



HORSLEY HERALD



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A picture says a thousand words.....



Welcome back to an amazing 2020 School Year

Hello and welcome back to our wonderful students, families and staff for 2020. We have had a fabulous start to the new school year. It was so lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces walking through the school gate on Wednesday. I hope everyone had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. As my official first week at Horsley Park Public School for 2020, I feel very blessed and privileged for the opportunity to lead such an exceptional school as Relieving Principal with the best students, staff and community. I truly value the partnerships between home and school and as an educator I strongly encourage opportunities to work with parents and families. Please come along and say hello when you are at school. I love a chat. I will be in the playground at the start and at the end of the school day.

It has been heart-warming to meet our delightful students and their families this week, and to work alongside dedicated and exceptional staff who work tirelessly to support your children. Staff have worked hard to ensure all information to classroom teachers and School Learning Support Officers for 2020 has been thorough – ensuring that they already know their students and their individual learning goals, their likes, interests and friendships. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Lisa Matthes, Mrs Rita Raiti and the executive team for their support with a thorough handover and always being on hand to answer any questions.

Have a wonderful week.

Mrs. Anica Tanevski
Relieving Principal



What's On?

Week 2

- Kindergarten Best Start
- School Assembly
Thursday 6 February,
2pm

Week 3

- P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) -
Tuesday 11th February
6-7pm in the TPL Room.
All are welcome, so
please come along.
- Meet the Teacher
Afternoon & Sausage
Sizzle
Wednesday 12 February
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Week 4

- School Assembly
Thursday 20 February,
2pm

Week 5

Week 6

- School Assembly
Thursday 5 March,
2pm

School Information

Congratulations and welcome to all our new families and students to Horsley Park Public School and our 2020 Kindergarten students who have started school with a smile and lots of enthusiasm this week. We look forward to sharing this first important school year with them and their families.

Welcome New Staff

A warm welcome to Miss Kas (Relieving AP Support Unit), Mrs. Nash (Support Unit Teacher), Ms. Webb (Release from Face to Face and Learning and Support Teacher), Miss Pavez and Ms. Khoo (Classroom Teachers). I'm sure we will benefit from the many varied skills and experiences these dedicated professionals will bring to our school. They will be an amazing addition to our school, and we are looking forward to a wonderful school year ahead as they join us at Horsley Park Public School.

2020 Class Structures

We have formed three mainstream multi age classes and four support unit classes this year.

Mainstream – 3 classes

K/1 Orchid
2/3/4 Azalea
4/5/6 Primrose

Support Unit – 4 classes

K/6 Kaukau
K/6 Daisy
K/6 Nashi Pear
K/6 Fern

2020 Staff

Classroom Teachers

Miss Kas (AP Support) - K/6 Kaukau
Miss D'Annunzio - K/6 Daisy
Mrs. Nash - K/6 Nashi Pear
Miss Ferrari and Ms. Khoo - K/6 Fern

Mr Obeid - K/1 Orchid

Ms. Afzal - 2/3/4 Azalea

Miss Pavez - 4/5/6 Primrose

Support Staff

Miss Ferrari - Instructional Leader, DP & Learning and Support

Ms. Webb - Release from Face to Face and Learning Support Teacher

Mr. Screnci - (Italian) Community Languages and Learning and Support Teacher

Mrs. Basak – Library/Technology Teacher

What a great team!

School Administration

Our school is so lucky to have the following staff at our school who ensure that everything runs smoothly across the school every day.

Mrs. Martin - SAM (manager)

Mrs. Bertovic - SAO (officer)

School Learning and Support Officers (SLSOs) – supporting teachers and students in classes

Mrs. Borg

Mrs. Payer (formerly Miss Stewart)

Mrs. Orecchio

Mrs. Zammit

Mrs. Firkin

Multi-age classes at HPPS 2020

Multi age classes are made up of students drawn from different year levels. Our school has formed multi-age classes this year. The formation of classes is a rigorous process and at Horsley Park Public School our teaching staff have worked collaboratively to place students carefully.

