

HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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OUR WEEK

CARE for others

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Online Bookings for

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Teacher Interviews

This year we are trialling an online booking website for parent teacher interviews. The instructions are:

Bookings close Tuesday 23rd July, 2013 at 9:00am

Online Booking Instructions

- Step 1:** Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Step 2: Enter the school event code.

School Event Code
VKXD7

- Step 3:** Enter your details
Step 4: Choose the teacher
Step 5: Choose your time

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time before Tuesday 23rd July, 9am to change interview times, remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3. We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks. Education Week is in Week 3 and we are busy with plans for the Art Exhibition, Open day and 2567 Showcase.

Robotics started yesterday for 30 lucky students in Years 5 and 6. We hope that this trial leads to further programs in the future.

Mrs Batty's dance group gained a place in the State Dance Festival, which is a tremendous achievement. We also have our recorder group and choirs rehearsing for concerts at state level.

We are very pleased to have been accepted in the Leading 21st Century Schools Program—Engaging with Asia. Mr Woudsma will travel to Melbourne later this term to take part in a conference to launch this year's program. This is an exciting initiative which should lead to many opportunities for our children.

I met with a representative from Camden Council yesterday to discuss plans for making our Kiss and Drop Zone at the front of the school safer. We will be painting a Yellow Zone similar to railway platforms to keep children away from the road edge until cars are fully stationary. I will include more details in next week's newsletter, including details for a competition for our children to design a slogan and sign for the zone.

We welcome back Mrs Plummer this term. She is returning part-time for the rest of this year and we were all pleased to have her back with us at the start of the week.

Good luck to everyone competing in the 800 metres tomorrow and best wishes to our cross country runners at the state carnival. We will bring you news of efforts after the event.

Our debating teams performed well against tough competition yesterday. They didn't win, but can be very proud of their efforts.

My thought for the week this week is from Neil Postman, 'Our children are the messages that we send to a future that we will never see.' I hope that message is that we cared.

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

DIARY

July TERM 3

- 19th: CBS Assembly at 12:15pm
800m Race and Relay
State Cross Country at Eastern Creek
- 22nd: Indigenous Games
HPPS Debate - Sharks vs Currans Hill PS
Girls Hockey vs Shelley PS @ Narellan - 10:30 game
- 23rd: KM Celebrate being at school for 100 days
Indigenous Games
Hot Peppers demonstration
- 24th: Instrumental Festival Rehearsal Day
OC Class Placement Test - Yr 5 (2014)
Parent/Teacher Interviews 3-7pm
- 25th: Nursing Home visit 3/4B - 10-11:30am
- 26th: Gala Day #3 (Back up from Term 2)
- 29th: AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball
- 29-9th Aug: Yrs 2 & 3 School Swimming Scheme - Mt Annan
- 29-2nd Aug: Education Week and Art Show
- 30th: AASC - Yrs 3-6 Athletics
- 31st: Maths Olympiad #3
ICAS English Test
2567 Showcase EMHS

August

- 1st: Open Classrooms (Infants 10am / Primary 10:30am)
- 2nd: School Tree Planting Day
- 5th: State Futsal - Jnr Boys & Senior Girls @ Penrith
AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball
- 6th: Book Week Performance
State Futsal Senior Boys @ Penrith



INDIGENOUS GAMES



As part of our NAIDOC Week activities, all classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be taking part in a Traditional Indigenous Games program next Monday and Tuesday.

This program provides the opportunity to learn about, appreciate and experience aspects of indigenous culture. It incorporates the school curriculum with cultural traditions in a series of fun, safe and inclusive games, and provides an insight into the origins of traditional games, whilst also teaching basic sport and game skills. There will be no cost to parents for this activity.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

1E	Samantha L	Excellent effort during literacy	1/2J	Isabella W	A great project on The Great Barrier Reef
1E	Bailey M	Improved writing	1/2J	Jake S	Excellent work on his art show project
1G	Charlie W	Creative diorama	2C	Liam M	Fantastic listening
1G	Maddison L	Creative diorama	2C	Bree B	Excellent writing
1HP	Dakota L	Impeccable bookwork	2D	Caitlin K	An excellent project presentation on aeroplanes
1HP	Ethan M	Being a kind and considerate classmate	2D	Bailey J	An excellent project on motorbikes
1M	Kaitlyn M	Showing a responsible and honest attitude this week	2MC	Darci C	Working well during comprehension tasks
1M	Summer M	Making great progress in mathematics	2MC	Luke N	Trying hard to follow classroom rules
1S	David M	Improvement in reading	2P	Hayden T	Great effort in reading groups
1S	Koby T	Great writing	2P	Brayden B	Contributing to class discussions and showing lovely behaviour
1S	Erin W	Improvement in addition			
1/2J	Erin C	Always working well in class			

State Cross Country

This year we have three students representing Sydney South West at the State Cross Country Championships. Congratulations to Caitlyn O, Bianca C and Shae E who will compete **tomorrow** at Eastern Creek Raceway. This is a fantastic achievement by these girls and we are very proud of them. Good luck girls!



Education Week at Harrington Park PS

Week 3 (Monday 29th July till Friday 2nd)

Monday 29th July

'Art Show' Grand Opening (4:30 - 7:30pm)

'Imagine'

\$5.00 per family or gold coin donation.

