

HORSLEY HERALD



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A picture says a thousand words.....



P&C fun day

Thank you to our P&C for organising our Fun Day today. This was wonderful way to reward our students for their effort and hard work so far this year.

Zone Athletics

On Wednesday 28 August, Mr Screnci and Miss Stewart had the pleasure of joining our Horsley Zone Athletics representatives at The Crest in Bass Hill. Thank you to all of the students for their fantastic behaviour on the day and for an excellent display of sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Obeid for his organisation. All children should be proud of not only making it to this level of athletics but also representing their school so well.

SASS week

Last week was School Administrative and Support (SAS) staff recognition week. We acknowledged the fabulous work done in our school every day by our wonderful SAS staff and thanked them for their efforts and contributions. We have 9 SAS Staff who work in our school and their contributions are highly valued. Some of their work is not visible to all students and parents but it is important for the smooth operation of our school.

Father's day stall

Thank you to the parents who coordinated the Father's Day stall last week so our children could buy something nice for their dads. We hope that all the dads in our school community had a fabulous day on Sunday and got to spend some quality time with their children and families.

What's On?

Week 7

- 2/9 Spelling Bee regional finals
- 3/9 P&C fun day
- 4/9 Early Endeavors program 2-3pm
- 5/9 K-2 Pet safety talk
- 6/9 Mufti day- gold coin donation
- 6/9 Gymnastics

Week 8

- 11/9 Kindergarten farm excursion
- 11/9 Chess competition at Bringelly PS
- 12/9 Debating day
- 12/9 Ozharvest talk K-6
- 13/9 Gymnastics

AWARDS

Class	Merit	
K/6D	Antonio	Ryan
K/6B	Anthony	Elliot
K/6Y	Sam	Kamel
K/6L	Wellington	Kevin
KE	Tamara	George
	Calais	Tommy
1/2O	Milani	Noah
	Monique	Juliet
3/4O	Taneal	Aston
	Leonel	Sleo
5/6A	Nathan	Jessica
	Razaan	Loretta

School Information

Junior AECG report

Last Wednesday, Karli and Isabella went to the first AECG Junior meeting at Bringelly Public School. AECG stands for Aboriginal Education Community Group.

At the meeting the girls met Aboriginal students from Bringelly, Leppington, Austral, Rossmore and Kemps Creek Public Schools.

They got to know each other and shared information about their Aboriginal heritage. This included where their relatives came from and the mob they belong to.

They talked about the NAIDOC Day activities we did at the Community of Schools NAIDOC Day at Bringelly Public School. They shared ideas about which activities they liked best and the activities they would like to do in the future.

The girls are really excited to attend these meetings twice each term and share the great things we are doing at Horsley Park Public School.

Good 360

You may be aware of a wonderful charity- **Good 360**. This charity is a purposeful link between corporations who supply goods and services and community groups who utilize those goods and services. Our school has benefited from our association with Good360 with a generous supply of Lego that will spark the imagination, creativity and fun for scores of our students. The students were very excited to see this delivery of new Lego last Friday.



New signage

You may notice that we have new PBL signage installed around the school. This signage is linked with our values and school expectations.

Environment Group

The environment group, KE and 1 / 2 Ocelots planted some bulbs at the end of Term 1. We have been watering them and caring for them ever since. We add nutrients for the plants by adding liquid from our Bokashi compost bins. Spring is here and we are excited that they are now flowering! Come and see our beautiful daffodils.



The Environment group waters and weeds the gardens. Sometimes we collect rubbish to keep our school clean and tidy. We pick the parsley and put it in bunches for the teachers and some students. Next we are going to plant some tomatoes and cucumbers. (Mrs O'Keefe)

"My favourite thing about Environment group is that we get to protect the environment." (Monique)

"I like caring for the flowers." (Milani)

"I like planting and picking out the weeds." (Jocelyn)



School access

Please remember that the staff car park remains out of bounds for all vehicles other than staff and school taxi. The driveway is not a shared space so please refrain from walking through it.

Spelling Bee regional final

The Regional Spelling Bee final was held at Bonnyrigg Heights PS yesterday. The finalists from Stage 2 & 3 were: Christopher, Maximus, Jake and Nicholas. Congratulations for their outstanding effort. We look forward to participating in this event again next year.

Grillex competition



Grillex is giving schools the chance to win an outdoor makeover valued at \$10,000. If you would like to make an entry for our school, please go to the following link and follow the prompts.

<https://grillex.typeform.com/to/Amj0YQ>

Ipads

Thanks you to the P&C for purchasing 12 new Ipads for our school.



Take a peek in

5/6 Albatross

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

How is it that we are now at the tail end of Term 3? There has certainly been a hive of activity in 5/6 Albatross – with a multitude of whole school events, extra-curricular activities; alongside various academic & social pursuits, keeping Stage 3 on their toes.

