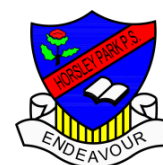




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A picture says a thousand words.....



Toy and Book Stall

During Week 7, Stage 3 held their book and toy stall fundraiser. We are delighted with the amount raised – \$286.00! We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the wonderful parents / carers, staff and students that contributed by way of donating and purchasing items. Many pre-loved treasures found their way to new homes, over the course of two days. The proceeds from this fundraiser go directly towards funding the Year 6 farewell at the end of the year. Once again, the seniors showed tremendous maturity and independence, in helping younger peers with their purchases and in managing the set-up and running of the stall. Thank you to Ms Afzal for organizing this event.

Mrs Raiti

Mrs Raiti has decided to extend her leave for the remainder of the year. I will continue in the role as Relieving Principal for 2019.

Semester 1

Last Friday our students received their Semester 1 reports which provided feedback about achievement and effort over the last 2 terms. I read all the reports and would like to congratulate our students on their efforts and all that they have learnt and achieved. I would like to acknowledge the considerable amount of work that teachers put into the reports to make them a great source of information and feedback. Each report details the things your child is doing well and some things they can continue to work on to improve even further. As always, if you require an interview with your child's teacher to discuss the content of the report further a note outlining the details of these meeting was placed in the report envelope. These interviews will take place tomorrow Wednesday 26 June in your child's classroom.

Debating Team

Congratulations to our Horsley Park debating team who defeated Kemps Creek A in their first debate last week. Many thanks to Ms Afzal who continues to do a great job in leading and coaching our debating team.

What's On?

Week 9

25/6 After school scripture club

28/6 Peer support lesson

Week 10

2/7 Support students afternoon tea 2-3pm

5/7 Peer support lesson

5/7 Last day of Term 2

Term 3, Week 1

22/7 Staff Development Day

23/7 Students return

23/7 P&C meeting

25/7 Debating 12-3pm

Week 2

31/7 HPPS Athletics Carnival

1/8 NAIDOC day @ Bringelly PS

AWARDS

Class	Merit	
K/6D	Walden	Danny Jnr
K/6B	Rafael	Elliot
K/6Y	Lourdez	Mathew
K/6L	Phuc	Jack
KE	Paris	Calais
1/2O	Jocelyn	Tamishay
	Juliet	Elizabeth
3/4O	Kane	Peter M
	Isabella	Charlize
5/6A	Kalvyn	Razaan
	Nathan	Tiana

School Information

End of Term

Next Friday 5 July is the last day of Term 2. All students return to school for the start of Term 3 on Tuesday 23 July. Teachers return a day earlier for professional learning at the School Development Day. I'd like to wish all our students and families a wonderful school vacation break. Please stay safe and enjoy the break from school.

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/information/about-us/sustainability/local-communities>

Over \$1000 has already been raised.

On Sunday 23 June, a number of staff from Horsley Park PS volunteered their time to run a BBQ at Officeworks Wetherill Park. A big thank you to Zoe-Marie Davis for organising this wonderful fundraising opportunity for our school. We will be there this Sunday 30 June. Please come down for a sausage sizzle and a drink and support our great school.



School Spectacular

We are very excited that we have 3 students representing Horsley Park PS in the D'Arts Ensemble for the 2019 School Spectacular. What a wonderful achievement and thank you Ms Bailey for entering our students in this great opportunity. Notes went home yesterday for all students in K-6 to sit in the audience and watch their peers participate.



Teeth on Wheels will be returning to our school for the children's 6 monthly dental visits. To make filling out the consent form easier you can now complete your child's consent form online by following the link below. It only takes 5 minutes to complete and by reducing the amount of paper being used, we will be helping the team out by being more environmentally friendly.

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-form>

The date of the children's dental visit will be starting on **Monday the 19 August 2019**, so please ensure if you didn't complete a form at the start of the year to have this completed ASAP!

If you have any questions regarding the consent form or your child's dental appointment please don't hesitate to contact the **Teeth on Wheels** team on (03) 9338 1191.

School jackets

A limited number of adult size small jackets have been ordered. They are now available and are up in the office.

P&C meeting

Next P&C meeting is 23 July at 6pm.

School banking

Just a reminder that school banking is every Friday.

No dogs on school grounds

A reminder to all families and community members that dogs are not permitted on school grounds unless they are assistance dogs (paperwork must be sighted at the school office) or a police-handled dog. All other dogs must not enter the fenced school boundary at pick-up or drop-off times. Thank you in advance for your understanding and consideration in regards to this matter.



Road Rules reminder

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. Please exercise care and courtesy when parking, to ensure that you DO NOT park over driveways, particularly near our "Kiss & Drop" zone or impede our neighbours access to their property. Please ensure you give way to all vehicles prior to crossing the road with your children.

Winter Has Arrived!

Wow – what a sudden change there has been with the weather the last two weeks. Winter has certainly snuck up on us and the cold weather (and rain) has arrived. At this time it is important to remind all the children that they should be wearing their full winter uniform and not substituting that with different coloured jackets and jumpers. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Take a peek in

3/4 Orangutan

Hello Families,

It has been a busy Term 2 so far!

