Welcome Back
It is with great pride as the Relieving Principal of Horsley Park PS for Term 2, that I welcome back all the members of the school community to an exciting and eventful term. It has been a busy few days getting to know students, parents and staff here at Horsley Park P.S. Thank you for making me feel welcome and I look forward to working with you in the months ahead.

Farewell Mr Santucci
At the beginning of this week, Mr Santucci commenced his appointment to the role of Principal of Edensor Park Public School. I would like to acknowledge the great work, leadership, commitment and dedication to Horsley Park P.S. by Mr Santucci over the past eight years. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank him for all the successes and achievements under his leadership as Principal and wish him all the best in his new role.

ANZAC Service
Thank you to Mrs Elwing for organising a wonderfully moving and reverent ANZAC day service, commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli. Students from Marion Catholic Primary joined us for our ANZAC Day commemoration. Our special guest, Mr Rowe from Smithfield RSL, was thoroughly impressed by the service and the respectful contributions made by all the students.

Thank you to the Baldacchino, Mifsud, Reppas, Gauci, Sek families and Mrs Elwing for representing Horsley Park Public School at Smithfield RSL on ANZAC Day, for their commemoration service.

Cross Country Carnival
Just a reminder, that our annual Cross Country carnival is being held next Tuesday. It is expected that all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 attend the carnival. All students will participate in a challenging long distance run as part of our whole school sports program. The carnival will commence at 11:30am and will conclude by 2:50 pm. Please refer to the note sent home earlier this week for further details.

NAPLAN Yr 3 & Yr 5
The following dates are for all students in years 3 & 5 who will sit NAPLAN tests in Term 2 this year.
- Tuesday 12th May - Language and Writing
- Wednesday 13th May - Reading
- Thursday 14th May - Mathematics

Mother’s Day Stall
Next weekend we celebrate Mother’s Day and the P&C are holding their Mother’s Day Stall NEXT Thursday & Friday. This year there is a wonderful range of gifts for mum, so please bring your money on the days to purchase a lovely gift for Mother’s Day.

If there are any parents, or caregivers who could help out with the setting up of the stall, please see Belinda Gauci. Hope to see you there.

Biggest Morning Tea
You are invited to the Horsley Park Community Social group Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser at Mandavilla Event Centre Horsley Park on Tuesday the 19 May 2015 at 10am.

The morning will consist of:
- Guest speaker
- Performance by Marion School & Horsley Park School
- Chocolate wheel
- Variety of Stalls
- Morning Tea and Lunch
- Entry by $10 donation

For further information please contact Theresa on 0402 178 781 or Josephine on 0402 040 954.

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HORSLEY HAPPENINGS

WEEK 3
- Monday, May 4
  P&C meeting at 3pm
- Tuesday, May 5
  Cross Country Carnival
- Thursday, May 7
  Mother’s Day Stall
- Friday, May 8
  Mother’s Day Stall
  Little Athletics Program begins
  Mufti Day

WEEK 4
- Wednesday, May 13
  Special Lunch
- Friday, May 15
  Little Athletics Program

WEEK 5
- Monday, May 18
  Book Fair
- Tuesday, May 19
  Book Fair
- Wednesday, May 20
  Book Fair
- Thursday, May 21
  Book Fair
- Friday, May 22
  Book Fair
  Little Athletics Program

ANZAC Service on Saturday
25/04/15
Classroom News

KR

Hello everyone and welcome to Term 2. Hope you all had a wonderful Easter Break ready for what is going to be a very busy term.

The students in KR have settled back into their daily class routine as if they hadn’t been on holidays...well done!

You should have received your child’s homework this week. Homework is aimed at consolidating class learning as well as promoting responsibility. There are additional worksheets added to the homework packs. If the additional worksheets are too difficult or you have any questions please feel free to see me. Please continue to encourage students to read their home reader every night.

I am in the process of organising an Excursion for Kindergarten to attend Calmsley Hill City Farm. A note will be sent home in the coming weeks with more information.

Thank you to the students who have already paid for the Little Athletics Program. This is a wonderful program and will help the students prepare for our upcoming Athletics Carnival. If you haven’t paid and you would like to do so, please see Mrs Stamford in the office.

I have also asked each student to donate a box of tissues for classroom use...I’m certain that we will be in need of plenty of tissues as the cooler weather approaches!

Have a lovely week!
Mrs Rositano

1/2

What a great start to term 2 in 1/2! We started off the term by doing lots of ANZAC activities such as information reports, making ANZAC biscuits, procedure writing and making some poppies. The students in 1/2 have been also been working on reading and comprehension strategies and are doing such a wonderful job! Keep up the good work!

Next Tuesday is our cross country. Don’t forget your hats, sports shoes and a drink bottle and make sure you are getting some practice in before then.

Little Athletics starts this Friday so if you haven’t paid please remember to bring this in as soon as possible.

Reading folders need to be brought in every Monday, Wednesday and Fridays so books can be swapped for new ones and so the students are getting lots of reading practice at home.

Hope you have a lovely week.
Miss Carey.

3/4

Welcome to Week 2.

3/4 has settled back into class routines quickly and our Term 2 program is well underway. As part of our Science unit this term, students will study Life Cycles, Living Things and the Environment. This week’s lesson will involve students categorising living and non-living things based on their observable features.

This week we started a text study of Morris Lurie’s 27th Annual African Hippopotamus Race. We will take an in depth look at this book by exploring the themes of family, sportsmanship and commitment. We will also incorporate the story into our Creative Writing sessions through the transformation of passages.

The homework grid has recommenced this week, please ensure your child is completing all set tasks. We ask that the Maths Mentals books come in every day for marking. If it is not possible for your child to complete the Maths activity each night, please let Miss K or I know.

In Week 4, our Year 3 students will be sitting their first ever Naplan test. 3/4 has been looking at past papers so that students have some idea of what to expect on the day. We wish all students in Year 3 and 5 the best of luck.

As the colder months are upon us, we would really appreciate any donations of tissues or paper towel.

Have a lovely week!
Mrs Adams and Miss Kovacic.

5/6

Good afternoon families,
It’s been a terrific start to Term 2! We had a lovely Anzac assembly on Monday and we’re so proud of our captains running the assembly and the attentive behaviour of all students. We’ve taken time in class to learn more of the Anzacs and reflect on that time in Australian history. We will incorporate this learning into our Writing activities over the next fortnight.

Our Year 5 students will commence Naplan tests in two weeks. A note has gone home to outline the Naplan process. Please let the office know if you didn’t receive your child’s letter. We are looking at the format of Naplan testing in class, to give our students an idea of how the tests may look.

Little Athletics sessions are due commence for Sport. If your child is yet to pay for the program, please contact the office so they are included in these fun and challenging sports lessons.

Our Science topic this term focuses on ‘Weather.’ Throughout the unit, students will focus on weather patterns, natural disasters, climate change and other related subjects. Already, our students are showing enthusiasm for the topic which is encouraging to see.

This term, we will introduce 10 minute sessions of silent reading in class. During these instances, your child will silently read a book of their choice. It’s a great opportunity to bring in a book that they are enjoying at home! Books are also always available in the classroom, should they forget to bring in their own. At the completion of their reading, students will be asked to describe an event or character (if fiction) or interesting fact they’ve learnt (if non-fiction) to the person next to them. Apart from enjoying the opportunity of reading silently, it also gives students extra purpose for the exercise, whilst further developing their comprehension skills at the same time.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Elwing and Miss Kovacic

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