Jersey Day
Congratulations to all the students who participated in Jersey Day last Friday. It is wonderful to see the community getting involved in what was the Students Leadership Team’s first fundraising effort. The day raised $107 in total. A fantastic effort from everyone, well done! This is an effort which we can build on.

Easter Raffle
It’s Easter Time & we need your support!

How can you help?
We need donations of anything EASTER RELATED (Easter eggs, Chocolate bunnies, soft toys, Easter Books and so on). So that we can put together lots of Easter hampers as prizes for the raffle.

Baskets will be in your classrooms for your kind donations......

We greatly appreciate your support, it takes all of us working together to make a difference.....

P&C Committee

Cake Stall on Election Day
We will be having our first fundraising day for our Year 6 students (proceeds towards their Farewell evening) on Election Day this year! We are asking parents/caregivers of students in ALL classes this year, for their support in donating cakes, cupcakes, slices, or other sweet yummies to our stall on Saturday 28th March, 2015.

Along with cake donations we are asking if any Year 6 parents could spare an hour on the day (we’ll draw up a roster) to help in selling the cakes!

If you can’t be there on the day, we’ll gladly take your donations on Friday 27th March, so we can keep them safe for the next day’s selling!

We look forward to your support for our Year 6 students, thank you!

Information
It has been brought to my attention that students are bringing in to class old mobile phones and gadgets that are disrupting their learning time in class. It is also causing problems on the playground. Also, some girls are bringing makeup and applying it in the bathroom. Please, if you are aware of your children bringing these sorts of items to school, make sure that they are kept at home.

Harmony Day
Next Friday, Horsley Park Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day. The students are encouraged to wear orange on the day and bring a gold coin donation. This year marks the 15th anniversary of Harmony Day in Australia – a day where we encourage the motto that “Everyone belongs”. Horsley Park Public School pride ourselves in making sure that we all get along, so lets make this our biggest, and orange-ist Harmony Day ever.

Parent Teacher Interviews
In Week 10, Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled. On Monday next week, a note informing parents how to book parent teacher interviews will be sent home. Similar to last year, interviews will be booked via the front office. Parent- Teacher interviews are a great way to keep in touch with your child’s academic and social progress, as well as discuss ways to help your child at home.

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Classroom News

Kindergarten
Welcome to Week 8!

It is good to see that most students are bringing in their “Crunch and Sip”. Just a reminder that, crunch and sip should be a healthy snack in its raw form such as fruit or vegetables and water.

Students should continue to practice reading their sight words as much as possible. I would like to congratulate KR for the effort they have made in trying to learn all of their sight words this term. Some students are beginning to use their sight words to read simple text. Well done!

Don’t forget to collect your child’s classroom awards (little awards). When your child collects five little awards they can then trade them for a Merit Award.

Just a reminder: I have asked each student to bring in a family photo for our family tree. This photo will be scanned and returned. If they could be sent in ASAP I would greatly appreciate it!

Lastly you should have all received a note regarding our Easter Hat Parade to be held on Thursday 2 April (week 10). This is a fun day for the students at Horsley Park and I look forward to seeing some creative Hat designs from KR!

Have a lovely week!
Mrs Rositano

1/2

Well it has been another exciting 2 weeks in 1/2. We have been working on some fantastic writing and I am seeing some very pleasing results.

We have made a life size policeman who is always watching us to stick up in our classroom. We described his uniform and then turned it into some great description writing. We also have written a number of information reports including what the role of policeman and doctor is. We have also done some very creative artworks on ambulance and police cars in line with our HSIE topic using our footprints.

In maths we are making some great progress and students are excited and very engaged in learning.

Have a lovely week!
Miss M Carey

3/4
Welcome to Week 7,

The excursion note for our trip to Katoomba Falls went home this week, and we hope that all students can take part in this valuable learning experience. If you have any questions or concerns about this outing, please come and see me.

The Maths Mentals books have arrived and will be coming home next Monday. If you haven’t yet made payment, please do so as soon as possible as these books are a component of our homework grid.

There are quite a number of students in 3/4 who are not bringing in their home readers. Home reading is to be done every night, however books will only be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child is taking part in this program.

Just a reminder that 3/4 is hosting the school assembly next Thursday. They are working super hard on their class item and we hope you can attend.

Have a fantastic week!
Mrs Adams & Miss Kovacic

5/6

Good afternoon families,
You will have noticed that your child may have brought a Home Reader book in a folder home last week. Students who have a home reader are encouraged to read these nightly and return them to school the next day for changing. These books are ideal to read as part of the Reading Menu homework, which should also be completed each night. We would like to remind students that Reading is an essential part of their nightly Homework, as is the Reading Menu, where a response to their reading is recorded. We have noticed that some students are not completing this component of Homework. The Reading Menu part of homework aids in building comprehension skills.

We are fast approaching our HSIE excursion to Parliament House. Our students are eagerly anticipating this day out next Tuesday 17 March. Remember, we need to arrive to school just before 8:15am on this day, in order to be in the city for our tour which commences at 9:30am. A reminder also, to bring in signed permission and photo release forms for planting day in Week 9, if you have not already done so. Thank you!

Have a terrific week everyone!
Mrs Elwing and Miss Kovacic

Home Reading!

Your child has brought home their ‘Home Reader.’

Please note that the Home Readers will only be exchanged on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All children are expected to read every night at home and complete the attached reading log. Once your child has confidently read their home reader it should be returned to school so the book can be exchanged for another levelled text.

Participating in reading doesn’t always mean that your child has to be the reader. Reading activities could be:
- Reading with your child (either taking turns or together).
- Reading to your child.
- Or the reading could be done by the child, where the child reads independently (aloud or silently).

Also, there is great value in a child reading the same book on a number of occasions - it may be a favourite book or a book the child can read independently. The benefits from reading a known text include building fluency and expression as well as confidence. Learning to read is not a race to tick off as many different books as possible.

The following points may be helpful

The 3 Ps: Pause, Prompt & Praise

Pause
- Give your child time to: Think of & try a suitable word; Identity & self-correct errors in their reading.

Prompt
- Provide suggestions on where to find help (picture, initial sound, reread).
- Does the picture help?
- What would make sense?
- What does it look like?
- What does it start with?

Praise
- Any efforts and attempts made
- Offer encouragement to try again
- Always be positive

Remember: Reading should be ENJOYABLE!

We would also like to thank:
Mrs Chi, Mrs Sambono & Ms Flynn
for volunteering to change our home-readers, we really appreciate it.

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