Cowpasture Aboriginal Education Committee Excursion

On Wednesday 11th November our four Aboriginal students joined with all Cowpasture Community of Schools Aboriginal students to go on an excursion to Mt Annan Botanical Gardens. The students participated in walks through the native gardens with an expert commentary on how Aboriginal people use the plants for food, medicine and everyday living. They then watched and listened to a talk on Aboriginal tools and ceremony and had ochre painted on their faces. The third activity was traditional dying and weaving of native grasses to produce a bracelet. After lunch the students did a quiz on the iPads and then went for a tour of the Garden’s very impressive plant bank. It was a fantastic day and a wonderful opportunity for our Indigenous students to be immersed in their culture. Well done to Isabella (KR), Jack (3/4AK), Mia (5/6EK) and Thomas (SR) for proudly representing our school.

Mrs Richardson

Student Bus Pass for 2016

The Opal card will be implemented in 2016 for all student travel.

Automatic renewal

Most parents, guardians and students won’t need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass for the current year. School Opal cards which are being automatically renewed will be sent to the student’s school at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. School Opal cards applied for using the new online process will sent to the student’s nominated address ready for term one 2016. The on-line address is www.transportnsw.info/school-students

Students should use the new form if they:

- are just starting school and have not had a pass for travel before
- are in moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7
- are changing schools or campuses, including going between primary and secondary school
- or, if their personal details have changed (e.g. address)

Early Endevours

A reminder that the Early Endeavours Program, will be held on Tuesday afternoons at 2:15pm for the next three weeks. All students commencing school next year are welcome to attend.

Parking Update

We have had several meetings with council representatives from Fairfield City Council and to discuss the parking, kiss & drop and signage situation outside our school. As yet there have been no solutions however We will continue to work with them and other agencies to seek long term changes that would be acceptable in ensuring student safety in the area outside the school grounds. I have also applied to the Roads and Maritime Services to have School Zone Flashing Lights to be installed in Walworth Road (carpark end), to better alert drivers that they are entering a 40km/h school zone and that they should slow down. Parents and community members are urged to continue to demonstrate vigilance in their own safety and that of the children, by adhering to road rules while driving and crossing the road outside the school.

Swim School

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our annual School Swimming and Water Safety Program at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. It was delightful to see the students develop water confidence and basic skills in water safety and survival. Thank you to Mrs Adams, Miss Kovacic, Miss Hudson, Mrs Gauci, Mrs Borg & Miss Richardson, for participating in swimming lessons to support our students. Great job ladies!

Merit Levels

The merit level certificates collected up to and including today, need to be in by Monday so that merit levels and student numbers for the various rewards can be finalised. The students are however expected to maintain an excellent standard of behaviour until the end of the year. Any unacceptable behaviour may result in students being excluded from reward days. There will still be class incentives awarded for positive behaviour until the end of the year.
Bonnyrigg Bunnings Buddy Bench

As a culmination to our Peer Support program, Bunnings have kindly donated a ‘Bunnings Buddy Bench’ which has been delivered and placed in our playground today. It’s a place in the playground where children who feel upset or lonely can find someone to talk to. It is a designated area of the playground where anyone can go and sit and someone will join them. It is our aim to encourage inclusion and friendship at our school. Thank you to Mrs Richardson for organising the donation from Bonnyrigg Bunnings. Over the next few weeks our students will decorate the bench.

Peer Support

Our very successful Peer Support Program concludes this week. Congratulations to our senior students have done a sensational job each week leading their group to develop values, skills and understandings that are vital to the wellbeing of children. Congratulations Peer Support leaders!

HPPS Library – Innovative Learning Space

The P&C have very generously donated $3000 towards creating an innovative learning space in our library. The library can now be configured in a number of ways for specific learning experiences. This means that we can provide opportunities for students to work together in new ways and encourage cooperation, collaboration and discussion. Please come in and have a look!

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**MONDAY** | **TUESDAY** | **WEDNESDAY** | **THURSDAY** | **FRIDAY**
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W7 November 16 | November 17 | November 18 | November 19  
Year 5/6 excursion  
Casula Powerhouse | November 20  
W8 November 23 | November 24 | November 25 | November 26  
Christmas Mass  
2016 Captains’ speeches Assembly | November 27  
W9 November 30  
All Library books & Home Readers to be returned to school | December 1  
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Healthy Breakfast | December 3  
Support Unit Parent Afternoon tea 2-2:45pm | December 4  
Merit Level Assembly

W10 December 7  
Silver reward day – Picnic @ Lizard Log  
AGM – P&C | December 8  
Bronze reward day – In school movie | December 9  
Year 6 Farewell @ Sienna’s Function Centre | December 10  
Gold reward day – movie TBA  
Principal’s reward lunch | December 11  
Presentation Day 9:45am-11:15am

W11 December 14  
Year 6 Fun Day @ Luna Park | December 15  
Class Parties  
Kindy Graduation | December 16  
Last Day for students  
Talent Quest | December 17 | December 18
Classroom News

KR

Hello everyone and welcome to Week 6!