There are many competing priorities that are taken into consideration when the school forms classes, however, please be assured that the classes are made by placing student needs at the centre of all decisions made. They are increasingly common in schools particularly in smaller schools with lower enrolment numbers like ours. Many schools adopt this practice. The NSW Department of Education recognises that mixing students of different ages can be academically and socially advantageous. Many parents are concerned when their child is placed in a multi-age class. Research shows there is no difference in academic achievement between children in multi-age classes versus straight classes. Students in multi-age classes are less competitive with one another and more cooperative than students in same-grade classrooms. Children learn at different paces. Multi-age classes offer a wider range of curricula and students take greater responsibility for their learning. Younger children gain self-confidence and maturity by being exposed to older students; older students learn to be positive, peer leaders and role models for the younger students. Students develop friendships across grade levels and multi age classrooms instil a greater sense of responsibility for one another, and a better sense of community.

At Horsley Park Ps we pride ourselves on ensuring every child's learning and social emotional needs are met. Rest assured this will continue to be our school's commitment.

Take a peek in



K-6 Fern

miss ferrari and miss khoo

4/5/6 Primrose

Welcome back to all Horsley Park families! It's been a great week in 4/5/6P this week. It's been wonderful getting to know each student and am looking forward to a year of learning and fun!

Miss Pavez

K/6 Kaukau



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new year at Horsley Park Public School! I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break.

The students in K/6 Daisy have settled into their class beautifully and have enjoyed getting to know each other. We have been getting back into routine and learning about our classroom and school rules.

I am looking forward to a busy first term filled with learning, friendship and laughter.

Have a lovely day,

Miss D'Annunzio

Library News

The Reading Corner

I'd like to say a Big Welcome to our Horsley community. For those who have not met me, yet my name is Cigdem Basak. I have been a teacher at Horsley for a little over 12 years and the teacher librarian for the past 6 years. This year I will also run Code Club and other technology lessons with the assistance of Mr Obeid.

We have some new furniture in the library from Arthur Phillip High. Hope the students enjoy the soft seating.

Each year I have a wonderful group of students who help me in the library. This year my 6 library monitors are:

Charlize Vella

Yorke Daher

Jake Khan

Paul Marcus

Karli Pankhurst

Kane Pearn

Library borrowing days are as follows:

Tuesday

K/6 Fern

K/1 Orchid

Wednesday

2/3/4 Azalea

4/5/6 Primrose



If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Have a great week

Mrs Basak



K/1 Orchids

It has been an absolutely spectacular first week so far in K/1 Orchid!

Students have been working together to create a safe and positive learning environment for all with year one students leading and supporting their new friends. K/1 Orchid are slowly settling into their daily routines and have been having an absolute blast learning all about our school rules, numbers, letter sounds, reading books for enjoyment and so much more! It was wonderful meeting parents this week and I look forward to meeting you all again at our meet the teacher event.

Much regards,

Mr Obeid

2/3/4 Azalea

I extend a warm welcome to all the families and caregivers of my students in 2/3/4 Azalea. I hope you all had a wonderful break over the summer and are ready to board the vessel of learning and growth for 2020. In 2/3/4 Azalea, we have made a solid start to the year, with establishing routines and reminding ourselves of the importance of being safe, respectful, active learners at all times. Student have already been immersed in response to literature activities through writing, visual art and rich dialogue.

I have enjoyed meeting many of you throughout the week and look forward to meeting many more at upcoming events. Should you have any concerns throughout the year, or simply wish to have a chat, please make an appointment at the office, to see me, to discuss your child's needs. Thank you to the families that have sent supplies to our classroom – your generous contributions are sincerely appreciated.

I look forward to a productive year with the delightful cohort in 2/3/4 Azalea.

Have a wonderful week,

Ms. Afzal



The Reading Corner



It is with great sadness and a very heavy heart that I share the news of our beloved friend and colleague SANDRA Sechi who passed away surrounded by her loving family on Thursday 16th January in Braeside Hospital. Mrs Sechi was a long-standing staff member at Horsley Park Public School. She was well known for fixing photocopier issues in the office, surprising students with prizes from banking, not holding back when dressing up for book week or the disco's (especially the Halloween ones), but her passion was working with students and especially creating amazing posters and murals in the library for students to enjoy and engage with. I had the great privilege of working alongside Mrs Sechi in the library for the last 6 years. Even when she wasn't well over the past 2 years, she would be helping and thinking of ways to improve the library space so it was a safe and exciting learning environment for our students. I would call her up or send her photos and we would collaborate on all things library. This year will be hard without her support and contributions of love. To uphold her legacy and all our wonderful memories we will be creating a 'Book Swap' centre in her name. More details will come in the following weeks.

Mrs Basak

