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



#### **Booknic**

Thank you to our tremendous community members who packed some food, a blanket, and a book and settled in a scenic spot at Horsley Park P.S. to share an afternoon of reading in the great outdoors with our students last Wednesday 22 May. The students enjoyed eating the food related to each book. What a way to inspire reading! Your most generous contribution of time to our school and encouragement of students' love of reading are greatly appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Basak for organising and bringing Booknic to life at Horsley Park P.S. again this year.

#### **Cross Country Carnival**

Good luck to all the students participating in the Horsley Zone Cross Country Carnival Wednesday 29 May at Brennan Park, Smithfield. Parents are most welcome to attend the event but will need to make their own way there. Please ensure your child has the following items on the day: adequate clothing, comfortable footwear, sun protection, ample food, water to drink, and medication if required. A canteen will be operating at the ground. Thank you to Mr Obeid and Miss Stewart for supporting the team on the day.

#### **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Woolworths Earn and Learn program has commenced- running from 1 May and ending 25 June. If you have any earn and learn tokens, please return them to our earn and learn box at Woolworths Wetherill Park or the one out the front of our school office.

#### **Gala Day**

Just a reminder our Cowpasture Community of Schools Gala day will be held on Thursday 6 June. K-2 students will be at our school and students in 3-6 will be traveling to Bringelly Oval.

#### Canteen

Due to unforeseen circumstances the school canteen will be temporarily closed until further notice.

## What's On?

#### Week 5

28/5 Stewart House bag collection28/5 After school scripture club

29/5 Zone Cross Country

31/5 Peer support lesson 3

#### Week 6

**6/6** 3-6 Gala day @ Bringelly PS and K-2 Gala day @ Horsley Park PS

7/6 Peer support lesson

#### Week 7

10/6 Public holiday
11/6 After school scripture club
12/6 Year 6 fundraiser- Book and Toy stall

14/6 Peer support lesson

#### Week 8

Reports to go home this week 20/6 Mufti day 21/6 Peer support lesson

#### **AWARDS**

Class	Merit
K/6D	Walden Antonio
K/6B	George Anthony
K/6Y	Josip Kamel
K/6L	Jai Wellington
KE	Tamarah Christian
1/20	Jayden C Prashant
	Elizabeth Milani
3/40	Leonel Yorke
	Charlize Mackenzie
5/6A	Jessica Ana

Jonathan Mia C

## **School Information**

# Officeworks- Round up to make a difference

We're part of an exciting local community initiative at Officeworks, Round Up to Make a Difference. During the month of June customers can 'round-up' their purchases at Officeworks Wetherill Park and the money will be donated to us. This money will help us to purchase educational resources for our students. Please visit Officeworks Wetherill Park during June to support us. To find out more about this initiative visit https://www.officeworks.com.au/inform ation/about-us/sustainability/localcommunities

#### **School uniform**

School jackets that have been on order are expected to arrive at school on Wednesday 29 May. We have also been able to order a limited number of adult size small jackets. They will be available soon.

#### **School photos**

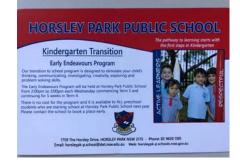
Special photographs (sports and cocurricular photos) that are available for order can be viewed at the school office. Orders can be made online or you can collect an order form from the office to complete. All orders are to be made by 17 June.





#### Kindergarten in 2020

It's that time of year again when we ask our local families to let us know if they have a child starting Kindergarten next year. If you have a child starting school next year, please contact the office to let us know (if you haven't already done so). If you have a neighbour or friend who will be sending their child to school next year, please let them know that we really want that information now to assist with our planning for 2020. All they need to do is call the office and we will let them know what they need to do from there.



#### Before and After School care at Marion

A meeting will be held Tuesday 4 June at 6pm at Marion School Hall for any families interested in Before and After School Care services.

The meeting will outline the services offered and the Centrelink provisions. Brochures can be collected from the school office regarding this program.

#### The Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you Mr Obeid and Mrs Elwing for taking our choir students to the Mandavilla last Thursday to perform at the Biggest Morning Tea.



#### <u>P&C</u>

#### **P&C news**

Laura Sambono has stepped down as P&C President. I would like to thank her for all her hard work at Horsley Park Public School. A ballot was held during the P&C meeting on 27 May. Danielle Postaj was successful in becoming our new P&C President. Congratulations to Danielle and I am sure the P&C and school will continue to work closely together for the students here at HPPS.

#### **Election Day fundraiser**

Thank you to the P&C members who generously volunteered their time on Saturday 18 May during the elections, to cook and sell the sausage sizzle.

#### P&C meeting

Next P&C meeting is Tuesday 11 June @ 6pm.



## K/6 Bilby

Welcome back to K/6 Bilby!

