



# HORSLEY HERALD



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## A picture says a thousand words.....



### PRESENTATION DAY

Our annual Presentation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 11 December, 2019. The Presentation Ceremony will commence at 9:30am and will conclude by 11:15am. We look forward to seeing you on the day to help celebrate our students' achievements.

### LIBRARY NEWS

This is a quick reminder that the last week to borrow will be this week. Students will then be required to bring all books back to the library next week. Mrs Basak is in the process of stocktake. Students can go and visit the library during lunch to listen to Christmas music, make some Christmas craft, read some books and play on the computers!

### 2020 CAPTAINS ELECTION

The group of aspiring leaders from our Year 5 cohort have been attending Captain's Club with Mrs Basak and Mr Screnci. They will be presenting their Captaincy speeches during an assembly next Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at 9.30am. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

## What's On?

### Week 7

26/11 After school scripture club

28/11 End of year mass at Marion

25/11-6/12 Swim Scheme

29/11 Basketball clinic

### Week 8

25/11-6/12 Swim Scheme

3/12 Year 6 Orientation day

3/12 P&C meeting @6pm

4/12 Captain speeches

4/12 Junior AECG meeting

@1pm at Rossmore PS

6/12 Basketball clinic

6/12 Awards cut off

### Week 9

9/12 Year 6 farewell

11/12 Presentation day starting @ 9.30am

13/12 Reports go home

13/12 Basketball clinic

## AWARDS

Class	Merit
K/6D Alana	Walden
K/6B Rafael	Sebastian
K/6Y Kamel	Sam
K/6L Jack	Sebastian
KE Kaylah	Christian
1/2O Sacha	Alex
	Natalia
3/4O Taneal	Jocelyn
	Mackenzie
	Kaylib
	Jake
5/6A Crystal	Mia B
	Ana
	Jonathan

## School Information



### ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

If you have a child ready to start school next year, or know of someone else who does, please direct them to our office so we can fill in the required enrolments forms ready for 2020. Similarly, if you will be leaving our school (apart from our Year 6 students) please let us know so we can adjust our expected student numbers.

### SWIM SCHOOL AND BUS SAFETY

Parents, to ensure all students disembark the bus safely and staff are able to mark rolls, it is vital that all parent wait inside the school gate to ensure students are given ample room to move safely to their assigned meeting area to have their names marked off. This will also provide staff the opportunity to ensure that students with additional needs are given the room and instruction they require to ensure their safety during this time.

### BUS SAFETY



### HATS IN THE PLAYGROUND

We encourage students to wear sun-safe hats that protect the face, neck and ears when outside. Students who do not have a sun-safe hat, will be asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.

### ICE BLOCK FRIDAY

Year 6 students will be selling ice blocks every Friday up near the canteen for \$1. The funds raised will go towards the year 6 farewell. If your child would like to purchase an ice block on Friday, please bring in \$1. They will be on sale at lunchtime.



### THANK YOU

To all our wonderful community who have volunteered their time to support our school community at Horsley Park Public School throughout 2019.



### P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



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**Tickets \$1 each**

A variety of vouchers and Christmas hampers to be won!

**Drawn: 11th December, 2019 @ the Presentation Assembly.**

Thank you for your support!  
Horsley Park Public School

Next P&C meeting

3 December 2019 @6pm

### KOORI CULTURE DAY AT BOSSLEY PARK PS

Last Wednesday the Aboriginal students from our school invited some friends to come to Koori Kulture Day at Bossley Park Public School. We participated in many activities. First we met in the hall and The Bossley Park Koori Dance Mob, performed for us. It was amazing to say the least! Some other students performed the Acknowledgement Of Country and then we split into our stage groups. **Marcus 5/6A**



We met some new friends and connected with culture by doing activities. They included art, sport, weaving with raffia, singing in Dharawal, and we learnt about artefacts. **Liz 1 / 2 O**

We had lots of fun painting rocks, weaving raffia, and we got to play drills with The Western Sydney Wanderers and The Sydney Thunder Cricket crews. We got to see and use Aboriginal artefacts. Everyone loved learning how to sing, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes", in Dharawal. **Monique 1 / 2 O**

"My favourite was the weaving."

