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OUR WEEK

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Year 4 Berry Camp

The Year 4 students attended Berry Sport and Recreation Centre last week, from Wednesday to Friday. After a long and noisy bus ride we arrived in sunny Berry.

Over the three days the children participated in canoeing, the giant swing, cook out, bouldering, caving and camp initiatives. All of the activities focused on working as a team to complete each task. We ate countless buckets of fruit and had loads of good food. The most favourite meal at camp was pancakes and croissants for breakfast. All of the children were on a kitchen roster and had to help with setting up, serving or clearing the meals. They all got plenty of practise and should be continuing to develop these skills at home!

Thank you to Mr Peterson (parent helper) who came to camp with us for the three days.

The children were extremely well-behaved as was mentioned by both the bus drivers and the camp staff. Congratulations to all of the students, you faced a lot of challenging activities on camp and represented our school with pride.

Mrs Bush, Miss Camenzuli, Mr Edwards, Mrs O'Gorman and Mr Martin

DIARY



TERM 3 August

- 23rd: Gala Day #1
- 24th: ToM Tournament @ UWS Milperra
- 26th: AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball
- 27th: AASC - Yrs 3-6 Athletics
Cambodia Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle
- 28th: Combined Recorders Festival Jacaranda Concert
- 29th: P&C Father's Day Stall
3/4B Nursing Home visit
- 30th: CBS Assembly @ 12:45pm
Hockey Knockout vs Killarney PS

September

- 2-3rd: Razorback Zone Athletics @ Campbelltown Stadium
- 2nd: AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball
- 3rd: P&C Meeting - 7pm
AASC - Yrs 3-6 Athletics
- 4th: Senior Dance Group State Dance Festival
- 7th: Federal Elections
P&C Sausage Sizzle
- 9th: AASC - Yrs 1-2 T-Ball/Softball
- 10th: Premier's Spelling Bee District Final @ Thomas Acres
AASC - Yrs 3-6 Athletics
- 11th: Maths Olympiad #5
SSW Athletics @ Crest, Bass Hill
Choral Festival Rehearsal
Macarthur Sustainable Schools Expo-Belgenny Farm
- 13th: Gala Day #2
- 17th: Primary Proms Daintree Concert
- 19th: Gala Day #3
- 20th: Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4 October

- 8th: Students & Staff return for Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 6. It is good to be back at school. I had an interesting week in my other role as a Leadership Officer, and I was able to gain some valuable insights which may help our school also. Mr Woudsma represented Harrington Park at Leading 21st Century Schools—Engaging With Asia, last week. He will report to parents in the near future on this initiative which is designed to equip our children with a new skillset to manage the changes that this century will present.

There has been a lot of illness over the past couple of weeks amongst staff and students, and the flu season is still very much with us. It is important to stay home when we are not well to allow for a more speedy recovery and to prevent the spread of infections. We have been stretched in finding relief teachers on some days as we have more and more people becoming unwell. Hopefully we will soon be past this and life will return to normal at school.

Thank you to the teachers who attended Year 4 camp last week and thank you to those parents who expressed their appreciation. The children had a great time and the camp was a great success. Our camping program has many benefits, one of which is the development of independence. It is great for children to learn how to be separate from their families for a short time, and this has dividends when emergencies arise and parents and children have to spend time apart.

Good luck to our recorder group who will be performing next week at the Instrumental Festival at the Sydney Opera House. I am really looking forward to your performance. Also we hope that our Tournament of Minds teams enjoy this weekend and we are sure that they will make us proud.

I am told that our cricketers performed well at the Milo Cup last week, and whilst we didn't win this year our efforts were still creditable and a great sporting spirit was demonstrated.

My thought for the week is from Ralph W. Sockman, 'There are parts of a ship which taken by themselves would sink. The engine would sink. The propeller would sink. But when the parts of a ship are built together, they float. So with the events of my life. Some have been tragic. Some have been happy. But when they are built together, they form a craft that floats and is going someplace.'

Have a great week.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Best

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2014.

Enrolment forms are available from the office.

