Welcome
A warm welcome back to school to all our students. It was heart warming to see how enthusiastically the vast majority of our children have embraced the new term.

School Development Day
On Monday the staff of Harbord Public School combined with over 300 colleagues from 12 other local Primary Schools to deepen their understanding around student wellbeing and mental health. The keynote speaker is a well known psychologist, Michael Carr-Greg.

Credit card Payments
The OOSH at Harbord Public has been operating a direct debit process for the payment of fees. This appears to be working well and is quite efficient for all involved. If you use your credit card to also pay school contributions or subject fees you may find that currently on your credit card account that there is no distinction between Harbord Public School P&C OOSH and Harbord Public School. OOSH is working with their agency to see if they can effect a change.

Parking in driveways and school grounds.
As we make the start into a new term can we please ask that we make safe parking choices for the benefit of all our students. It is much safer to walk up and collect children than to add to congestion with illegal double parking or pulling up in driveways. A few minutes walk reduces the risk of blind and dangerous parking. Remember to please resist the urge to exit using the school driveways or the staff only car parks. Please also remember to respect our neighbours by not parking in their driveways. They have the right to come and go at any time. PLEASE PARK FOR SAFETY, NOT CONVENIENCE.

School A to Z app
Like some help with your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.
Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Craig Davis

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From the Deputy Principal

Welcome back to all our K-6 students. Everyone looked rested after the magnificent weather on offer over the holiday period. We look forward to a busy and productive term 2. I have already given the students the secret recipe for a happy and successful term 2. Good behaviour, good manners and good effort.

Anzac Day Service
Year 2-6 students attended our school Anzac Day Service on the last Friday of term 1. The service was run by our captains and seniors and it was a lovely service to honour our fallen soldiers. We were all very proud of our students who presented speeches, sang in our choir and played the musical pieces. The students behaved beautifully throughout the assembly to ensure a respectful and moving service took place. Thank you to our teachers who had prepared the students so well for this important event in our school year. Well done to all involved.

Opportunity Class Placement 2015
Opportunity classes are one strategy used by the Department of Education to cater for the learning needs of gifted and talented students. Year 4 students have the opportunity to apply for opportunity class placement in year 5 in 2015. Placement tests will be conducted at designated local high school venues. Applications can be completed online or by requesting an application package from school. On line or paper applications need to be completed by Friday 16th May. Paper applications are to be returned to the child’s class teacher. The school is required to provide an assessment in Mathematics and English for each applicant. Information sheets will be issued to all year 4 students this week. Parents wishing to have their child undertake the test are asked to return the tear off slip to their child’s class teacher.

The OC placement program is a very competitive process designed to cater for the most able students with a history of academic success. Please note that online applications are accessible from Monday 28th April at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement Online applications close Friday 16th May.

PSSA Winter Sport
Winter PSSA competition commences Friday 9th May. Harbord has entered junior and senior teams in Rugby League, Soccer – boys and girls, Netball and Netta (year 3 only). Selection trials will take place during Friday sport time this week.

Sport In Schools Program
Students in years 3-6 not involved in Winter PSSA will participate in the Sport in Schools Program throughout term 2. The program will be held each Friday at Harbord Park commencing Friday 9th May.

Stewart House
Harbord PS is a strong supporter of Stewart House. An envelope drive to raise essential funds for Stewart House is currently being conducted. Students are asked to place a gold coin in the envelope and return it to school. Funds raised will go to financing the excellent programs conducted by Stewart House for disadvantaged students from all over NSW. Envelopes will be distributed to all students this week. The theme is Kids Helping Kids and we are hoping to raise $1000 for Stewart House. Envelopes are to be returned to school by Friday 16th May.

Brian O’Rourke
As a key education partner of the Australian Communications and Media Authority's (ACMA) Cybersmart program (see http://www.cybersmart.gov.au) there is a new initiative to support teachers and parents in their journey to help children stay safe online.