**Isabella 3 / 4 O**



It was a fabulous day! The students learnt new skills and interacted with peers from 26 other schools. The HPPS students should be commended on their excellent behaviour.

Mrs O'keefe 🙌

## 2019 Schools Spectacular

Three students from the Horsley Park Support Unit participated in this year’s Schools Spectacular. Jack, Wellington and Lourdez set out on the 17<sup>th</sup> September to their first rehearsal at the Netball Central at Sydney Olympic Park. The students attended rehearsals each week and also the first combined rehearsal at Qudos Bank Arena Homebush on the 28<sup>th</sup> October, this was the first time the students got to rehearse their item on the arena floor.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, performance week began with a rehearsal at Qudos Bank Arena, Sport Hall. On Thursday we headed back to the main arena for the second combined rehearsal, after a long day we were shown to our dressing rooms and we began our final practice.

The big day finally arrived, the students were extremely excited to perform not only in front of a huge audience, but also in front of 60 students from school who came to watch. The students performed amazingly across all four shows over the two days. Although, they were huge days, the students represented Horsley Park Public School with pride and showed their support for all the other performers. Jack, Wellington and Lourdez are congratulated for their incredible effort.

Miss Bailey



Take a peek in .....

## 5/6 Albatross

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

It is astonishing to think that the academic year is almost at a close! The myriad of whole school events, extra-curricular activities; alongside academic & social pursuits – including the upcoming Year 6 farewell – continue to keep Stage 3 on their toes. As with any race to the finish line, it is imperative to reflect upon the gains made, across the curriculum. Whilst the general hustle and bustle of Term 4 can seemingly overtake all else – rest assured that in 5/6 Albatross, we take the time to celebrate progress, on a daily basis. The imminent school report card is only one such avenue of reflection and celebration of achievement.

This term, our HSIE (geography) unit, *A diverse and Connected World*, is giving students an opportunity to acquaint themselves with countries of the Asia region and the connections Australia has with other countries across the world. In English, we continue to immerse ourselves in rich literature via the class novel & through select, higher-order multi-modal texts. *Writing* continues to be our primary focus. In Science & Technology, students are learning about a range of extreme weather phenomena, their causes, their impact on humans and the Earth; and how their effects can be mitigated through advances in science & technology. Students have conducted research and programmed to create a working circuit for an interactive poster using Makey Makeys.

Notwithstanding the dizzying array of activities throughout this term, there have been numerous highlights; including our recent visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) at the Rocks, for the Year 6 fun day – a celebration to mark the end of primary school for our Year 6 students. There was ample opportunity to ponder, reflect upon and be inspired by the art work on display – including works by Indigenous Australian artists (which complimented our History topic on *The Stolen Generations*). Traversing the area around the Rocks / Argyle Street, helped students envisage certain aspects of our historical fiction, class novel, *The Melting Pot* – by Christopher W Cheng; lending credence to the fact that in 5/6 Albatross, learning permeates every experience.

With regards to Year 6 fundraising – the Halloween disco raised \$488.00. Thank you for your ongoing support with the weekly fruit-juice ice block sales.

