come to this family social occasion. Some parents requested more dance opportunities for the children in our recent survey, and whilst this isn't a disco it is a dance and it will give us all an opportunity to have fun together as a school community.

Two weeks ago we had a visitor from the USA, Harriet Becker, who is a board member and founder of the Ithaca Children's Garden Project in New York State. She was interested in seeing the programs operating in our school. Harriet also shared some good ideas that we might adopt in our playground plan. She also visited some classes and gave a talk to one group. She commented on the wonderful behaviour of our children and the high levels of engagement in learning, and asked me to pass on her comments to you. She was very impressed with the positive atmosphere that she found here and really enjoyed her visit.

I was also complimented on our children's behaviour at the recent zone swimming carnival. It was good to see them being excellent ambassadors for our school.

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best



The Junior Girls Relay Team before they went on to win the relay after qualifying for the final in 3rd place.

## DAILY

### TERM 1 March

- 22nd: National Ride to School Day  
Cross Country Yrs 2-6 & Sausage Sizzle
- 23rd: Earth Hour @ 8:30pm
- 25-28th: Book Fair
- 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 & P&C Easter Raffle  
Stage 2 Science Day
- 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
- 4th: Yr 1 Thirlmere Trainworks Excursion
- 5th: Family Bush Dance - P&C
- 8th: Yr 4 Environmentors Workshop
- 11th: 3/4B Nursing Home Visit
- 12th: ANZAC Day Ceremony  
Last day of Term 1
- 25th: ANZAC Day



## EARTH HOUR 2013 60

Harrington Park Public School is proud to support Earth Hour, 2013. Join us and millions of global citizens in a symbol of commitment to a sustainable future by turning off your lights for one hour on Saturday 23rd March. Our school's Earth Hour will take place on Friday 22nd March. With many classes already using natural light every school day this should be easily achieved.

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

KF	Kate N	Being a friendly & helpful class member	3M	Kyran C	Settling in well to his new school
KF	Connor C	A great effort with his writing	3M	Audrey A	Excellent ideas during talking & listening
KF	Katie B	Working well during literacy groups	3M	Blaine D	Always trying his best
KL	Imogen Y	Working well in literacy groups	3/4B	Kaitlyn F	Excellent discussion writing
KL	Jessica D	Being a keen and enthusiastic student	3/4B	Hayley G	Excellent discussion writing
KL	Sebastian S	Being a lovely neat worker	4B	Toby S	For maintaining a high standard of neatness in all areas
KM	Ashton A	For excellent comprehension during shared reading	4B	Montana P	Being an excellent role model to her peers
KM	Tyler A	Excellent sentence writing	4B	Annette A	Consistently neat bookwork
KM	Kaylee W	Excellent work in reading groups	4B	Monique G	Always being a sensible and hardworking class member
KT	Alyssa S	For being brave and answering questions in class	4EW	Dylan K	Great improvement in fast mathematics
KT	Theo P	For an excellent effort in writing	4EW	Abbey H	Working well in mathematics
KT	Hayden M	For beginning to recognise dot patterns on a dice	4/5O	Carissa W	For a convincing, confident impromptu speech that went for 1 min 35 sec
KTM	Rahul S	Being a quiet, hard working student	4/5O	Noah P	For a confident impromptu speech with great eye contact with the audience
KTM	Arshiya M	Great listening and always trying hard	4/5O	Claire M	For a confident impromptu speech that went over a minute
KTM	Mia S	Always having lovely, neat work	5B	Zoe E	A super effort with her guided reading activities
1E	Samantha L	Increased confidence during class activities	5B	Anthony A	A great effort during weekly spelling activities
1E	Zaid H	Working hard in all class activities	5M	Braith M	His great enthusiasm during fitness activities
1G	Braylan H	Great concentration during TEN activities	5M	Monica S	Her great effort across all learning areas
1G	Simone W	Great counting in TEN activities	5NT	Lachlan S	Excellent work in estimating and calculating perimeter
1HP	Benjiman O	Outstanding spelling results	5NT	Nicholas R	A terrific effort in supporting his arguments with evidence
1HP	Jackson D	Making great 2D shapes on the geoboard	5S	Michael H	For fantastic effort and questioning during anti-bullying lessons
1S	Brock C	Trying to do his best at all times	5S	Taylah H	For great application and effort in all areas of her learning
1S	David M	Excellent work during shared reading	5/6O	Brianna S	For her excellent work study habits
1/2J	Ezekiel C	Excellent work in maths	5/6O	Matthew B	His excellent report on a bearded dragon
1/2J	Olivia P	Excellent effort in all areas	6G	Angus P	Excellent results in spelling
2C	Bree B	Excellent work during maths lessons	6G	Cooper B	Excellent results in spelling
2C	Caydn F	Excellent participation during class discussions	6O	Bryce C	Excellent concentration during maths
2D	Olivia B	Making insightful predictions during reading groups	6O	Conor M	Excellent work with decimals & fractions
2D	Blake P	Creative use of adjectives when writing	6W	Habib A	Being an enthusiastic class member
2P	Mikaela M	Being a beautiful listener	6W	Paige G	Wonderful creativity in her writing
2P	Lilly C	Being a fantastic helper during computers			
3C	Imani J	Working very hard to complete set tasks			
3C	Olivia S	Being a great class role model			
3C	Jayden M	Working hard in all areas			
3D	Jack K	Improved spelling			
3D	Ethan W	Working hard to build his garden			
3D	Jack B	Improved work habits			

## Old Bikes for 3D's Boy's Shed

3D is looking for any old bikes or bike parts that people no longer want. The children will use the bikes to pull apart, rebuild and learn about general maintenance. If you have a bike gathering dust in the back shed or one that doesn't work please let Mr Martin know. Pick up can be arranged.



