



# HORSLEY HERALD



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



### Book Week

Thank you to all the family and friends who joined us today at Horsley Park Public School for our annual Book Parade. Thank you to Mrs Basak and Mrs Sechi for organising the parade.

### Zone Athletics

On Wednesday, 28 August students will be representing HPPS at the Zone Athletics Carnival. We wish them well in their respective events. Thanks to Mr Obeid for his organisation and Mr Screnci and Miss Stewart for attending the carnival with our students.

### EPIC showcase

Congratulations to Mrs O'Keefe who represented our school at the annual South Western Sydney EPIC showcase evening on Friday 9 August at Campbelltown Catholic Club. Mrs O'Keefe presented as part of our Community of Schools.

### Author Visit

Thank you to Mrs Basak for her organization with our Author visit on Monday. The students loved the workshop.

## What's On?

### Week 5

- 19/8-23/8 Book week
- 19/8 Author visit
- 20/8 Book parade
- 21/8 P&C meeting @8am
- 21/8 Junior AECG @ Bringelly PS
- 22/8 Aboriginal dance workshop at Dalmeny PS for our Aboriginal students in Y3-6
- 23/8 Gymnastics

### Week 6

- 26/8- 30/8 SASS Week
- 27/8 Aunty Carol working with our school leader and Aboriginal students
- 28/8 Zone Athletics Carnival
- 29/8 Father's Day stall
- 29/8 Debating
- 30/8 Gymnastics

## AWARDS

Class	Merit	
K/6D	Ryan	
K/6B	Anthony	Sebastian
K/6Y	Josip	Anthony
K/6L	Kevin	Sebastian
1/2O	Alex	Tamishay
	Elle	Jayden C
3/4O	Layla	Karli
	James	Mackenzie
5/6A	Jonathan	Peter O
	Lilly	Mia C

## School Information

### PBL

This term sees a change to PBL in our school! Students have been introduced to the new Horsley Hero awards, which can be handed out by all staff members in any setting. It is the aim of the PBL team to reward the fantastic behaviour of our students more often! Horsley Heroes will be replacing Classroom Awards to create a simpler and more consistent reward system across the school. Ten Horsley Heroes can be traded in for a Merit card; AND a token. The token will be placed in a special prize raffle every fortnight. Any existing Classroom Awards can still come into school and will be traded in for a Horsley Hero. We look forward to a fantastic term, celebrating all students as they strive to be safe, respectful and active learners.

### Parent teacher interviews

Thank you to our teachers for staying back and meeting with the parents last Wednesday 14 August. This was a great opportunity for parents to attend and speak with their child/children's progress and set goals for Semester 2.



### Attendance

It is essential that if your child is absent from school, you send a note in with them on the day they return explaining the absence. A page with the school's 'Absentee Explanation Note' has been attached to this newsletter and can be used by parents to inform us of absences. These notes can also be found on the school website under 'notes' or in the front office. The other requirement of the Education Act, is that students are at school on time every day. Our school day commences at 9:15 am and as such, all children need to be here by this time to commence morning routine. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.



### Woolworths excursion

Last Thursday 15 August K Emu, K/6 Dragonfly and K/6 Bilby went to Woolworths at Cecil Hills. This excursion linked with their class Science and Technology unit 'From Product to Plate'. They really enjoyed themselves and even got to try a finger bun.



### Schools Spectacular Excursion

We have 6 tickets left. If you would like your child/children to attend the matinee performance, please contact the office. This is the first year Horsley Park Public School will have students involved in the Schools Spectacular. Three students from the support unit have been invited to join the D'arts ensemble and perform with over 5000 other students from across NSW.

### P&C meeting

The P&C meeting is Wednesday 21 August at 8am.

### Debating

Well done to our debating team for winning their debate last Thursday against Leppington A team. Good luck with your next debate against Kemps Creek B team on Thursday 29 August.

Take a peek in .....

## K Emu

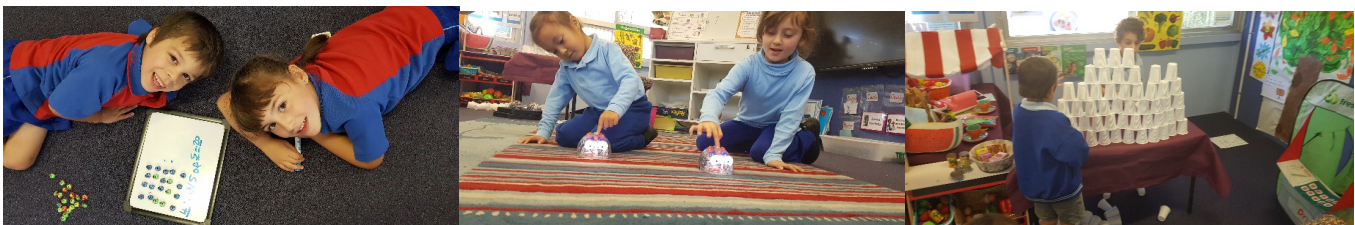
Dear parents and caregivers,

Already half way through Term 3! As usual, the Kindergarten journey is an exciting and very busy one for all of us! Thank you to the parents who requested interviews last week. It is always great to touch base with you about your child's learning.