Students in 3/4 Orangutan have worked hard this term learning about the living world, different types of Aboriginal art, Australian celebrations and commemorations and so much more!

Within our science unit, students have been learning about the lifecycle of plants. They have been investigating the processes of pollination and germination, the stages in a plant’s life cycle and environmental conditions that plants need for growth. As part of this process, students planted broad bean seeds inside a plastic sealable bag and wrote daily journal entries within their science books based on their observations.



3/4 Orangutan have been learning all about the different types of Aboriginal arts with the help of Mr Screnci. Students have learnt about the significance of rock art, sand art, body paintings and bark art and even created some sand and bark art of their own!



Students in 3/4 Orangutan have used lots of technology within the classroom this term to develop their digital literacy and to further immerse themselves in their learning. With the assistance of Mrs Borg, students have used Tinkercad, an online design program to create their very own plant pots. These plant pots designs were then 3D printed using our 3D printer!



Term 2 is almost at its end with only 2 weeks left before our long-deserved term break. Remember to keep warm this winter and I hope you all have wonderful holidays!



Have a lovely week,
Mr Obeid

5/6 Albatross

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

It seems like only yesterday that we were preparing for the start of Term 2! It has certainly been a busy one, with a flurry of activity both inside the classroom, and outside on extracurricular activities. As we near the end of Semester 1, it is an opportune time to reflect on the remarkable amount of learning and growing that has taken place in 5/6 Albatross. The students have continued to work incredibly hard across all key learning areas. I would like to encourage students to continue their commitment to homework and to the home reading program. In 5/6 Albatross, we are continuing to utilise the Google Classroom education platform for many of our KLA's – from weekly homework tasks, reading groups, speaking / listening tasks, writing / publishing, HSIE and Science. I am incredibly proud of the continued effort and dedication of students in taking to this platform for learning.

The senior students that form the HPPS Debating team (Christopher, Jessica, Maximus and Jonathan) represented our school last Thursday at Austral Public School for a debating workshop for the Cowpasture Community of Schools Inter-school debating Competition, followed by their first debate. Congratulations to the team on winning the debate, against Kemps Creek Public School (Team A). I hope that our shadow team (Isabella & Yorke) gained valuable knowledge on the mechanics of debating, through their observations on the day.

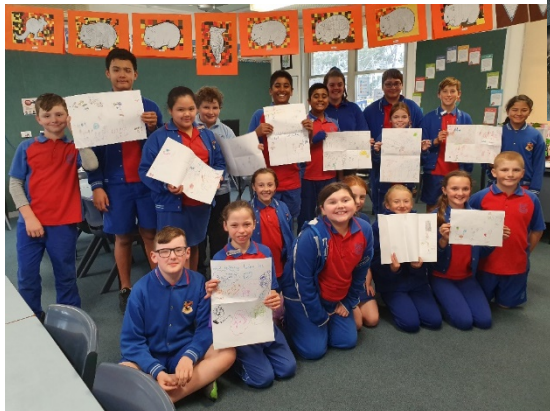
Our senior students are continuing to lead and mentor the younger students at HPPS through the Peer Support sessions on Friday afternoons. The theme for the remaining sessions of our *Anti-Bullying* program, is on building 'resilience' and understanding 'empathy'.

I look forward to seeing some parents / carers on Wednesday evening at the parent teacher interviews (by request). Should you wish to converse at any time, please do not hesitate in making an appointment to see me, to discuss your child's needs.

I look forward to kicking more goals in Term 3, with a wonderful cohort of 5/6 Albatross.

Have a wonderful week.

Ms. Afzal



Coding Club

This term, like every other, has been a busy one for our code clubs.

Within our K-2 Code Club our students have begun to use the scratch program to create their own interactive programs and games such as rock bands and chat bots. This has been a massive step up from the scratch jnr app they mastered last term. Despite this, students are thoroughly enjoying the challenge and the endless opportunities this new platform brings with it. The students are looking forward to sharing their projects with their peers at the end of the term. Well done on all your hard work this term!

Since the successful STEM Expo, our 3-6 Coding club have had the opportunity to display their makey-makey projects to the rest of the school and teachers from other schools and have received wonderful reviews of their achievements. I really commend them on their hard work and persistence throughout the whole project! This term we have begun looking at the Arduino platform. This is a simple circuit board which can be used to do many things such as control and dim lights. We have been experimenting with the Arduino software and troubleshooting the many challenges along the way.

Last week we had the exciting arrival of our STEMShare kit loans. The loans are part of an initiative that empowers schools with technology tools that enable students to develop essential future focused STEM skills, support teachers to successfully integrate STEM concepts within their classroom and build a community that encourages and supports the use of STEM-focused technologies in education. The kits comprise of various tablet and pc robotics. We have these kits for the whole of term 4 and we look forward to all students working with and exploring the various robotics next term. Our 3-6 coders will begin looking at these this week and being trained to further assist the implementation of these devices within their classrooms.

