

HARRINGTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 2, Week 10 30/6/25 - 4/7/25



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Term 2 draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and partnership throughout the term. It's been a busy and rewarding few months filled with learning, growth and community support.

Our students have displayed great commitment to their learning and have embraced challenges with enthusiasm and resilience. Today we completed an evacuation drill which was 'Shelter in Place'. We remained on school site, however moved to two key locations in the school. We were very proud of our students who completed this drill promptly and sensibly.

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of our staff, who work tirelessly to provide a positive and engaging learning environment for all students. Their passion and professionalism make a real difference in our school community.

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge and enjoy quality time with family and friends. Term 3 promises to be just as exciting, with many programs and events ahead.

Mrs Khandharixay
Relieving Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY K-2

We have reached the end of Term 2 and the wild weather is certainly giving us an interesting end to the week. Thank you to all our families that have attended a parent teacher interview this week. It is a great opportunity to have deep discussions about your child's achievements and future learning goals moving into Semester Two.

We have had some wonderful learning experiences this term. It was very exciting to see our Stage 1 and A Block students attend Sydney Zoo in Week 8. They had a magnificent day and Sydney Zoo

were very accommodating and supportive of our school. There is more information about this further in the newsletter.

Next term we look forward to Kindergarten attending their first excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm as well as celebrating their '100 Days Brighter', after being at school for over 100 days. We also look forward to celebrating NAIDOC week with a whole school assembly on Wednesday Week 1, where our Kindergarten students will be performing two songs, as well as the performance by Sean Choolburra on Monday Week 2.

Next term also sees our K-2 Athletics Fun Day, which always brings much joy and excitement for our younger students experiencing modified athletic games and races. Parents and carers are invited to join us on this day.

A gentle reminder to please label all uniform items so these can be easily returned if misplaced. Our school offers many options for school uniform to suit different learners. Please ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform, including school hat, every day.

I hope everyone has a relaxing school break. Stay warm, reconnect and have some fun! I look forward to seeing you back in Term 3.

Mrs Khandharixay
Deputy Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY 3-6

As we come to the end of Term 2, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the achievements and opportunities at Harrington Park Public School.

One of the highlights this term was the participation of all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 in the Macarthur FC "Bulls in Schools" Program. Delivered by professional community coaches, this initiative brought energy and excitement to our playgrounds. More importantly, it supported students in increasing their physical activity, developing healthy habits, and improving their soccer skills. The program also helped build skills such as teamwork, communication, and self-confidence. I must admit, it was lovely to watch students having so much fun.

Semester 1 reports have been distributed to parents. Teachers have been busy meeting with parents to discuss the progress of their children. These reports reflect the hard work, dedication, and growth of our students across all learning areas. I'm constantly inspired by their enthusiasm for learning and the effort they put into achieving their goals. One of the best parts of my role is spending time with students as they share the work, they're most proud of. I love hearing them speak about their favourite subjects and how they've developed as learners over the course of the semester.

Looking ahead, we're excited to offer enriching learning experiences in Term 3. Year 3 students will be heading off on an excursion to Sydney Zoo as part of their science unit on Living Things. Excursions provide valuable opportunities for students to explore learning in real-world contexts and often create lasting memories. We can't wait to hear about what they discover!

Attendance Matters

A reminder that regular attendance is crucial to student learning and wellbeing. Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring children attend school every day. We understand that at times absences are unavoidable. Justified reasons for student absence may include:

- Illness or infectious disease
- Unavoidable medical appointments (please provide a medical certificate)
- Recognised religious holidays

Please remember to notify the school within 7 days of your child's absence. If no explanation is received during this period, the absence will be recorded as unexplained. Attendance is carefully monitored, especially when reviewing applications for holiday leave. If you require a leave form, these can be collected from the office or requested via email.

As we close out the first half of the school year, I want to thank our students, staff, and families for a successful and productive Term 2. I hope the upcoming school holidays provide time for our community to rest, reset and enjoy the company of family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and ready for Term 3.

Mrs Whittles
Deputy Principal

Dates to Remember

July

4th - Last Day of Term

21st - SDD

22nd - Students return for Term 3

28th - NAIDOC Sean Choolburra Performance

29th - Kindergarten 100 Day Brighter



August

5th - P&C Meeting - Zoom

12th - Kindergarten Farm Excursion

Stage 3 Camp

In Week 6, our Stage 3 students embarked on an unforgettable adventure to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber. Over the course of three exciting days, students stepped out of their comfort zones and embraced a wide range of outdoor activities including the giant swing, rock climbing, high ropes, bush craft, raft building, and orienteering. These experiences not only challenged them physically but also helped build important life skills such as resilience, teamwork, and leadership.

