Week 2 Term 4
Horsley Park Public School

Endeavour

Cowpasture Concert

Last night we had the Cowpasture Concert. WOW, is all I can say! Once again our students performed with such skill and enthusiasm. The smiles present on the students’ faces makes it all worthwhile. Congratulations Junior and Senior Dance groups and the Choir for your amazing performances. The concert was a fantastic display of commitment and talent of our students and staff present across our Cowpasture Community of Schools. It’s events like this that our students will remember fondly long after they leave primary school.

Thank you to Mrs Rositano, Mrs Elwing, Miss Kovac, Miss Hudson, Mrs Gauci & Mrs Borg for all their time and effort ensuring our students were ready for their performances. Mr Longdon’s acoustic guitar accompaniment for our choir, was much appreciated. Thank you to staff and community members who also attended the concert or helped in any way. Also thank you, to Jayden Rodrigues for volunteering many, many hours this year to choreograph and teach the students the dance routines. We are all very proud of the Horsley Park Public School students.

Parking Update

I understand the inconvenience you have been caused due to closing the staff car park to parent access. I urge you to support your P&C in their endeavours to seek long term changes that would be acceptable in ensuring student safety in the area outside the school grounds. I have had contact from Fairfield City Council and look forward to meeting with council representatives early next week to discuss the parking, kiss & drop and signage situation outside our school.

ICAS Results

Over the past few months 15 students from Years 2-6 participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Congratulations to all students who participated in the various tests. We had some outstanding results. Our results were as follows:-

Digital Technologies: 1 Distinction & 2 Credits
Science: 3 Credits
Writing: 2 Credits, 1 Merit & 1 Distinction
Spelling: 1 Credit & 1 Distinction
English: 4 Credits & 1 Merit
Mathematics: 5 Credits & 1 Merit

Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations Charlize, John and Chris our public speaking finalists who spoke to a high standard at the Public Speaking Finals at Greenway Public School last Tuesday.

Closing Dates & Excursion Payments

I would like to remind families adhering to our set closing dates for events, such as excursions, is a must. We always try to give families time to pay for activities, understanding that on occasion it may be a struggle to spare the money. We need to honour our closing dates as often orders need to be placed and bookings need to be finalised. It takes a period of time for us to generate a payment for activities. It is also appreciated if the correct money is provided as we do not keep change on the premises. I thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

HORSLEY HAPPENINGS

WEEK 3

Tuesday, October 20
SLT Mufti Day Fundraiser- Favourite Colour

Wednesday, October 21
Kindy Transition 9:30am-11:15am

Friday, October 23
Peer support 10.45-11.15

WEEK 4

Wednesday, October 28
Kindy Transition 9:30am-11:15am

Support Unit Magic Show 10.30am

Thursday, October 29
Halloween DISCO

Friday, October 30
Daniel Morcombe Day

Peer support 10.45-11.15

WEEK 5

Monday, November 2
Swim Scheme begins 10:45am

Tuesday, November 3
Swim Scheme 10:45am

Wednesday, November 4
Swim Scheme 10:45am

Thursday, November 5
Swim Scheme 10:45am

Friday, November 6
Swim Scheme 10:45am

Peer support 10.45-11.15
Classroom News

KR

Wow, I can't believe it... Term 4 already!

Welcome to what is sure to be a busy teaching and learning Term for Kindergarten. In the coming weeks KR will be busy completing various assessment tasks to gauge what they have retained from Term 3 and to help guide their report comments.

Starting week 3, I will be running the Kindergarten Transition Program for next year's enrollments. The program runs Wednesday mornings for four consecutive days. The students in KR are excited to be a part of introducing and welcoming our new enrollments as they will be participating in the morning sessions on a rotating basis.

It seems like only yesterday that your children started 'Big School' for the first time and it is a great opportunity for the students in KR to demonstrate their maturity and to see just how far they have come!

You should have all received your child’s homework. If your child has not returned their home reader could you please ensure they do so as students reading levels may need to be changed.

Have a lovely Week
Mrs Rositano

1/2

Welcome back to term 4! I can't believe this year has flown by so quickly!! This term we have some very exciting things going on in 1/2C. We are looking at and researching Australian animals which the students are so engaged and interested in which is pleasing to see. We are looking at Wet and Dry environments and an exciting Science topic this term, 'Push & Pull'. We are flying along in Maths learning and revising a lot of different areas and the students ability to work independently is very impressive.

Please keep encouraging your students to read at home as there are a number of students who are not bringing in home reading folders each day. Reading at home each night will make a big difference in their learning so please try to do this if you can. Congratulations on those students who swap their books every day!!

Just a reminder about our swimming program which is commencing in week 5. If you are interested make sure you get in quickly as there are only 40 spots to fill and it will be a great experience for your children.

Thank you

Have a great weekend!

Miss Carey

3/4

Welcome to term 4!

We hope you all had a wonderful break.

We are into our final term of learning for 2015 and as always there is still a lot to get through.

Our HSIE unit this term is ‘Being Australian’. Over the course of the term students will be exploring the ways in which Australian identity has evolved over the last 200 years.

Our Science unit this term is ‘Material World’. This unit explores how different materials have revolutionised modern life. The content will allow students to develop an understanding of the properties of materials and how they relate to the way they are used.

In Maths, we will continue to do daily timed division tests. We encourage students to recite their times tables at every available opportunity. We also encourage students to continue doing their Maths Mentals each night as it reinforces those concepts that we build on in our day-to-day lessons.

Now that the weather is starting to warm up, it is important that students remember to wear their hat and drink plenty of water.

Have a wonderful week.

Regards,
Mrs Adams and Miss Kovacic

5/6

Greetings families of 5/6,

Welcome to term 4 everyone!

This fortnight we’ve focused heavily on Reading and the “Super Six Comprehension strategies.” These strategies; Making Connections, Predictions, Questioning, Visualising, Monitoring and Summarising are ways our minds work when we read. Please ask your child to explain some of these strategies to you!

This Friday, we commenced our first Peer Support session. No doubt, our students will have been excellent leaders of the school with their junior charges. They were all well prepared and very excited about leading their first session. The Peer Support sessions will run over the next five weeks, concluding in week 6.

We will be studying exciting Science and HSIE units this term. ‘Marvellous Micro-organisms’ looks at the role of micro-organisms in food and medicine. There will be an assignment attached to Science this term. We will be involved in an environmental study for HSIE this term. “Rainforests” will provide opportunities for our students to explore the aspects of particular rainforests in the world and what’s involved in sustaining them. We’re certain you’ll hear about this new learning from your children.

On a final note, our singers and dancers displayed their excellent skills when representing our school at the annual Cowpasture Concert at Marconi Club on Thursday. Congratulations to all students who performed!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Elwing and Miss Kovacic

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