

HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1, Week 10 - 31 March - 4 April



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our first term of 2025 has been a busy and eventful time for our school community. We've had some fantastic highlights, including our exciting Swimming Carnival and Cross Country events. It was great to see so many students participating with enthusiasm, showcasing their determination and sportsmanship. Both events were a true celebration of our school spirit and the commitment our students show to being active and involved.

Next week, we are looking forward to our Hat Parade, which is always a fun and creative event. A special thank you to our Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association for their ongoing support, in this instance, with organising the prize draw at the parade. Your dedication through volunteering, fundraising, and organising events continues to make a significant difference in our school, and we truly appreciate all that you do.

I would also like to extend heartfelt congratulations to our local high school, Elizabeth Macarthur High School, on their outstanding 2024 HSC results. Our community may have noticed an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, where they were recognised for their incredible achievements. I'd like to share the details, including

- 91 students achieving Band 6 results in the Higher School Certificate!
- two students on the NESA honour roll for earning 6 band 6 results
- 54 students on the Distinguished achievers list
- 74% of the cohort achieved results in the top three bands
- 4 students' major works were selected for the NESA statewide showcases as exemplary examples.

This is a tremendous accomplishment, and we are so proud of their success!

Finally, I would like to share some bittersweet news. Our amazing Deputy Principal, Kristy Hawkins, will be leaving us at the end of this term to start an exciting new chapter in her career. While we are sad to see her go, we are incredibly grateful for the tremendous impact she has had on our school community. Kristy has been a dedicated teacher, leader and colleague, supporting both students and staff with her kindness, expertise, and unwavering commitment to excellence. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

We have been fortunate to have an experienced Deputy Principal appointed to our school. We will welcome Mrs Lisa Whittles from Day 1 , Term 2.

Wishing everyone a great week ahead and then a well-deserved holiday break!

Ms Paton

FROM THE DEPUTY K-2

What a fantastic Term One we have had. I always find the first term to be so exciting. Welcoming our new learners to Kindergarten as they start their educational path as well as any new learners to Harrington Park PS, brings joy and a sense of adventure.

Term One has been filled with so many learning opportunities and a strong feeling of success for so many students. Kindergarten students are well on their way to learning how to read and write as well as developing their number sense. It truly is a privilege for Kindergarten teachers to see how they are shaping students into becoming literate and numerate – the beginning of a life long journey of becoming successful members of society. I'm sure parents are experiencing similar feelings each night when they spend time listening to their child read and talk about books and characters. Speaking of books and characters, Kindergarten students are eagerly looking forward to watching their film next week and then to compare and contrast with the book 'Thelma the Unicorn', which they have been exploring during their English lessons.

Year 1 and 2 have also had many successes. They have been discussing character, narrative, representation and perspective through the mode of quality literature and then applying this knowledge to their writing. We have many excellent and creative writers in Stage 1. Maths lessons are also a time when many students shine. Teachers have been providing hands on opportunities for the students to experience the concept which is being introduced, promoting discussion and understanding. Most of the Year 2 students participated in the Cross Country yesterday, which was a wonderful event. They should be very proud of themselves for giving it a go and completing the whole course.

A Block students have started the year very settled and learning is flourishing in the classrooms. The students engage in literacy and numeracy activities daily and have many opportunities for integration throughout the week. One of my highlights was seeing the students run the Cross Country yesterday and engage in this whole school event.

We are looking forward to the Hat Parade next week and hope many of you can join us next Thursday at 12pm.

A friendly reminder that we will be having our ANZAC Day Ceremony at school, first day of next term – Wednesday 30th April at 12pm. We invite parents and carers to join us on this day and any donations of flowers or greenery to be used in the making of wreaths, will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you all have a fantastic break ready to return for an amazing Term Two.

Mrs Khandharixay

FROM THE DEPUTY 3-6

Wow! What a busy Term 1 Harrington Park has had! I have appreciated spending time with many students playing handball, working on engaging writing pieces and in sharing solutions to number problems across Years 3-6. Our students have been building excellent reasoning skills both verbally and in written contexts. A new text for our students has been 'Storm Boy'. I have enjoyed learning about the textual concepts in the novel with many of our senior students. It has been pleasing to see achievement in working towards personal learning goals. Learning is a lifelong activity, one that takes us on different pathways, depending on our needs, our strengths and levels of engagement. At different times, our thinking will challenge us to draw from different dispositions and experiences. Over the holidays, I hope you can take time to reflect with your children on their personal successes and goals for the next term. We all have a lot to be proud of.

I would like to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students who participated in our Cross Country Championships this week. A huge thank you to our parents and carers who came to support the day. This year, we navigated a new course due to ongoing maintenance at Fairfax Oval. Mrs McDonald did a tremendous job in planning the event, alongside the support of our extended staff. Thank you!