Transition Program commences 14th October 2013.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

1E	Daniel B	Trying hard at his new school	4C	Aleksia K	Helping and encouraging others in difficult tasks at camp
1E	Samantha L	Working hard during phonics groups	4EW	Damara M	Fine effort in spelling
1G	Lara H	Improved visualisation in TEN groups	4EW	Macgregor F	Great writing effort
1G	Jade S	Working hard on friends of TEN	4/50	Morgan W	Trying really hard with his ukulele playing
1HP	Matthew B	Excellent ideas during exposition writing	4/50	Claire M	For writing a great reflection on camp
1HP	M Davis	Excellent work on his own in computers	4/50	Stephanie W	For writing a great reflection on camp
1S	Logan F	Brilliant work in Maths this week	5B	Emily C	Trying hard to complete tasks
1S	Cooper Mc	Fantastic effort in writing	5B	Anthony A	Trying hard in all key learning areas
1/2J	Ezekiel C	Excellent work in Maths	5M	Amelia M	Great work in mathematics
1/2J	Jayla S	Fantastic recall of multiplication facts	5M	Braith M	Exceptional effort during fitness
2C	Samuel F	Being a sensible and co-operative class member	5NT	Sara S	Working consistently across all activities
2C	Bree B	Writing an excellent exposition	5NT	Dylan S	Great results in weekly spelling tests
2D	Jayden I	Fantastic work in number activities	5S	Tara F	Outstanding effort during explanation writing tasks
2D	Taylor H	A creative poem on witches	5S	Freshta A	Trying her best during mathematics lessons
2MC	Ryan W	Excellent behaviour in class	5/60	Paige E	Creative problem solving skills
2MC	Abigail P	Working hard in class	5/60	Matthew B	Excellent 'old kidly' art work
2P	Gabrielle R	Beautiful behaviour and fantastic work habits	6G	Luke P	Writing an excellent exposition
2P	Jack P	Fantastic effort in spelling	6G	Ben N	Constant willingness to participate in lessons
3/4B	M.J. M	Excellent work in narrative writing	60	Jade C	Excellent research for her "Antarctica script"
3/4B	Hayley G	Beautiful handwriting	60	Fiona B	Excellent work in library
3/4B	Jessie H	Excellent character description in narratives			
4C	Will B	Being a wonderful friend and helper at camp			

Cambodia Teacher-Training Update

I attended my second training day last Saturday. We spent the day exploring the resource kit that is given to the teachers and designing activities to use with the kit.

I have received many donations on the Everyday Hero page: <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/paul-18>. Thank you to everyone. I am sure your donation will make a difference.



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Student Banking

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

Cambodian Mufti-Day & Sausage Sizzle

The Student Parliament are holding a gold coin mufti-day next Tuesday 27th August, to raise money to support the program of teaching Cambodian teachers and buying resources packs for their classrooms. There will also be a sausage sizzle on this day.

The sausage sizzle prices are \$2.00 for a sausage sandwich and \$1.00 for a drink. Payment to be made to classroom teacher on the day.

CANTEEN HELPERS Week Beginning 26th August

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



Premier's Reading Challenge

For all those students busily reading to finish the Premier's Reading Challenge, this is the week to get your books entered online. For Years 3-6 it is up to you to get your books recorded and placed online. This may be completed at home by logging onto the site:

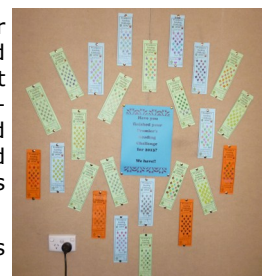
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OR

during this week's Library lesson or during recess breaks. If you need assistance please see Mrs Creasey. It has been wonderful to see the growing number of bookmarks displayed with students who have completed the Challenge. Make sure yours is there too!

Bookmarks artfully designed by Mrs Bligh.

Mrs Lieschke, Mrs Bligh, Mrs Creasey



Book Club - Issue 6

The flyers have gone home for the latest issue with orders due back Monday 2nd September. Unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted.

Make sure you take a moment to see what great books are available for purchase either for your child or as a gift for someone else.

Remember to fill the order form in clearly with your child's name and class and check the amount of money matches the total before placing in an envelope clearly labelled "Book Club". Then place in the post box in the office by 3:00pm Monday afternoon 2nd September. Orders take a couple of weeks to arrive at the school after the closing date and should come before the holiday break.

Thank you for your support.

The Book Club Team

Tournament of Minds in 2013

HPPS has entered three teams in this year's competition. They include: Language/Literature, Maths/Engineering and Technology. All groups have been working independently on a long term problem since the beginning of the term which will be presented on Saturday 24th August at the University of Western Sydney, Milperra Campus. On this day each group will also be required to address a Spontaneous Challenge within a limited time frame and present a solution to the judges.

Each team has been working through lunch and recess times to finalise their efforts. We wish them all the best as they combine their skills to impress the judges.

P&C News

Fathers Day

We will be holding our Fathers Day Stall on Thursday 29th August. We have some fantastic presents for the children to purchase. Prices will range from \$1.00 — \$6.00.