Our Science & Technology unit for Term 3 focuses on an emerging biosecurity threat – the red imported fire ant. In previous weeks, under the guidance of Mrs Leearna Borg & myself, student have learnt that fire ants can negatively affect our recreational spaces, agricultural production and out-compete native species. In coming weeks, they will investigate the risks; and integrate this research into a short film aimed at raising awareness, to the local community.

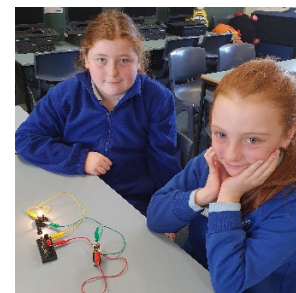
In HSIE (History) – our unit *'Australia as a nation'* has a dual focus upon *'migration'* & *'The stolen generation'*. This comprehensive unit entails a closer look at Australia, post-federation (1901); during the White Australia policy. The culmination of this unit will segway wonderfully into our day-trip to Canberra during Week 1 of Term 4. I look forward to sharing enriching educational experiences with my wonderful cohort, during this trip. Please finalise any outstanding fees for this trip; further information will be provided in coming weeks.

The senior students that form the HPPS Debating team (Christopher, Maximus, Jessica & Jonathan) have represented our school remarkably well throughout the Cowpasture Community of Schools Inter-school debating competition – winning all 4 debates, thus far. They remain committed to the cause, in preparation for their final debate. As their coach & teacher, I could not be prouder of their perseverance & motivation. Congratulations to Christopher & Maximus for reaching the regional finals for the 2019 Premier's Spelling Bee. The whole-school public speaking competition is looming on the horizon; students have been advised to work on their speeches, in preparation for the in-class component during Week 8. The whole-school final will take place during Week 9.

Finally, please keep a look out for information on our upcoming fundraiser in Week 10 – movie night in PJ's! ☺

Have a magnificent week,

Ms Afzal



3/4 Orangutan



It has been an extremely busy Term 3 so far!

Students in 3/4 Orangutan have worked hard this term learning about the states of matter, artists who inspire, celebrations and commemorations, poetry and much more.

Within our science unit, students have been learning about the states of matter. They have been investigating how states of matter change shape and form as a solid, liquid and gas and whether it is possible to change and reverse states of matter back to their original form.

3/4 Orangutan have been learning all about artists who inspire. The artist that students focused on was Jean Debuffet, an iconic French artist. Students explored Jean Debuffet's famous artwork the 'hourloupe' and discussed how the artworks of others from different contexts and cultures represent ideas about the world to different audiences. Using Jean Debuffet's artworks as inspiration, students created their very own hourloupe artworks.

Students in 3/4 Orangutan have explored the world of poetry and all its secrets with our focus on the works of Australian author Stephanie Mulrooney. Students have learnt about many different forms of poetry and created their very own alliteration poems.

Have an amazing week,

Mr Obeid



The Reading Corner



What a busy but fun term we have had so far!

During Week 4 and 5 we had our annual Book Week Book fair. Unfortunately we only had the books for 1 week but we still had many customers come into the library. Thank you to all families for purchasing books from the Book fair and a special thank you to the Calleja family for your book donation. It was during this time that students were also working very hard at home to create either book trailers or their “ideal reading space” to enter the book week competitions. Each student who entered has received a Horsley Hero as we recognise the effort each student has put into their creations well done everyone! But the winners of the Book Week competitions were:

KE- Tamarah

3/4O- Isabella & Taneal

1/2O- Natalia

5/6A- Jessica & Lilly

Monday of Week 5 we had Martin Chatterton entertain the school with his amazing artworks and stories about how he became a writer. The following day Horsley Park Public School transformed and so many students and staff members dressed up to celebrate “books”. A great big thank you to my library monitors and of course Mrs Sechi for transforming the stage!

It is now time for me to finalise the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). Teachers from K-2 have completed the challenge in class with their students. However we have had 13 students complete the PRC on their own. These students received a merit award for their hard work, well done to:

Jocelyn, Elizabeth, Aston, Charlize, Yorke, Isabella, Mackenzie, Peter M. Paul, Karli, Kane, Lilly & Jessica.

Have a great week

Mrs Basak

Martin Chatterton’s fabulous drawings and signing his books for some lucky students.



Staff of Horsley
all dressed up.



Taking the
opportunity to
use the filming
kit while the
students were
in character.

The Library
Crew



Happy Father's
Day!!

Jai choosing a book
from the Book fair
with the coupon he
received for Best
dressed.



The *Tell Them From Me* parent survey (Term 3, 2019)



This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

https://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/images/FAQs/TTFM_Parent_Survey_FAQs_Parent_and_Carers_T3_2019.pdf.

To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2019hpps>

The survey is available in 23 languages.



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P&C fun day