We have started preparations for PSSA Gala Day teams and look forward to observing lots of great sportsmanship across many sports over Term 2. If your child receives an invitation to a PSSA sport, please ensure that you read the Code of Conduct with your child and return the appropriate notes via School Bytes, alongside payment.

Stage 3 has been busy planning the upcoming camp at The Great Aussie Bushcamp. There has been a wonderful uptake in the optional experience. May I take a second to remind families of our Year 6 cohort to ensure that you keep your eyes peeled for communication from your chosen high schools over the coming months. High schools will start to offer positions, across both government and non-government sectors. Your attention to these offers is crucial.

As we draw to closing the term, I would like to sincerely thank the extended Harrington Park community for welcoming me, as firstly a practicum student at Harrington Park Public School back in 2010. I have fond memories of my first day as a practicum teacher at our Athletics Championships, I was representing Wollongong University as a preservice teacher. It was a cold and windy day where I assisted with discus. It was a fun-filled experience which connected me to many of you, our staff and students - who now thrive as young adults. Personally, this day was a start to a very exciting chapter, one that organically developed over time. Over the past 15 years, it has been an absolute privilege to spend time with your children. I have so many timeless

memories which have helped me strive to ensure that every child has had the opportunity to learn, connect and thrive. This privilege extends to the staff I have had the honour of collaborating with. We truly are blessed with so many superheroes that wear invisible capes at Harrington Park Public School. This term will be the end of what has been a huge part of my identity, my purpose and my absolute passion in serving our community and the Department of Education. The future holds a career and lifestyle change for myself and family, a decision that was not an one easy to make. But one I am excited about, and know, will present me with many new challenges, learning opportunities and personal growth. I sincerely thank you all for allowing me to spend time with you and of course your children. We welcome Mrs Whittles to the Harrington Park community as part of our executive team and as our Deputy Principal. Mrs Whittles will be an asset to our school.

I send the community my absolute well wishes in the next weeks, terms and years. I look forward to calling in and hearing about your successes.

Continue to be kind, be curious and be passionate. And ultimately, Care, Believe and Succeed!

Mrs Hawkins

(A very proud teacher, Deputy Principal, colleague and learner at Harrington Park Public School)

Dates to Remember

April

- 9th - CBS Assembly
- 10th - K-2 Hat Parade
- 11th - Last day of Term 1
- 28th - 29th SDD
- 30th - Students Return
- 30th - ANZAC ceremony



May

- 6th - P&C Meeting 7pm
- 7th - Mother's Day Stall
- 16th - Winter Gala Day #1
- 16th - Walk to school Day
- 26th - 28th - Stage 3 Camp
- 29th - CBS Assembly

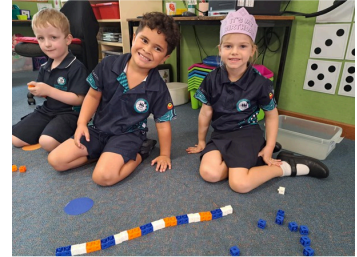
Kindergarten

Kindergarten have had a fantastic first term, with all students settling into school life at Harrington Park Public school wonderfully! Kindergarten students have embraced their new routines and quickly made friends, creating a warm, exciting atmosphere at school. There has been great progress in students learning, with exciting activities that engage their curiosity and creativity. Whether it's learning new phonemes, developing fine motor skills, or participating in outdoor play,

Kindergarten students have shown incredible enthusiasm. The foundation for a successful year ahead has been set, with lots of laughter, discovery, and growth taking place every day. We are so proud of all our Kindergarten students' growth this term and cannot wait to see what the rest of the year ahead will bring! Thank you to our Kindergarten families for your continued support. We hope all students and families enjoy the upcoming holiday break.

Mrs Mosca
Rel Assistant Principal





Sports News

Macarthur Selections

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in gaining selection into their respective Macarthur sporting teams. Best of luck for when you compete at the SSW championships.

Chris L - Macarthur 12's rugby

Molly M, Delinya M, Brooklyn C – Macarthur girls hockey

Delinya M, Elliot G – Macarthur girls softball

Austin E – Macarthur hockey

William C – pick up player for Liverpool

Chloe B, Jayda K - Macarthur girls basketball

Cross Country

We were lucky enough to get our cross country championships in on Tuesday and I would like to congratulate all the boys and girls who put in the effort to compete. The new track was very exciting as well as challenging. Those students who placed 1st – 6th will represent HPPS at the Macarthur cross country championships on Thursday 8.5.25. Please note that the 8 year old and 9

year old race is combined at Macarthur and so the fastest 6 runners in the 8/9 category will go through to the Macarthur competition. Permission for those students who are to compete at Macarthur will be sent home through School Bytes shortly. More information about team members and the winning house will be in the next newsletter.

