**Week 4 Term 4**

**Horsley Park Public School**

**Endeavour**

**Principals Celebration 2015**

On Thursday I was very proud to attend the Bankstown, Fairfield, Glenfield and Liverpool Principals Networks Principals Celebration 2015. Along with Mr Murat Dizdar, Executive Director Public Schools NSW and Mr Nicholas Magrippis, Acting Director Public Schools NSW, Liverpool Network Principals Network it was my pleasure to celebrate and recognise Mrs Rositano’s outstanding teaching qualities, achievements and her contributions to our school vision, growth and success in 2015. Mrs Rositano has been instrumental in initiating our successful ‘Early Endeavour’ program. She willingly gives of her time to guarantee a positive learning environment in her classroom and the wider school community. Mrs Rositano is a dedicated teacher and a highly valued member of our school’s learning community.

Congratulations Mrs Rositano!

At the Campbelltown, Macarthur and Wollondilly Principals Network Award evening on Monday night, our Cowpasture Community of Schools was also recognised with a Director Award.

**Kindergarten Transition**

Over the past two weeks we have had the pleasure of welcoming our new Kindergarten students for 2016 during our Transition Program. The children have delighted in the many activities preparing them for ‘Big School’. While the children are learning about school routines and procedures in the classroom, their parents and grandparents have been learning how to assist their child’s learning in literacy and numeracy with Mrs Burgess.

Next week we will have Mariz, a Speech Pathologist and Shivani our School Counsellor providing some very useful tips to help your child in their development and successful transition to school. This is a wonderful program which works to ensure parents are fully informed about the importance of positive transition to school. We are very excited to work along with both the children and their families as they begin their formal schooling years.

During the Orientation session on Wednesday 11th November (Invitation only for students enrolled for Kindergarten at Horsley Park Public School for 2016) we will be discussing school administration specific to Horsley Park PS. Guest Speakers on this day will include: Instructional Leader regarding Best Start, P&C, Home/School Liaison Officer (HSLO), Out of School Hours Care (OOSH) & Healthy Eating.

**Swim School**

Next week we will be participating in our annual School Swimming and Water Safety Program at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. All vacancies have now been filled. Thank you to parents for being so prompt with notes and payments. Children need to wear their swimmers underneath their uniform and bring a separate bag with underwear, a towel, rash shirt, a hat and warm clothing on a cool day. Where instruction takes place in an outdoor pool, it is recommended that students use adequate sun protection, eg. an SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sun screen reapplied regularly.

We will be leaving school at 10:45am and should return by 12:50pm. Students will be having recess prior to leaving for the lessons and lunch on their return. Please ensure students attending swim scheme bring their lunch to school and NOT ORDER LUNCH as they will not be at school during the lunch session. It will be a great week, witnessing improvement in swimming skills and students enjoying themselves.

**Weekend Eisteddfod**

Last Sunday our Dance Troupes participated in Sydney Stars On Show Eisteddfod at Bonnyrigg Sports Club. Our dancers had the rare opportunity to be involved in an open competition, performing in a section specifically for school groups. Both groups had very positive comments from the judges. Each team commended for their fantastic attitude and sensational energy. Our Senior group finished first and the Junior Group in third position. Thank you to Mrs Rositano, Miss Kovacic, Mrs Gauci & Mrs Borg for all their time and effort ensuring our students were ready for their amazing performances. Thank you to parents who also attended the eisteddfod and supported all our students so enthusiastically. The students will be presented with their ribbons at next Monday morning’s assembly.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to Horsley Community Social Group, for their generous donation of $1000. This money will be well spent to increase and update our current technology in the Library at HPPS.

**Canteen**

Mrs Borg will be making meatballs for purchase to go with the pasta that is sold every Thursday.
Classroom News

SR
Welcome to Term 4, Week 4!

The students were very excited upon returning from the last school holidays to find we had the soft fall and equipment installed into our 'little playground'. We now have a great seesaw for the students to play on which requires communication with a friend and encourages social interaction. Our other piece of equipment is a spinner which the students are getting the hang of! Along with our trampoline and sandpit we now have a wonderful space to play, especially for the students who are not yet ready to interact in the large mainstream playground.

Students in SR have now learnt all of our single sounds and have moved onto learning digraphs and blends. They are all making fantastic progress with these and we have also nearly got to the end of our ‘100’ sight words for the year as well. Well done!

Thank you to the parents who came along to the review meetings last week to discuss your child’s progress and placement in the support unit. It’s always great to have such positive conversations and share knowledge regarding the students. Copies of the minutes of the meetings will be sent home soon.

Some of our students will be participating in the learn to swim lessons at Prairiewood Leisure Centre next week which is a wonderful opportunity for them. Thank you to the staff who will accompany them into the pool!

Mrs Richardson.

SH
Welcome to Term 4, Week 4!

Term 4 is definitely here and SH has gotten straight back into some fantastic learning! We have started our new Science topic, ‘On The Move’ and have started looking at all the different ways our bodies can move. This has come with a lot of dancing and there are some enthusiastic movers in SH. We look forward to exploring this topic further.

On Wednesday, SH, SR and SK went to a magic show at Mounties Club. We met magicians Marty and Richie and their puppet friends then had a sing and dance with Frankie and special guest, Elsa. Thank you to the Lions Club for putting this fantastic day together, the children had a fantastic day!

Miss Hudson

SK
Welcome to Term 4, Week 4!

Can’t believe that it’s the end of week four already! The students of SK, along with the other students in the Support Unit, had a wonderful time recently planting our gardens with vegetables and herbs. We thank Bunnings at Bonnyrigg for sending Angie out to fill our gardens with potting mix and bring us lots of new plants. The students got to plant the seedlings and are now watering them and watching them grow. Bunnings also supplied us with a number of watering cans and fertilizer for the gardens. What a wonderful experience for the students and we are extremely grateful to Bunnings for their generosity.

SK have been learning to use many new apps on the iPads to explore new concepts and demonstrate their learning. The students have really enjoyed being able to showcase their hard work by connecting the iPads to the Interactive Whiteboard.

Mrs Kendall

The Reading Corner

This term I have started Stocktaking our Fiction, Lexile and Junior Fiction Books. Thank you to all students for being very patient with me and, only borrowing from our Non-Fiction area. If any student still has books outstanding from last term I really need these back. I will be sending out another note to remind students of overdue books.

Thank you to Mrs Sechi for once again decorating the front of our Library with our Halloween theme, and thank you to Mrs Loprieato for allowing us to borrow her decorations.

The students are loving the access to the iPads in the Library. 1/2 and SK have spent some of their Library lessons outside comparing the Horsley Park environment to a Rainforest after listening to the book ‘Where the Forest Meets the Sea’. We are looking forward to the arrival of new furniture for our Library. Thank you to our P&C for supplying the funds for us to create a comfortable and creative environment for all our students.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Basak.

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All are welcome (including pre-schoolers) for what is set to be a spectacular day of festivities.

- The race broadcast on the big screen
- Sweepstake tickets and lucky door prizes
- Entertainment by Tony French & Joe Xerfet
- Musicians and singers, Luv Ame Designs, Rootsies, Inhuo Lingerie
- Fashion presentations by Rose Fashion, Pealer Breeze
- Get ready to showcase your creations in the hat parade

- Glass of champagne before the race
- Croissants and a glass of wine
- Soft drinks, tea and coffee
- Full buffet lunch
- Morning tea

$50 pp - includes:

Join in the celebrations with the Horsey Park Community Social Group

Melbourne Cup Luncheon 2015

Thursday 3rd November, from 10am

Mandarilla Events Centre

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