



HORSLEY HERALD



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A picture says a thousand words.....



END OF TERM 4

It's hard to believe we have just under one week to go before we break for the Christmas holidays and put another year of teaching and learning behind us at Horsley Park PS. The last day of the school year is next Wednesday 18th December. The school office will be closed from 3:10pm on 18th December and will reopen after the school holidays on Tuesday 28 January 2020. As this is the final newsletter for 2019 it would be remiss of me to not take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful students, staff and families of HPPS. It has been a wonderful year and I would encourage you all to take a little moment to reflect on the growth, big or small, that you have seen in your children and celebrate the success that each of them has had. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and Summer break.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to all the students who participated in Captains' Club this year. Once again the standard of the speeches and manner in which these students have composed themselves over the last few weeks has been outstanding.

Congratulations to Scarlet and Nathan our newly appointed captains, Marcus and Saadijah our newly appointed vice captains and Ana our school ambassador for 2020.

REWARD DAYS

All students who have achieved a Silver, Gold or Principal award this year will be rewarded with a sausage sizzle lunch on Monday 16 December. Any student achieving Gold or Principal award, will be attending Lizard Log on Monday morning. Secondbite kindly donated a pallet of ice creams to our school yesterday. All students will be rewarded with an ice cream on Monday 16 December.

What's On?

Week 10

- 16/12 Rewards day
- 18/12 Last day of Term 4
- 18/12 Kindergarten Graduation
- 18/12 Class parties
- 18/12 Leaving circle
- 19/12 Staff Development Day

AWARDS

Class	Merit
K/6D	Ryan
K/6B	Elliot Anthony
K/6Y	Sam Mathew
K/6L	Phuc Wellington
KE	Braxton Paris
1/2O	Monique Muhammad Elizabeth Jayden C
3/4O	Sleo Zane Aston
5/6A	Jessica Rhys Clayton Loretta



School Information

STAFFING IN 2020

As always, we will be finalising our staffing and teacher placements at the beginning of the new year when numbers are confirmed after students return from holidays. There are a few staffing changes that I would like everyone to know about:

Mrs Rita Raiti has decided to retire (or as Mrs Raiti stated 'transition'). She is a valued and well respected educator across the region and after over 38 years in schools Mrs Raiti has decided to retire from her role as Principal at Horsley Park PS. She has been a positive and supportive leader who has led Horsley Park PS for the last 5 years and she will be missed by us all her school community and colleagues. I would like to congratulate Rita and wish her all the best in retirement.

Mrs Aveline Elwing has been successful in gaining a transfer to Mount Lewis PS. Mrs Elwing will start at her new school at the beginning of next year. She has been a dedicated and valued teacher at Horsley Park PS for 12 years and I know that she will also be missed by her colleagues, students and school community.

Next year we welcome a new teacher, Mrs Renae Nash, who is coming to Horsley Park PS as a permanent teacher in our support unit.

We also welcome Mrs Vanessa Pavez. Mrs Pavez has done lots of casual work at Horsley Park PS this year and she is very familiar with our school and its students. I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Nash and Mrs Pavez to our staff team.

Mrs Leearna Borg finishes her temporary contract at the end of this year and while I'm sure we'll see lots of her in 2020 as a casual teacher, she won't be with us in a permanent capacity. I would like to thank Mrs Borg for the exceptional job she has done with technology in the school over the past couple of years.

Mrs Robyn O'Keefe also finishes her temporary contract at the end of this year and I am sure we will see lots of Mrs O'Keefe as a casual teacher next year when she returns from her holiday.

Miss Karlea Bailey has gained a relieving Assistant Principal position at Oran Park PS for 2020. I would like to say thank you to Miss Bailey for her leadership and knowledge in the support unit this year. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Miss Bailey all the best in her new school. We welcome Mrs Nadine Kas from Yennora PS in the role of Relieving Assistant Principal for 2020.

Miss Yang will be leaving Horsley Park PS at the end of 2019 to take up a full time position at Holroyd SSP school in 2020. Miss Yang has done a wonderful job this year with her class and we will miss her.

