



# HORSLEY HERALD



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



All classes are off to a very settled and productive start for 2019. I would like to thank all our community, teachers, parents and students for working so well together to support student learning and promote a culture of tolerance, high expectations and achievement for every child.

### Update of Information Booklet

All students received the 'Update of Information Booklet' last week. It is **very important** that ALL the permission forms and the health and contact details are completed, signed and returned to school. It would be much appreciated if the booklets could be returned to school no later than Friday 15 February so that our information can be updated promptly. If your child requires an individual health plan for asthma or any other health issues, please contact the office as soon as possible.

### 2019 Combined Swimming Carnival

We will be participating in a combined swimming carnival at the Prairiewood Leisure Centre on Tuesday 19 February between 9.00am and 3pm. The carnival will be combined with St John's Park PS, Harrington St PS and Fairfield West PS. **This carnival is for competitors only.** Notes have been sent home for students in years 3 to 6 and students in year 2 who are turning 8 this year, who have identified they can confidently swim a minimum of 50 metres unaided in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke or butterfly. If your child did not receive a note and can swim the required distance, please contact the office.

### Assembly Information

Our whole school assembly commenced on Thursday at 2:00pm. These assemblies will be held every second Thursday (even weeks) unless otherwise notified.

### Scripture Classes

Scripture classes will be commencing in Week 5 (26 February). Classes are held each Tuesday morning between 9:15am and 9:45am. At present the classes that are offered are: Catholic, Christian and Non Scripture. After School Scripture Club is being held again this year. The dates for Term 1 are: Tuesday 5 & 19 March and 2 April. A permission note will be sent home today with further information.

## What's On?

### Week 3

- 13/2** Meet the Teacher BBQ 5pm in class 5:30pm
- 14/2** Yr 6 Valentine's Day cake stall
- 15/2** Life Skills Program – Mindfulness begins

### Week 4

- 21/2** Assembly 2pm
- 22/2** Life Skills Program

### Week 5

- 26/2** Scripture begins
- 28/2** Peer Support Camp Wooglemai Stage 3

## AWARDS

Class	Merit	
K/6 B	Sebastian	Anthony
K/6 D	Antonio	Alana
K/6 L	Phuc	William
K/6 Y	Mathew	Kamel
KE	Braxton	Tamarah
1/2O	Romeo	Kaylie
	Elizabeth	Sacha
3/4R	Aston	Emily
	Jake	Jacob
5/6A	Mia C	Marcus
	Mia B	Clayton

## School Information

### PBL – Weeks 3 & 4



- Move safely at all times
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing
- Be sun safe – wear a hat or stay under shelter
- Use all equipment correctly
- Travel safely to and from school
- Stay safe in cyberspace

### Student Banking

Deposit books are to be handed into the office each Thursday morning before 9:15 am. Student deposits will be processed and books will be returned to classrooms the following day.

### Student Bus Passes

Please visit the following website for information regarding applications for bus passes.

<http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/customers/ssts/schools>

All application for new bus passes must be completed by parents online.

### Safety First

In school zones the speed limit is 40km/h. I would like to remind all parents, relatives and friends who may drive on the roads around schools that the 40km/h speed limit is to provide a safe environment for our families. To ensure that you are not fined, and more importantly, to ensure the safety and welfare of our students, please obey the road rules that are signposted outside our school. The 'Kiss and Drop' zone directly in front of our school (in Walworth Street) is NOT a parking bay. Additionally, please exercise care and

courtesy when parking, to ensure that you DO NOT park over driveways or impede our neighbours access to their property. ONLY staff and assisted School transport cars are to access the carpark.

### 'Meet the Teacher BBQ & Information Evening

'Meet the Teacher' BBQ & Information Evening, on Wednesday 13 February (5:00pm – 6:00pm) This is a great opportunity to mingle with other families within our school community and celebrate the community spirit that exists in our great school. Sausage on a roll and a cold drink will be served prior to meeting in your child's classroom at 5:30pm to hear information about the year ahead. All students attending MUST be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Voluntary School Contribution 2019

#### What Is A Voluntary School Contribution?

This is a voluntary payment from parents that is requested each year by schools to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources to ensure our students have the best possible learning opportunities and learning environment.

#### How Much?

The voluntary contributions are set at:

- \$35 for one child;
- \$60 for two children or more children at HPPs.

#### What Will The Money Be Used For?

All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of school resources and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our school.