Wednesday 31st July

Community of Schools (2567)

@ Elizabeth Macarthur HS

Matinee 12:30pm

Evening 6:30pm

Thursday 1st August

Open Classrooms

10 - 10:30am Infants

10:30 - 11am Primary

Bring your picnic basket and join your children in a picnic lunch from 11 - 11:40am

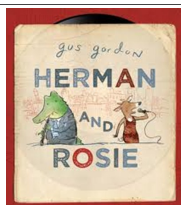
Art Show Viewing

Parents are welcome to view the art show between 11:45am and 12:45pm (gold coin donation)

Friday 2nd August

'Tree Planting Day'

K-3 Book Week Performance "Herman and Rosie"



Term 3 is an exciting time in the Library when quality literature is celebrated and displays are created from children's artworks for Book Week.

In Week 3 this year we have a special performance group - Tony Bones Entertainment presenting great quality theatre inspired from the shortlisted book **"Herman and Rosie"**. The performance will be held in the school hall on Tuesday 6th August for Years K to 3 and the cost is \$9.00.

A separate note with payment details has been sent home to all K to 3 students today.

Sydney South West

Girls Cricket

Congratulations to the following girls who were selected in the Razorback Zone Girls Cricket team:

Helena T, Jorja U, Jasmine U, Hannah E, Karley M and Courtney S.

These girls will be participating in the Sydney South West Girls Cricket trials on Thursday 18th July (today) at Kelso Park, Panania. Good luck girls!



LOST PROPERTY



At the Athletics Carnival last term, a pair of sneakers were handed in to the office.

If your child is missing a pair of sneakers, please check with the school office.

CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 22nd July

Monday:	am		pm	
Tuesday:	am	Kylie, Kerrin	pm	Kylie
Wednesday:	am	Sam, Jo	pm	Alysse
Thursday:	am	Ross, Sally	pm	Alysse
Friday:	am	Sheena	pm	



poetry Competition

Year 1 and 2 class winners for the Poetry Competition are:

1E	Kate W	1/2J	Erin C
1E	Abbie H	2C	Caydn F
1G	Aaron H	2D	Hayden C
1HP	Tijana M	2P	Ethan B
1M	Jesse S	2MC	Sienna S
1S	Isabella T		
1/2J	Ruby P		

Year 1 Winner - Ruby P

Year 2 Winner - Erin C

Ruby and Erin will recite their poems at the next CBS Assembly.



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Debating News



Congratulations to both of the debating teams with their debate against the St Andrews teams yesterday. Even the Adjudicator said it was close!

The first debate was the 'Harrington Park Sharks' against the 'St Andrews Blues' with the topic that we should change the Australian flag. St Andrews barely beat us unfortunately.

The second debate was the 'Harrington Park Eels' against St Andrews again with the topic that we should ban kids under 18 from modelling. Sadly they beat us again but the adjudicator literally said "it was only by a few words".

Written by Jayden T - 5/60

Debating Report

On the 17th July, Harrington Park Eels went up against St Andrews in the third round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The topic was that 'Australia should ban modelling for people under the age of 18'. Harrington Park was the negative team and St Andrew's was the affirmative.

We all met up and with the flip of a coin, decided on a topic. We then went to our prep rooms to prepare for our debate. We had one hour. Harrington Park went really well. We had 6 brilliant arguments in 10 minutes and instantly thought of our team line; 'Fulfil your dreams and become a star'. Unfortunately, we didn't fulfil our dreams and lost the debate. The adjudicator said it was the closest debate he had ever judged.

Written by Elodie C



Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014



We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2014.

Enrolment forms are available from the office.

Exemption from School

A number of families are taking holidays outside the regular school holidays. It is important to understand that under the Education Act 1990 children need permission from the principal in order to take leave from school which is compulsory for children 6 years and over. Applications for school exemption must be made in writing to the principal and such applications may include domestic purposes such as family holidays. The principal then needs to be assured that a program of school work will be covered during the child's absence.

If parents are considering a family holiday they are requested to come to the school office and seek an **Exemption from School application**. The application needs to be completed and returned to the principal, Mr Best, who will contact you regarding the granting of permission and the necessary support learning program. When an exemption from school has been approved the days of absence are recorded differently on the child's attendance record as opposed to sick or other minor leave days.

We ask that parents comply with this process to ensure that the school is following its legal obligation to provide the highest quality education. Your support is greatly appreciated.



MEET THE NEW THUNDER AT WESTFIELD PARRAMATTA

Exciting news, come along to Westfield Parramatta on Monday 22nd July where a number of the BBL|03 Sydney Thunder squad will be waiting to meet you, plus a big surprise, a great Australian cricketer will be unveiled, a player who wants to put something back into the game and be part of a Club that the Western Sydney community is proud to support.

The players will be on stage on the centre court from **3.30pm**. All Thunder Members will have priority access and be amongst the first to be introduced to your new BBL|03 squad; so come along for your chance to win some great prizes and show your passion and support for your Club!

EVENT DETAILS:

Date

Monday 22 July, 2013

Time

From 3.30pm

Venue

Parramatta Westfield, - **Centre Court, Level 2**, 159-175 Church St Parramatta 2150

What to expect

- Opportunity to be the first to see and hear from some of the new BBL|03 Sydney Thunder squad and even meet the players and get autographs.
- Sydney Thunder mascot, Maximus and Dancers will be entertaining the crowd.
- There'll be Sydney Thunder giveaways and prizes to be won.

We can't wait to see you there!

From the Sydney Thunder Events Team

P.S. Memberships are on sale from Monday 22nd July from **12.30pm**, and by showing its good to be green; we'll reward you with a special renewal offer for the BBL|03 Season! Stay tune for further details very soon. Otherwise if you can't wait, send your interest to:

sydtmembership@sydneythunder.com.au

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