Have a wonderful week –

Ms. Afzal



**Year 6 Fun Day – Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) – Student reflections:**

- I thoroughly enjoyed our venture through our great city, and the several attractions we visited. I was excited to see so many different designs in the Museum of Contemporary Art, ranging from a room of hanging rocks to a completely embroidered Wikipedia page! I enjoyed our trip. – **Christopher**
- I believe fun day was the best. We shared many memories and our class was flawless. Everyone behaved and had a tremendous day, and walked a lot! But to be honest the walking was awesome, as we shared many stories along the way. – **Clayton**
- Our Year 6 fun day was amazing! It was an irreplaceable experience because we all had fun and learnt many things. Thank you to Ms Afzal for organising and giving me another amazing new experience! – **Lilly**
- Fun day was the best day of school! All the artworks were beautiful and entertaining. It was also nice learning about the artwork. My favourite was the massive clock with all the little wheels and cogs on the back – **Kalvyn**
- I loved the giant clock, the scary doll and the powder gun at the Museum of Contemporary Art. – **Kamel**
- I had an amazing experience at the museum. It was about all different types of art works and what the story line was relating to in our book– **Razaan**
- Overall, I had an amazing time in the city. It was very interesting to look at the different artworks in the museum; one thing that was interesting was the 18-hour clock. – **Jessica**
- The Year 6 fun day definitely had a positive impact on me. It was an amazing day! The highlight of this memorable day was the MCA. This day was made fun for my peers & I. I was to especially thank my teacher Ms Afzal. Thank you for organising all our trips and making them so much fun as well! – **Mia. C**
- When the class went the city, I learned about the old clock and everyone had so much fun. Thank you Ms Afzal for everything. - **Peter**
- One thing I took away from fun day was our walks, laughs and the artworks in the museum. – **Tiana**
- Going to the city for our fun day was very exciting; while we were still learning a lot about all of the amazing and unique art works. I also had a great time playing at the Botanic gardens and talking with my friends – **Jonathan**
- This year, Year 6 students, visited the Museum of Contemporary Art in town, for their Fun Day. It was thoroughly enjoyable, yet also extremely educational. We attended several exhibitions – they were all equally as enjoyable to observe. There were paintings, sculptures and displays from a myriad of artists, from all across the globe. What I loved about the art works, was that you really had to ponder upon the meaning behind them.

The works of Indigenous Australian artist Destiny Deacon, were one of the highlights of the excursion. This is because the artworks linked in with our history topic: *The Stolen Generations*; by incorporating similar themes. This created an allegory of sorts, allowing us to recall information we had learnt in the past few terms, to gain a deeper understanding of the artwork. For lunch we travelled across the wharves to the Botanical Gardens. Our class, had the opportunity to view several of Sydney's famous locations, including the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House. We had a great time capturing photographs in front of both of these internationally-recognised landmarks.

Overall, Year 6 had an extremely joyous time and will cherish the experience for years to come. I would like to thank Ms Afzal for all the hard work she put in, during the preparation of our excursion. I also give thanks to all who ensured that the day ran as smoothly as possible. – **Maximus**

Year 6 Fun Day -



### 1 / 2 Ocelots by Mrs O'keefe

*Well here we are in week 7 nearing the end of a wonderful year of learning. We are working hard and practising our end of year dance. It is exciting to reflect on how far the students have come this year. They are ready for the next step of their education journey.*

*1 / 2 Ocelots are exploring Australia and our connections to special places within its boundaries. We are sharing texts and creating artworks to expand our knowledge of the land. In particular we are looking at connections the indigenous Australians and the Torres Strait Islanders have to local and global places.*

*In maths we have built our skills in completing the Number Of The Day and are showing improved confidence in using the jump strategy.*

*Our text, "Where the Wild Things Are", has provided us with great opportunities to learn about using our imagination and the correct use of speech marks.*

*Basketball lessons in Friday sport has been a huge hit! The students are learning many skills and are definitely getting a good fitness workout.*



*The warm weather has come at the perfect time for strengthening our swimming skills at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. Thank you to all the parents for your cooperation in having the students prepared with everything they need. As we are on a tight time-line, you are welcome to send things in their bags for the return leg of the trip back to school.*

*What an amazing day we shared at Schools Spectacular last Friday! The students were in awe of the colours, sounds and quality performances that entertained us. Here are a couple of the comments I received from the students:*

*Milani - " I loved the strength of the dancers and they were really brave to do their performances."*

*Jayden C - "The Finale was the best part!"*