Mrs Lewer will be returning for the first two weeks of 2020 before she takes maternity leave. Ms Katie Bleeker-Pupovac will join the support unit team as a classroom teacher whilst Mrs Lewer is on leave.

We also welcome Mrs Tanya Wu. Mrs Wu has done lots of casual teaching this year at HPPS and she is very keen to join our team in a temporary engagement next year.

It is with mixed feelings that I let you know that I will be finishing up as Relieving Principal of Horsley Park PS at the end of this term. Following a merit selection process, I have been successful in gaining a Deputy Principal position at Hayes Park PS, a school in Wollongong. I will be very sad at leaving Horsley Park PS but I am very confident that the school will continue to develop and grow. I would sincerely like to thank all the staff and parents who have supported me and helped to make my time here truly memorable and enjoyable.



PAYMENTS

Any outstanding payments, need to be finalised by Wednesday 18 December. The office can only accept eftpos payments next week.

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas from the Administration Staff. Have a safe and enjoyable break. Thank you for a wonderful year at Horsley Park Public School. Goodbye and good luck to all Year 6 students. Looking forward to working with you all again next year.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday

Anne Martin

To all the students, and families at Horsley Park Public School, thank you for a wonderful year. I enjoyed getting to know you all better and participate in your learning journey. Have a wonderful Christmas, New Year and holiday break.

Warm wishes

Miss Robynne

What an incredible year we have had in K/6 Bilby! This year the community of Horsley Park Public School welcomed me with open arms and it has been a pleasure to work alongside some wonderful teachers and to have had the opportunity to be part of the K/6 Bilby learning journey in 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the students, families and the wider community of HPPS.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and have a safe and happy holiday!

Miss Bailey

To all the students and families of Horsley Park Public School. Thank you for all your support over a wonderful 2019. I would like to wish you all a joyous and safe holiday season and a wonderful 2020.

Miss Yang

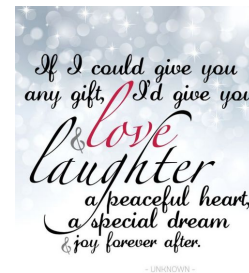
Dearest HPPS families,

I take this opportunity to thank you all for the 12 years of love and appreciation I have felt as a teacher at HPPS. I will never forget the beautiful students I've been fortunate to teach during my time here and the families and colleagues who have made a special difference in my life. I will miss you much and wish only the best for all of you, in your future. At Christmas time, I hope you all are able to make some special memories with those you love. Take time out for this if you can, it's one of the reasons this time is so special.

Have a memorable Christmas, happy and safe holidays and an amazing 2020!

Take care and lots of love,

Mrs Elwing xo



It is hard to believe we have come to the end of the year already. K/6 Leopard has had an amazing year filled with learning and plenty of fun. It has been a pleasure to work with the boys this year and see them grow since the beginning of 2019. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, safe holiday.

Thank you to the families for all of your support this year,

Mrs Lewer

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year & enjoy the school holidays.

Mrs Anna Orecchio

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for an amazing year. I am very lucky to have spent this year teaching K/6 Dragonfly. I am so proud of all of my students and their achievements and accomplishments. All students have made so much progress both socially and academically and I can credit this to their hard work and efforts throughout the year.

I would like to once again thank all of the families for their support and for encouraging your children to have a love of learning. I wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a joyful and safe New Year.

Miss D'Annunzio



I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the HPPS community a safe and enjoyable festive season.

To all our Year 6 students, may your exciting move to high school be smooth and I urge you to take full advantage of all the great opportunities which will be provided to you next year. Don't be afraid to participate in these new opportunities and always strive to do your best.

I would like to thank everyone at Horsley Park Public School for their ongoing support this year, especially all the Italian students who have participated in their studies with great effort and enthusiasm.

A particular thanks also to the choir, who impressed everyone, with a great rendition of 'Waltzing Matilda', in Italian this year.

It has been a very enjoyable year for me and I look forward to seeing you all in 2020 for another successful year.