Camp was a time for students to reconnect with nature and each other. Whether it was encouraging a friend to climb a little higher, working together to build a raft, or sitting around sharing stories, students created special memories that will stay with them for years to come. It was truly a rewarding and memorable experience for all involved.

We hope everyone had a fantastic time!

From the Stage 3 Teachers





Premiers Debating Challenge

Premier's Debating Challenge - Round 2

On Tuesday 10th June, our debating teams went to Currans Hill P.S for Round 2 of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

HPPS Blue argued the topic '*We should ban kids under 12 from ever playing any kind of game on a screen*' (affirmative).

HPPS Teal debated the topic '*Years 5 & 6 kids should do all their schoolwork on a screen instead of using textbooks and paper*' (affirmative).

Our HPPS teams planned and presented convincing arguments and rebuttals, successfully winning both debates! Congratulations HPPS Blue and HPPS Teal!

Premier's Debating Challenge - Round 3

On Tuesday 1st July, our debating teams hosted the Round 3 debate against Cobbitty P.S.

HPPS Blue argued the topic '*All school canteen jobs should be done by students with a supervising teacher*' (affirmative). Well done HPPS Blue on your impressive debate victory!

HPPS Teal debated the topic '*Schools should give every Year 6 student a turn in student leadership instead of appointing a few kids for the whole year*' (affirmative). Great job HPPS Teal. Though the result didn't go our way, your debate performance was well-prepared and confident!

Congratulations to all students involved. We look forward to our Round 4 Debate in Term 3.

Mrs Scherer and Mrs Alex



Stage 1 Excursion to Sydney Zoo

On Tuesday 17th June, Year 1 and Year 2 students attended an excursion to Sydney Zoo. Students and teachers were captivated by a variety of fascinating animals from around the world, making it an exciting and educational experience. We were also lucky enough to get up close and touch to some interesting reptiles

Stage 1 teachers





Sports News

NSWPSSA Swimming Championships

On the last two days of term 1, Dakota D, Lily H, Harlem M and Maya S represented HPPS at the NSWPSSA swimming championships in the senior girls relay where they placed 35th. Dakota also competed individually in the 11yr breaststroke where she placed 34th. Congratulations girls, such an amazing achievement.

Representative Sport

Congratulations to Jayda K for being selected in both the Macarthur netball and Macarthur basketball teams. Macarthur placed first at the SSW netball championships, going through undefeated.

Following the SSW netball and basketball championships, Jayda was successful in being selected in both SSW teams to compete at the NSWPSSA championships. She recently competed in the NSWPSSA basketball championships in Sutherland with SSW placing 5th overall. Next term. Jayda will be travelling to Coffs Harbour to compete in the NSWPSSA netball championships.

Congratulations and good luck, Jayda.

Congratulations to Brooklyn C who was selected in the SSW hockey team. Earlier in the term, Brooklyn competed in the NSWPSSA hockey championships which were held in Newcastle.

Congratulations to Amellia K and Harlow B who were selected in the Macarthur girl's soccer team. They both competed at the SSW championships during week 8.

Congratulations to Noah M and Hudson B who were selected in the Macarthur boy's soccer team. They both competed at the SSW championships on Monday.

Macarthur Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who competed at Macarthur Cross Country earlier in the term.

8/9 year old – **Jordan D 8th**, Jayden A 10th, Oceanna C 22nd, Harry P 26th, Kobi G 30th, Savanna A 33rd, Lexi C 41st, Lucas K 41st, Archie B 42nd, Ashley L 44th, Audrey B 48th

10 year old – Aubree T 9th, Ineka L 10th, Indii L 15th, Aria N 16th, Harlow B 20th, Max F 21st, Ella S 36th, Dimitri M 41st, Alexander M 48th, William C 49th, Austin K 55th, Austin E 60th

11 year old – **Lily H 1st, Dakota D 2nd, Jayce A 3rd, Delinya M 4th**, Ashylar C 11th, Sienna R 20th, Chelsea C 23rd, Dylan M 24th, Jacob C 25th, Harrison W 36th, Massimo D 44th, Jace N 53rd

12 year old – **Noah M 1st, Yasmin N 2nd, Isabelle D 4th, Liam F 5th, Dian V 7th**, Savannah F 20th, Imogen J 27th, Layla K 28th, Amellia K 30th, Hudson B 30th, Tariq L 31st, James H 35th

Those students whose names are in bold, continued on to compete at the SSW Cross Country. Harrington Park PS had the largest number of students who progressed through to the SSW Cross Country.