Christmas seems to be approaching fast and at Horsley Park Public School students look forward to participating in our Secret Santa. This week the students should have all received a Secret Santa note. Please make sure that all presents are wrapped and bought into school by 1st December 2015 (week 9).

Along with this you should have also received a special invitation to attend your child’s Kindergarten Graduation to be held on Tuesday 15th December at 12:30 – 1:30 in our classroom. This is a special presentation that will showcase the hard work and growth that your children have all made in their Kindergarten Year. We hope you will be able to attend on this day!

On Tuesday 24th November 2015 (Week 8) we will be hosting a special thank you Morning Tea for all the parents and community members who have helped our staff and students throughout the year. Our Morning Tea will begin at 9:45am with food, tea and coffee. We would love it if all our helpers could make it, so we can show our appreciation for their hard work and generosity. Please see the invitation attached and don’t forget to RSVP to Mrs. Stamford in the office.

Finally, I would like to send a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who assisted with Kindergarten Orientation, including Mrs Raiti, all our Guest Speakers and KR for being super helpers :)

Have a lovely week!
Mrs Rositano

1/2

I can’t believe it is already Week 6 of Term 4. This term is definitely flying by! There is some great learning going on in 1/2C. We are learning about Australian animals and the environments that they live in. We are using I-pads and computers to research for our Genius Hour projects which the students are enjoying greatly and they are very interested and engaged. The student will be presenting their projects in week 8 and 9 which they are very excited about.

I have sent out notes for the class party and Secret Santa that we are doing within our class in the last week of school so if there are any problems please come and let me know.

Students are leaving a lot of their jumpers and hats in the classroom at the end of the day and a number of them do not have names on them. Please remind your students to put them into their bags when they take them off and please write their names on them so they don’t end up in lost property.

I hope you all have a lovely week! Thankyou
Miss Carey

3/4

Welcome to Week 6!

We are halfway through the term and still doing lots of wonderful work.

We have started sending information home regarding our end of year Christmas celebrations. You should have received a small note suggesting a possible food donation and a Secret Santa slip. We have changed the way we are doing Secret Santa this year, your child will be asked to purchase a gift for either a boy or a girl, they will not be purchasing for one specific student. Please see either Miss K or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

Swim Scheme was a fantastic success last week but unfortunately it did cause a few disruptions with our usual teaching program. All lessons are back to normal this week and the students are busy catching up on lessons they missed.

The awards cut off is at the end of this week so please make sure your children don’t have any outstanding merits to be exchanged.

Have a terrific week!
Mrs Adams and Miss Kovacic

5/6

Good afternoon families,

We’ve had so much going on at school; the weeks are truly flying by! Nevertheless, students in 5/6 are remaining calm and focused as we approach the busy time that is the end of the year!

A huge Halloween thank you to all who came along and had fun at our Yr 6 fundraising disco, we raised nearly $780!! Wow! A fabulous effort by all who helped make it great, thank you staff, students and families.

Our year 5 students who are campaigning for captaincy next year went along to a Leadership day at Austral PS on Monday. We hope they gained valuable advice and skills about what it takes to be a great school leader.. we’ll find out soon!

Our excursion to the Casula Powerhouse Arts museum is on next Thursday 19th November. This promises to be a fun experience for all as we learn about the joy of producing slapstick comedy on stage! There are still some students who haven’t brought their notes back. We don’t want you to miss this great excursion, so please bring your pink notes and $12 in asap if you haven’t already.

On a final note, this week, students received a Science assignment that further investigates our work on Microorganisms. This is due back to school on Monday 30th November (week 9). Have fun with your experiments!

Take care,
Mrs Elwing and Miss Kovacic

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Thank You

Morning Tea!

To all our wonderful parent helpers who have volunteered their time to support our school community at Horsley Park Public School.

We would like to invite you to our annual Morning Tea on Tuesday 24th November 2015.

Morning tea will be served in the Assembly Room at 9:45am.

Thank you for all your support in 2015, from the staff and students at Horsley Park Public School.

Please RSVP to Mrs Stamford Tuesday 17th November. 9620 1301
Dear Parent/Guardian,

The After School Scripture Club is on again this term on **Tuesday, 24th November 2015** at 3pm. Hope you/your kids can make it to our **Christmas Party**.

We are planning on having a fun day which will include afternoon tea, bible stories and lots of new games and crafts. It will run from **3pm to 4.30pm** at Horsley Park Public School. You will find us outside or on the verandah of the reading room.

All students and parents are welcome as usual.

If your child would like to **attend** After School Scripture Club, please fill in the form below and return it to the school or have your child bring it on the day. If your child has attended this year's After School Scripture Club in term 1, you **will not need to sign a new form**.

If you have any questions about the club or are able to help on the day please talk to Johanna at school or give her a call on 0407 067 082.

I give permission for my child/children ____________________________ from ______ to ______ to attend After School Scripture Club being held at Horsley Park Public School, and being run by Johanna and Jeff Flood from Cabramatta Vineyard Christian Church.

*My child/children has NO food allergies/ Has the following food allergies/dietary requirements.*

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*My emergency contact number is ________________________________

Name: ______________________ Signed: __________________________