## 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.

## SEAMSTRESS NEEDED

Are you a confident seamstress who can help with sewing of costumes for the Primary and Senior Dance Ensembles.



Anyone who is interested and is willing to help please see Mrs Scherer or Mrs Batty as soon as possible.



Last year, Harrington Park Public School participated in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. We collected thousands of stickers and earned more than 35,000 points for the school.

With those points we received over 30 big books, 30 audio books, solar systems models, calculators, construction blocks and Zoob building systems, site licences for 5 mathematics interactive programs, globes, library books and teachers resources for both mathematics and creative arts.

Thank you again to everyone who helped collect stickers and enabled us to receive these items.





# School Cross Country Carnival

The school cross country carnival will be held tomorrow at school. The carnival for Years 2-6 will commence at approximately 9:15 am and should conclude by 11 am. 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 for the whole school 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. If your child suffers from asthma please make sure they bring their puffer.

We also still require parents to assist on the day by acting as track officials. Track officials simply sit on a chair in positions around the course and monitor runners as they pass. Please see Miss Carter in the morning if you are able to help.

**Order of races** (commencing at approximately 9:30am and concluding at approximately 11am)

12 Years Girls  
12 Years Boys  
7 Years Girls  
7 Years Boys  
8/9 Years Girls  
8/9 Years Boys  
10 Years Girls  
10 Years Boys  
11 Years Girls  
11 Years Boys



## Sausage Sizzle

\$3 for a sausage sandwich and drink (sausage sandwich only \$2). Money will be collected by all class teachers K-6 before the cross country.

# Sporting Achievements

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

Soccer: Taylah C

Congratulations to the following children for a wonderful effort in the pool and their selection in the Sydney South West team:

Stephanie W, Shae E, Caitlin C, Georgia M, Luke T, Liam S, Lochi K, Aiden W, Casey M, Madison N, Victoria G, Amelia K and Hayden C.

Hayden C achieved first in 11 year old 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and 3rd in the senior 200m IM and Open 100m freestyle. Caitlin C came 3rd in the 8 year old 50m Freestyle. Our junior girls relay came first and our senior girls relay and junior boys relay came 3rd.

Good luck at the NSW trials.

**KIDS' HOLIDAY CLUB**

**When?** Thursday & Friday 18 & 19 April, 9am - 3pm  
Holiday Club Finale: Sunday 21 April, 10am - 12pm

**Where?** Harrington Park School Hall

**Who?** Kinder - Year 6

**What?** Drama, Games, Bible Discovery, Singing, Craft, Food. Sunday includes kids' performance, video highlights, face painting, jumping castle & morning tea. FREE!

**Cost?** \$10 each day (\$25/family) (Sunday Finale is FREE!)

**Info?** [www.harringtonparkchurch.org.au](http://www.harringtonparkchurch.org.au) 4648-1822

# Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair begins this week, with the books for sale being delivered on Wednesday so we can "set up shop". All stage groups will be given the opportunity to preview the books this week, and selling will begin on Monday 25th March and be open until Thursday 28th March. Parents are welcome to view the products for sale anytime, but you may wish to pop in after the Cross Country on Friday morning. Please understand that Library Staff are unable to conduct sales with parents when they are taking classes but any parent that would be able to assist with the fair sales before or after school next week should contact Mrs Solomons or Mrs Creasey in the Library. A flyer advertising some of the books for sale will be given to your children during Library lessons this week. Anyone wishing to take advantage of purchasing from this leaflet may use the credit card slip details on the back and the student can bring it to their library lesson.

The commission raised from the fair allows us to order new items for the Library. Maybe a book for Easter would be a nice idea. If stock runs low in any particular title on the fair, Scholastic are able to supply extra copies in most instances, and attempt to fill these pre-paid orders within a week of the fair closing.

Children have the opportunity to purchase items from the fair during their Library lesson next week. Parents are able to purchase from the fair before school from 8:05am to 8:55am, and after school from 3:05pm to 3:30pm (providing enough personnel can be organised to help out).



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

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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 25th March 2013

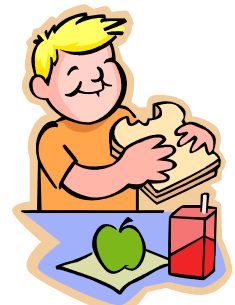
**Monday:**  
am Stacey, Joanne, Lisa  
pm Joanne

**Tuesday:**  
am Kylie, Kerrin, Joanne, Lisa  
pm Kylie, Lisa

**Wednesday:**  
am Joanne, Lisa, Sam, Jo  
pm Joanne

**Thursday:**  
am Ross, Sally, Joanne, Lisa  
pm Lisa

**Friday:**  
GOOD FRIDAY



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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)

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Emergency Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Relationship)

Please delete previous contact details for: \_\_\_\_\_

### Interrelate SCHOOL SERVICES presents A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

**FAMILY ADMISSION: 1 session \$25 per family 2 sessions \$30 per family**  
(cost to the school, inclusive of GST, is \$27.50 and \$33 respectively)

**Where: HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**When: Tuesday, 26th March 2013**

**Time: 6:00pm SHARP ("Where Did I Come From?") 7:15pm ("Preparing for Puberty")**

**Please Note:** Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.

----- *Please complete and return to your school, with payment in an envelope* -----

### A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

Name of Family: .....

No. attending: ☐ Session 1: "Where Did I Come From?" ☐ Session 2: "Preparing for Puberty"

Amount enclosed: \$..... Cash      Cheque *(Please make cheques payable to school)*

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