Peer Support
Our senior students will be commencing the Peer Support Program next Friday. It is a wonderful opportunity for our seniors to practise the leadership skills they developed during their training sessions last term. I’m sure they will do a fantastic job.

Public Speaking Finals
Good luck to John and Chris our public speaking finalists who will be representing our school at the zone Public Speaking Finals at Greeneway Public School next Tuesday.

SLT Fundraiser
At a meeting this week, the SLT Student Leadership team discussed ideas for their last fundraising mufti day for this year. The theme they decided on is “Favourite Colour Day”. They displayed great maturity when deciding the charity they would support through their fundraising efforts finally deciding on supporting the Cancer Council. The mufti day will be held on Tuesday 20th October.

2016 Kindergarten
Horsley Park PS is asking parents who have a child turning five years of age by July 31, 2015 and are requiring enrolment in to Kindergarten, to please come to the office and enrol their child. If there are any of our school community who know of new families that have moved in to the area, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please pass this message on. We will be having a Kindergarten Transition and Orientation program this term.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be on Monday 12th October in the Meeting Room. All school community members are welcome to attend.

Sydney Stars on Show
A reminder for students participating in the dance competition on Sunday 25th October, notes need to be returned on or before Thursday 15th October.

Welcome back
Welcome back to all our students and families. I hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready for a busy and productive term. I would also like to welcome our new student who has joined us this term. I’m sure that you will soon realise what a wonderful school we have! Term 4 has come around quickly and for our senior students it is probably our busiest and most exciting time of the year. It is our Year 6 students final term at HPPS and even though it is a fun time of the year, it will also be bittersweet as we farewell these students and wish them all the best in the next chapter of their schooling.

Cowpasture Concert
Today the students in the dance troups and the choir had a dress rehearsal for the Cowpasture Concert. The students and teachers have put a lot of time and effort in perfecting the performances. They looked and sounded awesome! We look forward to a fantastic evening at Marconi Club on Thursday 15th October. Please finalise your ticket purchases promptly so as not to miss out on this wonderful event. Also thank you, to Jayden Rodrigues for volunteering many, many hours this year to choreograph and teach the students the dance routines.

Assembly Change - Wk 2
Due to a full day rehearsal for the Cowpasture Concert, at Club Marconi on Thursday next week, our Assembly has been rescheduled for Friday afternoon. The assembly will be run by our captains. Students who have participated in the ICAS tests this year will be receiving their certificates at this assembly. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.
FUN DAY QUOTES FROM THE KIDS

There were so many fun things to do. Jenny
It was awesome, better than Christmas and I liked throwing wet sponges at Mrs Raiti and Mrs Richardson! Harley
I ate too much food! Thomas
All the games were fun and I got lollies. Cooper
I did all the games! Jake
I went on the jumping castle and slide – it was fun. Georgia
I loved the ball pit! Christopher
I loved playing the drums and going up and dancing to the beat. Haylee
I got lucky when I picked a “Lucky Duck” – I won a teddy. Sarah
Dear Parent/Caregivers,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to participate in our Term 4 Early Endeavours Transition Program for Preschool children commencing Kindergarten in 2016. The program is a FREE program and is available to ALL Preschool students who are starting Primary School, regardless of where they are enrolling next year.

It has been designed specifically to introduce parents and students to the format of Kindergarten and hopefully reduce the anxiety and stress often experienced during the first few days of ‘Big School’.

Further benefits include:
• Provides participants and their parents with a ‘hands on’ experience of Kindergarten activities in a regular Kindergarten setting.
• Pre-schoolers gain an insight into the structure of a Kindergarten lesson, making the transition from Preschool to ‘Big School’ less mysterious and ‘scary’.
• Provides parents with an understanding of the Literacy and Numeracy expectations of Kindergarten, and demonstrates practical ideas that can be implemented at home to prepare for the step into Kindy.
• For those students attending Horsley Park Public School in 2016 - It also provides the opportunity for these students to work with the Kindergarten teacher, providing them with a familiar link for the ‘first day’.

The format of this program for Term 4 is as follows:

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At the conclusion of the sessions pre-schoolers will need to be collected by a parent.

For further information or to book a place in this valuable program, please contact the school on 9620 1301.

Mrs Rita Raiti  
Principal  
  
Domenica Rositano  
Early Endeavours Transition Program Organiser