Gala Days

Gala day trials have unfortunately been interrupted by the weather, however, teams are soon to be finalised. Students who have been selected in a gala day team will receive the permission note through School Bytes shortly. Please ensure that permission and payment has been made by the due date. If your child has been selected in a team and is unable to attend gala days, please notify the school so the position can be filled by another student.

Please also be aware that some gala day sports will require protective equipment which is compulsory to participate.

Soccer – shin guards (soccer boots are NOT permitted)

Rugby League – mouth guards, head gear is optional

Hockey – shin guards, mouth guards

Mrs McDonald





As Term 1 draws to a close, students have been actively participating in skipping activities as part of our fitness programs. They have been keeping their heart healthy and learning some new skills along the way.

We are in our final week of fundraising for the Heart Foundation. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated. Our school has raised...

\$5988.00

An amazing achievement!! A special thanks to our top fundraisers.

[Ella A](#) -KB \$964.21

[Skyler M](#) – KB \$569.54

[Leo P](#) – 1R \$562.23

[Alaina K](#) – 3T \$473.91

[Chase S](#) – 1T \$257.99

There are only days left to donate if you would like to be eligible for one of the amazing 'Thank you' prizes.



Keep on skipping!!!

Mrs Tidyman

HARMONY DAY

On Friday 21st March HPPS was a sea of orange as we celebrated Harmony Day! Harmony Day is all about respect, inclusivity and everyone belonging, no matter where we come from. Students proudly wore orange or cultural dress to celebrate our community's diversity and the many cultures that make our school so special!



P&C INFORMATION

HAT PARADE LUCKY DRAW

THURSDAY, 10TH APRIL 2025

1 Entry - \$2

3 Entries - \$5

12 Entries - \$10

25 Entries - \$20

**PURCHASE TICKETS AT:
HPPS-PC.SQUARE.SITE**



**3 Major Prize Hampers
to be won**



The Harrington Park Public School P&C Association supports our school and provides an opportunity for members of the school community to volunteer time, skills and expertise for the benefit of all children at Harrington Park Public School.

The association meets on the first Tuesday of most months at 7:00pm. Meetings will either be at school or via Zoom. The meetings are friendly and informal and provide a review of P&C activities, a forum for discussion of school events and an opportunity to meet with other parents and members of the school community. Meetings are attended by the School Principal and other members of the school staff. Join our social pages for more information and meeting reminders.



Uniform Shop Hours:

Tuesday Mornings: 8:30am - 9.00am

Thursday Mornings: 8:30am - 9.00am

Entry is via the main gate.

The Harrington Park Public School P&C Association operates the Uniform Shop. Profit from the uniform shop and fundraising is returned to the school to enhance our school facilities, purchase equipment and resources and support school programs.

We strongly encourage that all orders are still completed via our website where possible. Orders will be distributed to your child's class.

Contact the P&C and stay up to date:

Website: <https://pc.square.site>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HPPSPandC

Instagram: [@harringtonparkpsandc](https://www.instagram.com/harringtonparkpsandc)

HPPS Uniform Buy, Swap & Sell Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/groups/HPPSUnifomShop

Uniform Shop: hppsuniformshop@gmail.com

Email: [hpspcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hppspcsecretary@gmail.com) / hpspcpresident@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Parliament of
New South Wales

FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

**Tuesday
15 April
9.30am – 3pm**



**Free activities
for children up
to 12 years
at the
Parliament
of NSW**

Visit Australia's oldest Parliament, learn about democracy in NSW, step inside history with guided tours and get creative in workshops and role plays.

- Make craft animals and objects
- Visit our heritage rooms
- Learn how to vote and make a law
- Participate in a committee role play
- Enjoy live music and more...



FREE ENTRY

Activities 9.30am to 3pm

LOCATION

Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street
Opposite Martin Place

Enquiries P: (02) 9230 2047 or
E: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



The public café
will be open.

FREE

Is this role for you? School Crossing Supervisor



About you:

Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, school staff and local motorists.



Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.



Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.



Casual

Campbelltown Local Government Area - 99188

In this role, you'll:

Work shifts that fall between 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required.

Salary:

\$32.84 per hour plus superannuation.

Apply today

Applications close 11:59pm on Sunday 6th April 2025.

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 99188** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary
E: sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au
P: 0466 343 704



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FIRST AID

If a student is sent to the office with flu like symptoms, we will call their parents to organise for them to be collected as soon as possible.

Your child should not attend school if they are unwell

Your support in keeping our school healthy and safe is appreciated.



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