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OUR WEEK

CARE for others

BELIEVE in yourself

SUCCEED through effort

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Earth Hour

Last Friday the boys in 3D celebrated Earth Hour by planting 20 native trees in the school grounds. The trees will be looked after by the boys and will provide valuable habitat and food for native animals. Well done boys!



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9. I am looking forward to catching up with many of you at our Easter Hat Parade today. It should be lots of fun.

Last week principals in our area met with the Local Area Commander of Police and our Police Liaison Officers. The main focus of our discussion was Cyber-Bullying. The rise of social media networks has created a space for rapid communication which is a good thing. Unfortunately there are always people who will abuse systems, and this is the case with Cyber-Bullying. I watched an edition of Compass on the ABC last Sunday which addressed the issue and highlighted some innovative programs that are being used in schools. Next term I am hoping to run some workshops in conjunction with the police for students and for parents. I'm sure that if we all work together we can make a difference in this very important area.

Next week Year 6 will be going to camp. Some students will be going to Wooglemai and some to Jervis Bay. I will be visiting both camps and I'm sure that the children will make many happy memories.

We have several swimmers competing at the state carnival next week. I know that you will join with me in wishing them well. We look forward to hearing how you went, and I'm sure that you will be great ambassadors for our school.

The bush dance is next week. Please try to come along if you can. It promises to be a great night.

This week I thought I'd share a piece by Diane Loomans with you. "If I had my child to raise all over again, I'd finger paint more, and point the finger less. I would do less correcting and more connecting. I'd take my eyes off the watch and watch with my eyes. I would care to know less and know to care more. I'd take more hikes and fly more kites. I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play. I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars. I'd do more hugging and less tugging. I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later. I would be firm less often and affirm much more. I'd teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love".

Happy Easter!

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

DIARY



TERM 1 March

- 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 & BBQ
- 8th: Yr 4 Environmentors Workshop
Girls Cricket State Knockout
- 9th: Softball Knockout
- 10th: Mufti Day
- 11th: 3/4B Nursing Home Visit
- 12th: ANZAC Day Ceremony
Last day of Term 1

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.

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.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

Week 8

KF	Jordan K	A wonderful effort with reading & writing	2C	Ilana K	Excellent work during reading groups
KF	Shanice M	A wonderful effort with her writing	2C	Liam S	Excellent use of reading strategies
KF	Lilyarna G	Fantastic work during number groups	2D	Isabella B	Outstanding effort in the cross country carnival
KL	Tilly M	Always taking pride in her work	2D	Emily A	Trying hard to improve her writing
KL	Ethan M	Excellent participation in all activities	2MC	Madison G	Always trying her best
KL	Toby D	Being a wonderful classroom helper	2MC	Luke N	Excellent work in reading groups
KM	Jasmine S	Outstanding homework & neat bookwork	2MC	Hudson E	Trying hard in class
KM	Jennifer J	Beautiful handwriting and excellent work habits	2P	Gabrielle R	Trying hard in all her work
KM	Oscar L	An excellent attitude to all class activities	2P	Jett M	Being such a helpful class member
KT	Eryn W	Working hard during number activities	3D	Zac A	Pleasing classroom behaviour
KT	Alec C	Being an attentive listener and always working hard	3D	Matthew C	Trying hard to complete his homework
KT	Ruby C	Fantastic writing and having lots of detailed pictures	3D	Declan B	Displaying exemplary behaviour at the Year 3 excursion
KTM	Sienna N	Being a wonderful helper	4/50	Jeromy S	Being a positive and supportive group leader
KTM	Jayden T	Trying hard with his work	5B	Chloee M	Trying hard during class impromptu speeches
KTM	Chloe M	Behaving beautifully all the time	5B	Alessandro L	Trying hard during weekly spelling activities
1E	Jayden T	Working hard in all areas	5M	Amelia M	Great contributions to class discussions
1E	Olivia V	Excellent effort in all areas	5M	Tahlia S	Wonderful effort in spelling
1G	Bronte M	Enthusiasm during fitness and dance	5NT	Daniel V	Excellent effort in homework activities
1G	Aaron H	Enthusiasm during fitness and dance	5NT	Anna W	Wonderful weekly spelling results
1HP	Ethan M	Being a hard working and conscientious student	5S	Emily T	Being a diligent and conscientious student
1HP	Olivia B	Excellent presentation of work	5S	Freshta A	Always working hard to improve in all areas
1M	Georgie W	An excellent description of herself	5/60	Bradley S	His excellent behaviour and kindness to all class members
1M	Zach E	A fantastic description and a great effort with spelling	5/60	Elodie C	Her ability to keep up with all her work and other commitments
1S	Adeola A	Excellent work during reading groups	6G	Jacinta C	Pleasing results in spelling
1S	Logan F	A great improvement in her reading	6G	Luke D	Improved results in spelling
1/2J	Ben K	Excellent work in maths counting money	6O	Fiona B	Excellent concentration at all times
1/2J	Jake S	Excellent work in all areas	6O	Bryce C	Excellent work study habits
			6W	Max C	A wonderful attitude towards all learning tasks
			6W	Casey M	A conscientious attitude towards all areas

P&C News

Bush Dance

The Bush Dance is nearly upon us. One week to go! Don't forget to buy your tickets. It is going to be a great family night out.