With so much going on this term, it feels tricky to stay on top of extra events! Our students have thoroughly enjoyed and been engaged in their extra learning experiences of our school Multicultural day activities, Gala day and Athletics Carnival, weekly Gymnastics, NAIDOC activities, Science day experiments, their first school excursion to Woolies, an author visit and their first School Book Parade! As busy as it sounds, KE students have also been thriving during regular class activities and routines. A huge congratulations to you, students!

This term, we have been looking at the needs of living things during Science lessons. Students will participate in observational tasks and class discussions about the needs of living things. We will grow seeds in the classroom and observe first hand, how to meet the needs of animals and plants and consider the consequences of needs not being met. In Week 8, we will all observe animals in their enclosures at Calmsley Hill City Farm! Our excursion will also enable students to more purposefully sketch and/or model ideas for a place or space and recount how their ideas suit their purpose.

During **Term 3**, Mrs Borg will team teach with me each Thursday. During this time, the students will be taught about current technology, using up to date technology available to students in public schools.



Mathematically, our students are working hard on learning their doubles, the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and comparing the mass of objects, among other number activities.

Along with our usual Reading group activities, and routine writing activities, we have also begun writing a 'Sentence a day.' This is where I dictate a sentence beginning and students complete the sentence using their own words. It's great to see the variety of endings the students are using, including their camera words is a great way to practice writing to!

Please continue to support our students with their learning journeys at home with short homework tasks, home reading and writing of camera words. Being an active listener and supporter with home reading, encouraging the reading and writing of camera words, working on our home/school internet programs (Reading Eggs and Mathletics) are Kindergarten Homework tasks. The connection with learning through school and home really is beneficial for our young students.

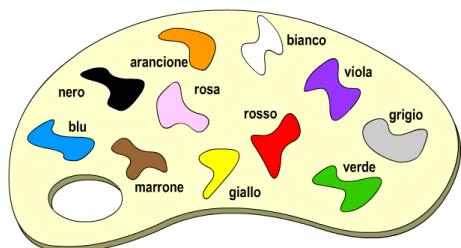
Have a wonderful week,

Mrs Elwing 😊

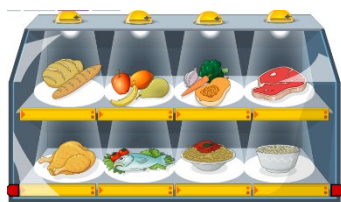
## ITALIAN

Welcome all Parents and Carers to Week 5

Already halfway through the term. Where does the time go? Our Italian students have steadily progressed through their learning, showing much growth in their Italian knowledge. The students have enjoyed their Italian learning and their results are testament to this.

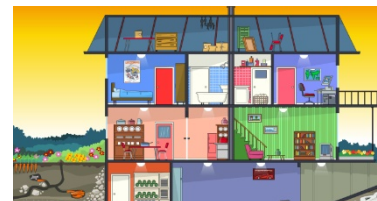


Kindergarten Emu have completed their unit on numbers 1-10 and age. Now they are learning how to describe objects by colour.



1/2 Ocelot are now learning how to express likes/dislikes and preferences, in regard to food. The children were quite engaged and very much liked learning about Italian food through interactive board activities (yum!). The enthusiasm with which they approach their Italian studies is very rewarding.

3/4 Orangutan are wrapping up the unit on the home. It was very pleasing to note that the children are understanding this concept of articulated prepositions (in + the, as one word) as it is something that does not occur in English. On the whole, 3/40 has done all that was asked of it and more. Well done!

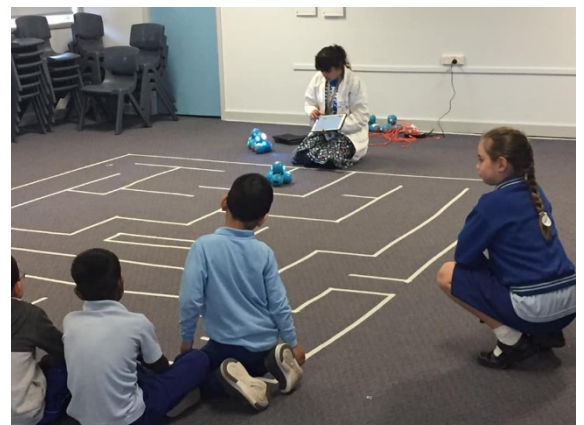


5/6 Albatross completed a unit regarding their daily routine. The comic strips they created of their day were outstanding. As were their oral presentations.

The class is currently studying a unit on their leisure time activities. The students seem particularly interested in this unit as it directly relates to themselves and their interests.

## Science day highlights

Last Wednesday 14 August our students participated in a full day of Science. This event gave students a taste of what life as a scientist might look like, as they participated in a variety of science experiences. Science and Technology day certainly helped our students to ignite a passion for science! Thank you Mrs Borg and her scientific team for organising this extraordinary event.



# 2019 Book Parade