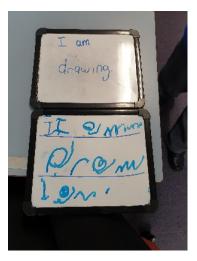
Term 2 has proven to be the 'busy' term.

After our relaxing two weeks break, all students came back ready to jump in and begin learning. This term, we have made some changes to our classroom routine, working in small groups for reading and literacy, and in Mathematics. During these group activities, we continue to extend on our reading skills and developing letter/sound recognition through a synthetic phonics programs. Some students have been working on extending their writing skills and developing simple sentences using nouns and verbs. In Mathematics, our focus has been on developing functional math skills, counting forwards and backwards, addition, counting by 10's and sequencing numbers. Students have enjoyed the one on one teaching that our small group activities enable. Throughout the week K/6 Bilby work collaboratively with K/6 Dragonfly during PD/H/PE, fundamental movement skills, mindfulness and library. We also enjoy Friday sport days with all K to 2 students. This term we are focusing on games where we need to take turns and follow simple rules. We also enjoy having our Peer Support Leaders, Christopher and Ella visit on a Friday afternoon. They have been teaching us about bullying and acceptable ways to support each other.











## K/6 Dragonfly

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

What a busy term it has been! The students in K/6 Dragonfly have been busy with their learning. We have enjoyed looking at the 'Number of the Day' during Morning Routine and learning about place value and how to create the number using blocks. We have also been looking at before and after numbers and skip counting.



We have been learning our sight words and students have shown improvements in recognising them. Each week in class we read a new book and complete activities based on the book. This week the book we are reading is called 'The Clown in the Well' which the students are really enjoying.

During Science, we have been looking at Bush Tucker and learning about different kinds of native flora and fauna. We looked at making damper and we will make our own later in the term. In History, we are looking at Past and Present Histories and students have been looking at how people used to live in the past and how technology has shaped the present.

I look forward to more learning as the term progresses. Have a lovely day,

## Stage 3 Peer Support Program -

At the tail-end of Week 3, Stage 3 commenced their Peer Support program for 2019. The sessions take place on Friday afternoons for half an hour, following recess; and will continue for the remainder of the term. The overall focus of this years program is Anti-Bullying. You may recall that earlier this year, HPPS took part in the 2019 National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence, where students gained an insight into the effects of bullying and some strategies for responding to and preventing bullying. Our Peer Support program, led by senior students, aims to promote positive behaviour, whilst reducing undesirable behaviour across the school. During last week's session, students learnt to identify the different types of bullying; this week students will study the 'Bullying Triangle' (there are usually 3 people or groups of people involved, in any bullying siutation); and to understand the concept of empathy. If students can grasp how it feels to be the person being builled or the person looking on, they are more likely to show empathy to others.

I am looking forward to our senior students modelling these critical tools, for the rest of their peers at HPPS, throughout the program – and as parents / carers, it would be beneficial for you to discuss the weekly sessions with your children, to help solidify their learning in these sessions.

Ms. Afzal





# The Reading Corner

What a great and busy couple of weeks it has been for our library!

Firstly, we have had the Book fair in the library. Many students purchasing wonderful books to read. A big thank you to Scarlett Gauci and Mrs Chandra for donating books, from the Book fair, to our library. We cherish your generosity. Last day for sales will be Wednesday morning 29 May.

Last Wednesday, 22 May, we had two big events at H.P.P.S. The first was National Simultaneous Story time. This event has been around for 19 years. This year schools, day care centres, public libraries and many other people at different venues read 'Alpacas with Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove. Students from Horsley Park were amongst thousands of students reading or listening to this wonderful story. Our Library monitors and school captains made me very proud as they demonstrated how much fun reading can be. These 9 students didn't have much time to practise but they were able to work together and come up with a funny act to support our readers.





But that's not all! Later that day we also had our annual BookNic. Once again my library monitors, school captains and Ella Russell led this event by showing students in their groups the way Horsley students behave when we have special visitors. They not only set up and packed away the event but also respectfully thanked our 8 mums and 2 staff members. Well done guys! But of course this event would not be possible or much fun without our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to Mrs Flood, Mrs Chi, Ms Eisel, Mrs Menon, Mrs El Maarbani, Mrs Sambono, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Waters, Mrs Rositano and Mrs Matthes for your generous time preparing yummy snacks and reading all afternoon but also for your patience. A special thank you to Mrs Flood and Mrs Chi as they have been involved with our BookNic from the very beginning and unfortunately this was their last year. We will miss you! Thank you to the teachers and support staff for also being generous with your time. Lastly, a great big roar to the Cranky Bear who made an appearance during BookNic. Although he was a bit cranky I saw many smiles and heard many giggles.



Save a great week

Mrs Basak







**Rotation 1** 

















## Rotation2