Date: Friday 5th April
Time: BBQ starts at 5:30
Dancing starts at 6:30—8:30
Cost: Family \$20, Adult \$8, Child \$4

Some of the fantastic prizes that will be won on the night include a night's accommodation and breakfast at Rydges Campbelltown and an Epson printer from Officeworks. We are looking for some volunteers to assist us on the night in the canteen. If you are able to help out, please contact the P&C at hppsandc@yahoo.com.au.

A big thank you to Tamlyn for designing our Bush Dance Posters. They look fantastic!

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all of the families who supported our Easter Raffle with donations and selling raffle tickets. Congratulations to all the lucky winners!

Info Week

Thank you to Raelean and all of the people who helped out with P&C Info Week. We hope you found it informative. The guessing competitions proved to be very popular.

Next P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 2nd April @ 7:00pm in the staffroom. Hope to see you there!



National Ride2School Day

Last Friday we had a very successful Ride2School Day. Congratulations Harrington Park Public School!!! In 1st place is 1S. In 2nd place is 2C and in 3rd place is 3C.

Last year the school scored 50% people riding their bike or scooter! This year the school scored 59% people riding their bike or scooter!! We smashed last years record. Harrington Park Public School should be proud!

Kaitlyn F - 3/4B

Well done to everyone who rode to school on Friday. Last year 381 people rode. Amazingly we broke the record with 392 people riding. That's 60% of the school! This year there were 3 top classes. In first place was 1S in second place was 2C and in third place was 3C. Thanks to all the parents who let their children ride to school.

Oliver B - 3/4B

Congratulations to everyone on Friday that either rode a bike, a scooter or walked. We had a successful day. We smashed our record from last year. It was the best day Harrington Park Public School have had ever. 1st place was 1S, 2nd place was 2C and 3rd place was 3C. What a fantastic effort everyone.

Emily C - 3/4B

CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 1st April 2013

Monday:
EASTER MONDAY

Tuesday:
am Kylie, Lisa
pm

Wednesday:
am Lisa, Sam, Jo
pm

Thursday:
am Ross, Sally
pm

Friday:
am Simone, Sheena,
pm



KIDS' HOLIDAY CLUB

Harrington Park Anglican Church

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 4648-1822

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Last Friday we held our annual cross country carnival at school. Once again we had glorious weather conditions for runners and spectators alike. Despite the warm conditions and longer course for some age groups there were some excellent performances. It was very pleasing to see the large number of competitors who took part and gave their best effort, regardless of their position in the race. It was also great to see so many parents coming along to support. Congratulations to the winning house on the day, **Bradman**, and a big thank you to the parents who helped out as track officials on the day and at the sausage sizzle.

A team of 32 will represent the school at the Razorback Zone Cross Country Carnival in May. Training for the cross country team will commence soon.

Cross Country Champions

Age

12/13 Years

11 Years

10 Years

9 Years

8 Years

7 Years

Boy

Cameron C

Jayden S

Hayden F

Kaden M

Jack Z

Kohan A

Girl

Victoria G

Caitlin O

Shae E

Bianca C

Isabella B

Amanda C

The first 4 placegetters in the 8/9 years, 10 years, 11 years and 12/13 years age groups compete at the zone carnival. Please note that 7 year olds do not compete at the zone carnival. Also 8 and 9 year olds race together at zone level and beyond. **At our school carnival we run the 8 and 9 year olds separately for safety reasons due to the large number of runners. These events are timed and the fastest four finishers in the two races represent the school in the 8/9 years at zone.**

Cross Country Team

12/13 Years Boys Cameron C, Ryan S, Joseph P, Blake K

12/13 Years Girls Victoria G, Madison N, Elodie C, Karley M

11 Years Boys Jayden S, Angus P, Cooper S, Dylan S

11 Years Girls Caitlin O, Emily P, Sara S, Ellie B

10 Years Boys Hayden F, Liam S, Ryley K, Beau M

10 Years Girls Shae E, Tara M, Paris B, Emily M

8/9 Years Boys Kaden M, Riley R, Jayden M, Lucas R

8/9 Years Girls Bianca C, Durshi S, Olivia S, Isabella B



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\$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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Please delete previous contact details for: _____

ICAS Competitions for Years 3-6

RETURN THIS SECTION IN AN ENVELOPE WITH PAYMENT MARKED 'ICAS' TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL.

I would like _____ of _____ to participate in the ICAS competition.
(Student's name) (class)

Please find enclosed \$ _____ cash/cheque/EFTPOS entry fee for the following competition/s **(please tick)**:

☐ Mathematics \$8.00

☐ English \$8.00

☐ Science \$8.00

☐ Spelling \$11.00

☐ Writing \$17.00

☐ Computer \$8.00

Mastercard/Visa Credit Card Number: ____ / ____ / ____ / ____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____ CCV: ____

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian Date

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