SSW Cross Country

The following students competed at the SSW Cross Country during week 7 this term.

Congratulations on conquering a very challenging course.

8/9 years – Jordan D 69th

11 years - **Lily H 1st, Dakota D 2nd**, Delinya M 17th , Jayce A 35th

12 years – Isabelle D 19th , Yasmin N 20th , Liam F 19th , Dian V 20th

Lily and Dakota will be progressing to NSWPSA Cross Country to be held during the first week of next term. Good luck girls!

Knockout Competitions

Girls soccer – Round 1 bye

Round 2 v Geldswood Hills 1 – 0 loss

Boys soccer – Round 1 bye

Round 2 v Gledswood Hills 6 – 2 win

Round 3 v St Andrews 3 – 0 win

Round 4 v Camden South (to be played next term)

Netball – Round 1 v Gledswood Hills 21 – 9 win

Round 2 v Narellan Vale 44 - 2 loss

Gala days

Last Friday was the last of the winter gala days for 2025. Coaches all commented on how well Harrington Park students competed fairly with great sportsmanship.

Summer gala day trials have been finalised and teams were announced this week. If your child has been selected in a summer gala day team, please be aware that payment is due by Wednesday 23rd July. Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child will not be attending gala days so their position in the team can be offered to another student. Gala days next term will be in weeks 3, 6 and 9

West Tigers Try Competition

During the last Tigers home game at Campbelltown Stadium, we were lucky enough to be chosen as one of the schools to win 25 Steeden rugby footballs when the Tigers scored a try. Thanks to Wests Campbelltown for your generous prize.

Michelle McDonald



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Community Links - STAR4Kids



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Or obtain a referral from your GP.



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Community Links Wellbeing

Community Links Wellbeing is a not-for-profit non-government organisation which supports clients and their families to achieve positive outcomes. Under STAR4kids we offer both centre-based and telehealth options to children in Camden, Wollondilly and Wingecarribee.

We can provide assistance when:

- You are worried about your child/children
- You want to improve your child/children's life and overall wellbeing
- You don't know who else can help
- You don't know which service is supposed to help you

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Community Links Wellbeing is a STAR4kids provider and a registered NDIS service provider.

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A free and confidential
mental health support service
for children aged 3-12 years.



**Information for
parents and caregivers**



Good mental health in childhood is the foundation for future positive wellbeing.



What is STAR4Kids?

STAR4Kids (Supporting Them to Achieve Resilience) is for children aged 3-12 years with, or at risk of, emotional or mental health problems, who experience barriers to accessing Better Access (Medicare).

Seeking help early gives your child the best chance to work through difficulties before they progress. Your child does not have to be diagnosed with a mental illness to access STAR4Kids services.

Your child will receive support from a trained and experienced STAR4Kids practitioner. STAR4Kids professionals are cleared through mandatory checks such as police and Working With Children.

How STAR4Kids works

STAR4Kids includes up to 12 hours of free psychological support with a mental health professional (psychologist, mental health nurse or accredited counsellor or social worker) who has experience working with children.

Child counselling is different to adult counselling. Playing games, drawing and storytelling may be used to help your child.



STAR4Kids is not available to:

- Children who can access Better Access (Medicare).
- Children with a diagnosed behavioural or neurodevelopmental disorder, including Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) as the main presenting concern.
- Children with a NDIS Package which includes psychological therapy.



How to access the program

You can visit your GP for a referral. Book a long appointment with your GP to complete a *GP Mental Health Treatment Plan (for Children)*.

Non-GP referrals may also be made through other approved provisional referrers.

Once STAR4Kids receives your child's referral you will be contacted by a STAR4Kids professional to arrange an appointment to have your child assessed. You will work together to come up with a plan of action best suited to your child's needs.

Non-GP referrals

Referrals can be made through approved provisional referrers such as early childhood centres, teachers and school counsellors.

When your child has been referred by someone other than a GP, you will need to see a STAR4Kids professional to assess your child's needs. This may take more than one appointment.

You will then need to book a long appointment with your GP to receive a mental health treatment plan.

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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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