

# HORSLEY HERALD



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



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

#### Communication

As a school we work really hard to ensure that effective communication is at the heart of all we do. We do this through a variety of ways including our Newsletter, School Website, and School Facebook Page, notes home and face to face.

#### Approaching Teachers

We are lucky to have teachers who are so open and available to talk about your child's learning. We always encourage you to ask questions or obtain more information about how your child is going in class. Quick questions can be answered before or after school, however, for a lengthier chat, please ensure you make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. When the morning bell goes, our teachers' priority is getting students in to their classrooms to begin their day of learning. I ask all parents and carers to avoid holding teachers up as they head to their classrooms with the students, unless completely necessary. Thank you for your understanding and support.

#### Meet the Teacher and Community BBQ Afternoon

What a great afternoon at Horsley Park PS. Thank you to our parents, carers and families who came to our Meet the Teacher and Community BBQ Afternoon on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, and thank you also to our teachers and staff for the preparation and effort they put in into their presentations. It was lovely to meet you and I know how much teachers appreciated you all coming into classrooms to hear about the class routines and planned learning for the year ahead.

Have a lovely week

*Mrs. Anica Tanevski*

## What's on?

### Week 5

Combined Swimming Carnival  
for Years 3-6 – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>  
February

Life Skills Mindfulness – Friday  
28<sup>th</sup> February

### Week 6

Life Skills Mindfulness – Friday  
6<sup>th</sup> March

### Week 7

Life Skills Mindfulness – Friday  
13<sup>th</sup> March

### Week 8

Life Skills Mindfulness – Friday  
20<sup>th</sup> March

### PBL



## School Information

### Parking/Road Safety



Our students' safety is our number one priority. Please ensure that you are abiding by the traffic rules when driving near the school. In order to ensure the safety of our students and their families, please do not use the staff car park when dropping off in the morning or picking up your child in the afternoon. Your cooperation is much appreciated.



### P&C

The first meeting for the year was held on Tuesday 11 February and we had great attendance. The AGM was held and we have a newly formed P&C committee for 2020. There were many exciting items discussed in regard to plans for 2020. Each year through rigorous fundraising effort the HPPS P&C provides our students, staff and the school community with support in many different areas. I would like to thank our generous P&C for working in partnership with the school to achieve great success.

### Homework

The Department of Education states, Homework is a valuable part of schooling. It allows for practicing, extending and consolidating work done in class. Homework provides training for students in planning and organising time and develops a range of skills in identifying and using

information resources. Additionally, it establishes habits of study, concentration and self-discipline.

### Age-specific considerations

While there is little conclusive evidence of the learning benefits of homework in infants and primary schools, quality homework in these stages may help students to develop effective study habits and broaden their understandings and skills across the curriculum.

### Homework for Kindergarten-Year 2

In general, students are not expected to complete formal homework in Kindergarten. Students may be given books to read at home, as appropriate.

In Years 1 and 2 some formal homework may be set. For example, students might be asked to read and write, learn words for spelling and complete some mathematical activities.

### Homework for Years 3-6

Homework in Years 3-6 may be varied and students may be expected to work more independently. Students could be encouraged to read and practice mathematical concepts learnt at school. Other homework may also be set across areas of the curriculum.

At HPPS, our teachers have had opportunities to collaborate together and plan quality teaching and learning experiences for their students. As part of the planning additional homework activities to cater to our students will commence as from week 6 of this term. More information will be coming soon.

### Voluntary Contributions

We are seeking any Voluntary contributions from families for 2020. If you have not paid your Voluntary Contributions for 2020, please come and pay at the office.

\$35 per student

\$60 per family.

Thank you for your cooperation

### Additional Specialist Teachers

Specialist staff work very closely with the classroom teachers, and play a key role in the school in ensuring that student individual needs area catered for. They are also involved in planning the content that is taught in their classes. Support staff have a combination of withdrawing small groups of students with similar needs, as well as time spent in the classroom team teaching with the classroom teacher.

Our Specialist Teachers include:  
Instructional Leader - Miss Ferrari  
Wed/Thu

Library and Technology – Mrs. Basak  
Tue/Wed/Thu

Release from Face to Face RFF & Literacy and Numeracy Support – Ms Webb  
Tue/Wed/Thu

Mr Screnci – Italian Community Language Teacher & Literacy and Numeracy Support



This year we will strengthen our communication through the use of Digital Student Learning Portfolios. Our teachers are excited to commence using this new application which will enable you to see what your child is working on in class. All posts and comments will be approved by the classroom teacher prior to going live.

# Take a peek in .....

## K/6 Nashi Pear


Welcome to a new school year! K/6 Nashi Pear has had a wonderful start to the year and have been doing lots of activities to get to know each other better. Students are now more settled into the class and are becoming more familiar with our daily routines. It was great to see some of our parents at the Meet the Teacher Night and I am looking forward to meeting those parents who were unable to make it. K/6 Nashi Pear have been establishing class rules and written a contract based on positive behaviour, safety, respect and learning.