### Anaphylaxis

Horsley Park Public School is a 'Nut Aware School'. We aim to minimise the risk to children with documented allergies to nut products. Everyone is encouraged to avoid bringing foods that contain nuts to school. Products that contain nuts include: nuts, peanut butter, nut spreads such as Nutella, most fruit and nut bars and muesli bars, some biscuits, chocolates and any other products that have nuts listed in the ingredients. It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards. However, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimise the potential risks.

We have two students with severe allergies at our school. To minimise the risk to these children and all other students, please discuss the importance with your own child that they **DO NOT share food** and the importance of washing hands after eating.

### Continue To Keep Us Informed

There may be changes to your child's health or circumstances throughout the year. Please notify the school of any changes and how we can best support your child while at school.

At times the school may need to contact you regarding your child. It is important that you notify the school of any changes to your contact details. This includes address, telephone numbers and contact details for those you have nominated as emergency contacts.

It is also important for ALL parents to remember that not all students have permission for their photos to be shared or published in any form including social media. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if parents **ONLY TAKE PHOTOS** of their **OWN CHILDREN** at school events.

## Kindergarten Emu

Welcome to a new year of life and learning! Welcome to Kindergarten Emu!

We are a delightful class of 10 students who have started their learning journeys with hope, wonder, enthusiasm and joy. A perfect way to begin schooling.

I look forward to seeing you at Meet the Teacher evening next Wednesday 13th February. On this occasion, I will discuss the topics of learning for Kindergarten students, as well as our routines and general activities at school. This is a great opportunity to find out a little more about what your child will be learning while at school, as well as a perfect opportunity to meet with you, if I haven't already.

I welcome you to our happy school community and to our class.

Mrs Elwing

## K/6 Dragonfly

Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had wonderful holiday break. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to K/6 Dragonfly.

I am very impressed with how well all students have settled in to their new class. Students spent their first week getting to know each other and getting used to classroom routines and expectations.

This week we have begun our learning and students have been demonstrating their knowledge in all Key Learning Areas.

I am looking forward to a busy year full of learning and fun! Thank you to parents/carers that have already kindly donated classroom supplies, it is very much appreciated.

I would like to let you know that K/6 Dragonfly will have their library day on Tuesdays. During library time, students will be able to borrow books. If you would like your child to borrow a book please bring in a library bag. I look forward to meeting you at the Meet the Teacher Evening.

Miss D'Annunzio

## K/6 Leopard

Welcome to the 2019 school year! I am looking forward to a fantastic year with K/6 Leopard with lots of exciting, hands on activities in store for us.

It is also great to have a change of room with our new neighbours, 5/6A, joining us for Library. We will have plenty of opportunities to work with different teachers and students around the school.

Some quick points to start off our year, thank you to those who have donated supplies for our classroom. It is encouraged for students to also bring in their own pencil case with pencils, rubber, ruler and scissors. You would have seen our diaries coming home which are filled in by the students themselves each day. Any questions, comments or notes can go in there as I check them frequently. The first page of the diary has your Seesaw parent login for you to access announcements, photos and videos to see what is going on in K/6L.

I look forward to meeting with you in the weeks to come!

Mrs Lewer

## K/6 Bilby

K/6B have settled in well to the new school year. We are learning new routines and have begun focus lessons on functional literacy and numeracy skills.

We are all looking forward to a great year ahead.

Miss K Bailey

## K/6 Yak

Welcome to K/6 Yak for 2019!

I am K/6 Yak's teacher, Miss Yang and I am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and fun.

K/6 Yak is delighted to be back at school, playing safely with our friends, being responsible school members and being active learners in learning time.

We are excited to share and celebrate our learning journey throughout the year with you.

Thank you,

Miss Yang

## 1/2 Ocelot

1 / 2 Ocelots have lots to be proud of! We've made an amazing start to 2019 and have settled into our fabulous classroom. It has been exciting to see our friends again, and get acquainted with new classmates.

In class we are looking, listening, learning, and practising our safe behaviours. We are eager and anticipating a wonderful year of learning. Library day is Wednesday. Sport day is Friday.

Looking forward to seeing you at our MEET THE TEACHER night on Wednesday 13.2.19 (5-6pm)

Mrs R O'Keefe

## 3/4 Orangutan

Greetings and welcome back to a fantastic new year at Horsley Park.