Ciao

Salvatore Screnci

As the year draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and very happy Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, joy, productivity and prosperity.

Mrs Leearna Borg

May your world be filled with warmth and good cheer this Christmas season, and throughout the year.

Miss Stewart

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Horsley Park community an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

Mr Charlie Bezzina

Wanted to wish you all a very safe and Merry Christmas. Hope Santa is very kind to you all. Have great New Year.

Mrs Lillian Borg

I would like to wish the families of Horsley Park a Merry Christmas. I hope you enjoy your holidays and make lots of happy memories.

Mrs Zammit

Dear parents and students,

I have had a wonderful year on 1 / 2 Ocelot. It is the greatest reward as a teacher to see how far the students grow and develop. I feel privileged to have been part of their learning journey and wish them happiness and success in the future. I look forward to seeing the students next year as a casual teacher. Over the break, keep your family close and create beautiful memories together.

Have a happy and safe Christmas.

Love from Mrs O'Keefe

It is that time of the year again when all the festivities are upon us. This year has been filled with lots of joy and excitement.

Over the last term, students in 3/4 Orangutan have continued to apply themselves in all areas of their learning. From the creation of their stories and to coding their own arcade games. It has been an amazing 2019 with all my students and I hope 2019 was a memorable year for you as much as it was for me.

I wish you all the best and I hope you all have an amazing festive break. I look forward to seeing you all in 2020!

Mr Obeid



There is so much to celebrate at Horsley Park PS. Many goals have been achieved and wonderful memories made. Thank you to all our students and families for partnering with us in our 2019 learning journey.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a New Year filled with hope and renewed determination. Treasure this holiday time with those that you love and hold most dear. Rest well and be happy!

Miss Ferrari

I'd like to wish a very Merry Christmas to those families who are celebrating and a wonderful holiday to our Horsley Community.

Mrs Basak

The academic year has now come to a fruitful end. It has most certainly been one of remarkable achievement and precious, sentimental memories. I would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you, to the students in 5/6 Albatross, for letting me be a part of their learning journey. I could not be prouder of the wonderful role-models they continue to be. My gratitude also extends to the staff and school community of Horsley Park Public School for continuing to make me feel a part of this close-knit community. I look forward to working alongside you in 2020.

This week has been exceptionally busy for Stage 3 students – with the Year 6 farewell taking centre stage on Monday evening. Our Year 6 students were presented with their end-of-primary-schooling congratulatory packs, and a wonderful evening was had by all. Thank you kindly to all our parent and teacher helpers that worked tirelessly behind the scenes, to ensure a successful night. Congratulations to all the Stage 3 award winners at presentation day on Wednesday; as well as to the new Captaincy / student leadership team for 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all 5/6 Albatross students and their families / carers a wonderful and joyous end to 2019. I hope that this is a time for reflection upon the year that was, and setting goals for the year to come. I would like to wish all the Year 6 students the very best in high school – I am certain, that they will transition successfully into the next phase of their educational journey. I would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment to learning throughout the year – I am extremely proud of their achievements.

Enjoy this much-deserved Christmas and New Year break,

– **Ms. Afzal**

The Reading Corner



This week I will be sending out any overdue notices for outstanding books. If there are any books you think you have returned but is outstanding please come and see me.

I'd like to thank my library monitors of 2019 Charlize, Christopher, Isabella, Mackenzie, Nathan and Nicholas. They have been so generous with their time helping me in the library and being wonderful role models to other students. We have been a great team!

I have had an amazing response of students who will be in 3-6 next year hoping to be library monitors. Unfortunately, I have only 6 positions available, however I will call on some students who will be our back up library monitors when we need an extra set of hands. My official 6 library monitors will be announced on Wednesday during the Presentation Day Ceremony. Good luck to all students who applied I really appreciate all the effort each of you put into your applications.

I'd like to wish all the students and community members of Horsley Park a safe and memorable holiday. Remember to visit your local library and keep reading in the holidays!

Have a great week

Mrs Basak