Mrs Nash

I will be the best I can be. I will show respect for my school and those around me.

I listen carefully to others, take turns and share. This lets people know that I care.

I make mistakes so I can learn. I try my best and merits I will earn.




Welcome all Parents and Carers to 2020.

It has been good to start the year and see all the children back safe and rested. This is nice, we have certainly hit the ground running.

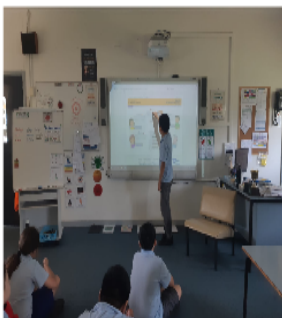
This year I will be delivering the Italian program to all the mainstream classes and K-6 F.

As well as continuing to be the Italian teacher I'm very pleased to be assisting Mr Obeid and Orchid as their support teacher.

In this role I will be working together with Mr Obeid to support students' learning needs across curriculum.

I look forward to the year ahead and working with the children in achieving to their full potential.

Salvatore Scenci



K-6 F learning about Greetings

## Learning Highlights at HPPS



Hello and welcome back to K/1 Orchid!

Students in K/1 Orchid have hit the ground running, are slowly settling into classroom routines and learning all about letters, sounds, numbers and so much more!

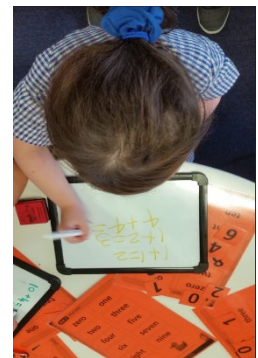
This term for Science, students will explore the changes in weather and how people, plants and animals cope with this change. They will be conducting investigations around different types of weather and how it affects the sky and landscape and will be designing and creating a waterproof umbrella in a STEM activity later in the term, exciting!

K/1 Orchid are going wild for Typingclub, Readingeggs and Mathletics! They are learning to become expert typists, amazing readers and magnificent mathematicians through these wonderful programs. Students in K/1 Orchid will receive home logins to access these programs from home.

Thank you for joining K/1 Orchid through their amazing journey of learning in 2020.

Have an amazing week,

Mr Obeid



Hi my name is Ms Webb and I will be the RFF ( Release Face to Face) teacher for 2020. My greatest joy is to help children reach their full potential. I look forward in teaching Horsley Park Students in 2020.

Ms Webb.

Welcome to our 2020 school year! Ms Khoo and I are very excited to be teaching K-6 Fern. It was lovely meeting some of our families this week at Meet the Teacher night, and we are looking forward to meeting those who were not able to make it, in the weeks to come.

K-6 Fern started Term 1 building our daily routines, as well as our confidence that we can do our learning and expect to achieve great things this year. Our brains are like a muscle: when we give things a go and don't give up, including making mistakes, our brains grow! We call this a 'Growth Mindset'. Here are some photos of K-6 Fern using rulers and protractors to draw and measure angles. Focusing and working hard gives us a 'sweaty brain'.

We look forward to sharing more about our learning through Seesaw in the coming weeks.

Have a wonderful week,

Miss Ferrari



## Library News

### *The Reading Corner*



We have made a great start to 2020 in the Library. All classes have had the opportunity to borrow. As in previous years' students receive Class Dojo points for borrowing, returning and being on task during library lessons. When students reach 10 dojo points they can change their avatar and they also receive a Horsley Hero to add to their classroom reward system. Students will also be given blue tokens when they return their books on time. 5 tokens also add up to a Horsley Hero.

Last week our Library Monitors had their first leadership task. On Wednesday, it was National Read Aloud Day. My library monitors only had a short time to choose a book, a class and practice reading. Before recess they were asked to read aloud to 1 class. We hope all students enjoyed the book they heard and the experience of a Library Monitor reading to them.

This week most classes will begin their library programs. As with previous library programs I will be teaching a component of students' classroom program in the library. This term we are concentrating on Geography or Health.

On Thursday, we will celebrate Library Lovers Day. Students are encouraged to come dressed in something PINK and have a gold coin donation ready to hand in. All funds collected will go to The Children's Cancer Council on behalf of our beautiful Mrs Sechi. During lunch time, there will be fun activities in the library.

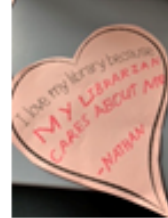
*Have a great week*  
*Mrs Basak*



# The Reading Corner



## Library Lover's Day



Yesterday we had a wonderful time celebrating Library Lover's Day and collecting much needed funds for the Children's Cancer Council on behalf of our wonderful Mrs Sechi. We raised an amazing \$328. My library monitors again were enthusiastic, helpful and just a joy to work with.

A big thank you to Paul Gauci who has been wonderful in helping decorate our library. He has been very generous with his time, his creativity and props to help transform our library in the way Mrs Sechi would have.

Have a great week  
Mrs Basak