It has been a busy start for students in 3/4 Orangutan who sprung forth into their learning and settled right into their daily routines. 3/4 Orangutan's theme for this term is the environment and students have spared no time in diving right in to their learning activities. This week, 3/4 Orangutan will be planning their dream car design which is aimed at reducing the carbon foot on the environment. 3/4 Orangutan will also be exploring the planets within our solar system and create an info-graphic table with facts about each planet.

An expression of interest form was sent home last week for the stage 2 excursion. If you are available and would like to assist, please fill out and return the expression form to your classroom teacher.

I look forward to meeting you all on Wednesday afternoon for our meet and greet.

Regards, Mr Obeid

## Support & Coding

Welcome to the 2019 school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable break. This year I will be working two days a week in a support role. I will also be running both an intermediate and advanced code club. I look forward to a wonderful year!

Mrs L. Borg

## 5/6 Albatross

I extend a warm welcome to all the families and caregivers of my students in 5/6 Albatross. I hope you all had a wonderful break over the summer and are ready to board the vessel of learning and growth for 2019!

In 5/6 Albatross, we have made a solid start to the year, with establishing routines and taking ownership of our leadership qualities. As seniors, we are looked upon as role models for the rest of student body at Horsley Park PS; in terms of being safe, respectful and active learners. Our class has been discussing the benefits of developing strategies for fostering grit, resilience and encouraging a positive growth mindset. I look forward to our senior students modelling these critical tools for growth throughout the year – and in particular, through our upcoming peer support program.

Should you have any concerns throughout the year, or simply wish to have a chat, please do not hesitate in making an appointment to see me, to discuss your child's needs. Thank you kindly to the families that have donated supplies to our classroom – your generous contributions are sincerely appreciated.

I am absolutely delighted to be teaching our seniors and look forward to a productive year with the wonderful cohort in 5/6 Albatross!

Have a wonderful week,

Ms. Afzal

## Internet Use

On 5 February 2019 we celebrated Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of the safe and positive use of digital technology, and to explore the role we can all play in creating a better and safer online community.

Coordinated by the Office of the eSafety Commission nationally, this year's theme is: 'Together for a better internet' encourages individuals to create a better internet by developing four, critical skills. We call these skills the 4Rs: **Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning and Resilience.**

Horsley Park P.S. supports Safer Internet Day. Help spread the word and raise awareness about the importance of respect online and encourage the discussion of internet safety with your children.



## Italian & Support

Welcome all Parents and Carers to 2019.

As Term 1 begins, it is great to see all the children back safe and well rested. This is a good thing, as we've all certainly hit the ground running.

2019 sees a change to my role at HPPS. As well as continuing to be the Italian teacher I'm very pleased to be involved in the support program with students in Kindergarten, Stage 2 and Stage 3.

In this role I will be working in collaboration with the classroom teacher to support students' learning needs across the curriculum.

I look forward to the year ahead and working with the children in reaching their full potential.

Salvatore Screnci

## The Reading Corner

I'd like to say a Big Welcome to our Horsley community. For those who have not met me yet my name is Cigdem Basak. I have been a teacher at Horsley for a little over 10 years and the teacher librarian for the past 6 years. This year I will also spend time assisting teachers in the classroom.

Each year I have a wonderful group of students who help me in the library. This year my 6 library monitors are:

Christopher Menon  
Isabella Sambono  
Nathan Chandra

Charlize Vella  
Mackenzie Wilson  
Nicholas Menon



Library borrowing days are as follows:

### Tuesday

K Emu  
K/6 Bilby  
K/6 Dragonfly  
5/6 Albatross  
K/6 Leopard

### Wednesday

1/2 Ocelot  
3/4 Orangutan  
K/6 Yak

If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Have a great week! Mrs Basak

## Canteen News

The Healthy School Canteen Strategy promotes healthy food and drink choices for all students in NSW. As a Premier's priority, all schools in NSW must meet the Food and Drink Criteria by the end of December 2019 and the Department of Education and NSW Health are here to help schools transition to a Healthy School Canteen.

Our P&C have worked hard to create a new healthy menu for 2019. The canteen will be open this week for snacks only. We look forward to the canteen opening each Monday, Wednesday & Thursday. Please support these dedicated community member's efforts to promote healthy food and drink choices in the canteen. Students will be invited to taste-test new products and provide feedback on taste and suitability of new items on the menu. If you can spare some time to work in the canteen please see Laura Sambono (P&C President) or leave your name and contact details with the office.