Cybersmart has developed **CHATTERBOX**, an online platform that allows parents to ‘tune’ in to a series of short videos and conversations by Cybersmart experts on a wide variety of cybersafety topics and to ask questions. Each video and conversation, released monthly, addresses the specific issues, behaviours and safety essentials to help parents make sense of what’s happening in their child’s online world. The informal and interactive nature of Chatterbox provides parents a fresh, new and jargon-free perspective on cybersafety issues. The Chatterbox conversations can be accessed at home, on a mobile device or on-the-go. Three episodes have been released so far and others will be added each month. Go to: http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Resources/Educate%20yourself/Chatterbox.aspx

### Selfies and Someone-Elsies – Episode 1
The first episode of the Cybersmart Chatterbox series explores some of the risky behaviours young people can engage in online. This episode suggests tips on how to manage some of the most common parenting challenges in the online world.

### Tots, Teens and In-Betweens —Episode 2
Has the digital world changed childhood forever or will kids always be kids regardless of changing environments? Cybersmart Chatterbox ponders where technology fits with the trials and tribulations of growing up.

### Trolling, Tagging and Bagging – Episode 3
Young people need to be aware that many of the rules, manners and etiquette principles that apply to face-to-face interactions also apply to digital interactions. Episode Three explores the potential for harm that can sometimes occur when social media is misused.
**Spellathon 2014**

One of our school’s targets for 2014 is to improve the Spelling outcomes of all students so, all children K-6, will be participating in a SPELLATHON! This is one of our major fundraising events for the year. We will be learning lists of words to raise money for our school to support technology and ground improvements.

- Sponsorship forms are being distributed before the holidays so children can begin getting their sponsors over the break (they may see grandparents, friends or relatives who may like to sponsor them).
- The lists of words for Years 1 – 6 will be given out next term.
- Kindergarten will complete a word blending activity.
- Children will have four weeks to learn their words
- Words will also be practised during class time through written activities, games and drills
- **The date for the ‘Spell-Off’ is Friday 30th May 2014.** Children in Years 1 – 6 will be tested on the words they were expected to learn. Kindergarten will also complete their activity in class time. All children will receive an iceblock, paid for by the P&C when they complete the Spellathon.
- Sponsorship forms and money are due back to school on Friday 6th June 2014 and should be placed in the K-6 box at the office.

Suellen Dennehy
K-6 Fundraisers
(Rel)

Lisa McKenzie
Deputy Principal

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**Mother's Day stall**

Wednesday 7th, Thurs 8th and Friday 9th May from 8.45am in front of the canteen.

We also need some parents to help in the stall.
Fresh Herb Fridays
Need lovely fresh herbs for pizza or pasta?
Want delicious, organic herbs to jazz up dinner?
We have the solution!
(and it’s much cheaper than those other supermarket options)
Garden Gurus are selling some of our herbs and seasonal produce at the Canteen on a Friday afternoon from 3:05pm.

REMINDER
Junior Band Workshop at school
Sunday, 4th May 2014
9.15am to 2.30pm
Concludes with concert for parents and friends at 2pm
In the hall
No uniform required. Bring a fold up music stand

MOVED OR CHANGED DETAILS????????

PLEASE MAKE ANY NECESSARY CHANGES AND LEAVE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR OUR RECORDS

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Name of child/children: __________________________________________
New Address: ____________________________________________________
New Home Phone: ________________________________________________
New Work/ Mobile Number/s: _______________________________________
(Please specify who number is for)
New Emergency Contact/s: ________________________________________
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**Cate Latham, Go4Fun parent**

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WHAT'S ON IN TERM 2 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

**Tuning in to Kids Course** (3-10yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (22/5 - 19/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course** (3-8yrs)
Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
Chatswood 7wks - 5 group & 2 telephone (14/5 - 25/6, 7.00 - 9.30pm)

**NEW Communicating with Kids Workshop** (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood (18/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Tuning in to Teens Course**
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents' needs & behaviour.
Chatswood 5 wks (19/5 - 23/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Toddlers Workshops** (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 13/5, 20/5 & 27/5 (3 wks/2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Resilient Kids Workshop**
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (15/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop**
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (12/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST – PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)

- Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
- Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
- Speech & Language Development/Sleep
- Older Sibling - New Baby
- Bully Busting - New Baby
- Resilient Kids
- Transition to School
- Transition to High School
- Triple P Seminar Series 1-12 yrs & Teens
- Communicating with Kids
- Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat
- Grand Parenting

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting  9887 5830