As always we will need some helpers on this day, so if you could spare some time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Super Fathers Day Raffle

Thanks to everyone who has returned their raffle ticket money. If you need extra books, they are available from the office.

- 1st Prize - Boxing Gloves signed by Daniel Geale (IBF World Middleweight Champion)
- 2nd Prize - 16gb Apple iPad
- 3rd Prize - Voucher for Camden Golf Club. Golf for 4 Players including cart hire.
- 4th Prize - Fujitsu Racing Jacket, Shirt and Hat
- 5th Prize - Fujitsu Racing Shirt and Hat
- 6th Prize - Fujitsu Racing Shirt and Hat

Tickets cost \$2.00 each.

Tickets and money need to be returned by Wednesday 28th August.

Good luck everyone!

Grant Update

We put in a grant submission at the end of July asking for some money to assist us with building a new basketball court. This would be built in between the existing one and the demountable classrooms. We do not find out if we are successful until December, so fingers crossed!

Thanks to Michele K and Erin D for putting the submission together.

MILO CUP



Last Friday two boys teams and two girls teams represented our school in the Razorback Milo Cup competition at Onslow Park in Camden. It was a day filled with fun, music, dancing, high catching competitions and also plenty of cricket. Our teams all played some excellent cricket

and we reached the finals in both the boys and girls competitions.

Boys Milo Cup

Last Friday, Harrington Park P.S fielded two teams in the Boys Milo Cup cricket competition at Onslow Park, Camden. Both teams consisted of a mixture of experienced and inexperienced players from years 5 and 6. The teams played well, with some very big wins in the early rounds. Harrington Park (Black) finished the day in 6th position out of 14 teams. Harrington Park (Green) won all their games and on a strong for and against average earned a spot in the final against Camden South. Up against some very strong competition the boys batted first and were in a little trouble after the first over, losing two quick wickets. The boys quickly settled down and were able to put together a respectable total. While the boys bowled well, Camden South's experienced batters reached our total with two overs to spare. Both teams played very well and represented their school with pride.

Girls Milo Cup

All the girls who played in our two teams were playing in the Milo Cup for the first time so it was a great achievement to play so well and win as many games as they did. Special mention to Lara R and Kirsty I who represented us in the high catching competition at lunchtime, Kirsty finishing 4th out of the 12 best catchers from each team and Lara coming 2nd after a thrilling series of increasingly difficult catches before the winner was decided.

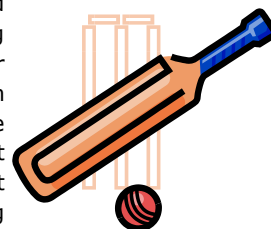
Harrington Park Pink

Fantastic effort by these girls, finishing fourth out of 12 teams. As well as producing some great batting and bowling the Pink team were excellent when running between the wickets. Half of this team was made up of Year 5 students so we are already looking good for next year!

Harrington Park Green

The girls won their three qualifying games extremely well, with scores of 93-30, 99-12 and 130-26. Their batting was terrific and their bowling was the most accurate I have seen in this competition. They were very unlucky to go down in the final by just three runs! All the girls can be proud of their performances and a special mention to Courtney S who made 22 (retired) in the final with three sixes and a four and took a brilliant catch on the boundary in the last over which almost won us the match.

A big thank you to Mrs Davis and Mr Quirk for their help in training the girls prior to the day and to Mr Quirk for coaching the pink team on Friday. The boys and girls are now looking forward to their next matches in the state knockout competition which are coming soon.



2P's Amazing Art Show Work



Jacaranda Concert Tickets

There are some returned tickets to the Jacaranda Concert at the Opera House on Wednesday 28th August 2013. If you would like to purchase tickets please visit the website:

www.sydneyoperahouse.com

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY
8:30AM TO 3:15PM

FRIDAY
9:00AM TO 3:15PM

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.

Lost Property

Our lost property box is located in the school hall. If your child has misplaced any items, please check there first.

Please ensure that all your child's belonging are labelled with their full name on them.

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Saturday 31st August
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School Safety Program
 Working together to keep our kids safe...

PLEASE STAND BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE

To improve the safety of your children while they are waiting to be picked up in the Kiss and Ride/No Parking Bay, Council is installing a yellow 'Pedestrian Safety Line'.

Much like the safety line on a train platform, this area will clearly show children the safe distance from the kerb to avoid conflict with vehicles. Children should **PLEASE STAND BEHIND THE YELLOW LINE** until the vehicle has stopped. We would ask that you reinforce this message to your children and help keep them safe.



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