Horsley Park Public School

Endeavour

Week 7 Term 2

CAPTURED IN A MOMENT

Principal’s message
This week, I was informed that I successfully gained the substantive position of Principal of Horsley Park Public School. I undertake my responsibility as the Principal, with dedication and commitment to ensure quality education and supporting the achievement of high educational outcomes for our students. I take on the role of Principal with enormous respect for the legacy of the past and an enthusiasm and commitment to work with the community, staff and students to build on previous achievements. I look forward to work in partnership with all members of the Horsley Park Public School Community to support our school vision and achieve our goals and strategic directions over many years to come.

Youth Liaison Officer
Fairfield Police
Constable Matthew Green visited Horsley Park PS on Thursday 4th June, to speak to the students about some very important safety issues. The students in K-2 and the Support Unit discussed the importance of ‘Stranger Danger Awareness’. As frightening as it may be, we need to talk to children about people who might want to hurt them. The best way to protect children is to get them involved in their own protection and reassure them that there is a network of people there to support and protect them.

The students in Stage 2 & 3 were presented some extremely valuable lessons regarding cyber awareness and safety. Officer Green highlighted the need for students to take greater responsibility for their actions and digital citizenship. Students were reminded about age restrictions regarding the use of popular social media tools such as Kik, Instagram, Twitter and Facebook (minimum age is 13), and the ways in which these tools unfortunately can sometimes be used in a negative way. Safety awareness was also raised about the dangers associated with revealing information about themselves or their location, and the risks that this can present in regards to stranger danger.

Disco Note
Please note that if you got a replacement note for the disco from the office this week it may not have the correct dates and information. The correct details were on the note that was handed out to the students in their classrooms. We apologise for any inconvenience. If you require a new note please inform the office.

Mathletics
The students have been sent home their Mathletics logins so they can access the program from home.
Tips for parents:
• Take an active role in your child's mathematics progress.
• Encourage your child to use Mathletics at least 3 times a week.
• Take time to work together with your child.
• Encourage your child to do activities that challenge, rather than those he/she finds easy.
• Celebrate your child's successes. Print the Certificates out and put them on the fridge!

Debating
Once again the debating team demonstrated their excellent oratory skills winning the debate against Bringelly PS on Wednesday. The students prepared some fantastic arguments as the negative team, clearly stating why pets should not be brought to school. The students worked well as a team, assisting each other, coming up with some very strong rebuttals and a great team line: ‘Pets are great but leave them at the gate’. Congratulations Sarah, Laura, Aiden and Keali on a job well done!

HPPS Beanies
One of our parents, Mr Neil D’Costa (Tara 3/4AK) has most generously purchased and donated enough beanies to be distributed to ALL the current students at HPPS. Each beanie has been embroidered with the initials HPPS. I’m sure receiving the beanies will be greatly appreciated by the students, particularly over the chilly winter period. The office staff has organised to put each child’s name in the beanies so that they can be easily identified and returned if they are misplaced. Each student will receive their ‘HPPS Beanie’ on Tuesday.

Have a great week!
Mrs R. Raiti

HORSLEY HAPPENINGS

WEEK 8
Monday, June 8
Public Holiday

Wednesday, June 9
Debating Leppington PS

Thursday, June 11
K-6 Disco 6-8pm

Friday June 12
CCOS Gala Day
K-2 Leppington PS
3-6 Bringelly Oval

WEEK 9
Wednesday, June 17
Kindi Farm Excursion 9:30-2:00

Thursday, June 18
P&C Healthy Breakfast
Debating - Horsley Park PS

WEEK 10
Tuesday, June 23
Cake Stall Yr6 fundraising

Wednesday, June 24
Debating Middleton Grange PS

Friday, June 26
Last day of Term 2

WEEK 1 TERM 3
Tuesday, July 14
Students return for Term 3
CHESS

Our Inter-School Chess Competition has come to an end! On Wednesday Chris, Liam, Charlie and Dale spent the day at Bringelly Public School. They did our school proud by receiving 3rd place. Our four students showed great maturity and had a lot of fun competing with schools in our community. Charlie was deemed equal grand master as he did not lose any of his games. Well done boys!

Mrs Basak

The Reading Corner

Our Book Fair came to an end last Wednesday. The student who won the lucky dip was Tara from 3/4. Well done Tara enjoy your free book! Once again I’d like to thank families for their support in purchasing books. Due to your generosity we received close to $500 worth of free books for the library. We now have many new books that need covering. If there are any members of Horsley Park Public School who would like to help out with covering some books for our library please come and see me or Mrs Sechi in the library. As always scholastic were very punctual with sending out the reorders as I handed out those books on Monday.

Last Wednesday was an exciting time for KR. Last Wednesday was an exciting time for KR. We were invited to Middleton Grange Public School to be a part of Simultaneous Storytime. Each year there is a book selected which is read at the same time by schools, child care centres, public libraries etc. Kemps Creek Public School joined us through the connected classrooms. Although we had a few technical issues Mrs Husarek was able to read ‘Brothers Quibble’ by Aaron Blabey. KR were then invited to have lunch and a little play with some Middleton Grange students. Students were on their best behaviour and once again I was very proud of the students that were representing our school.

This week is a special week as the last two classes in the school who had not yet visited our library have actually had their first lesson in the school who had not yet visited our library. SH and SR started attending Library lessons with Mrs Sechi in the library. As always scholastic were very punctual with sending out the reorders as I handed out those books on Monday. SH and SR visit the Library every Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Each student had their photo taken for their library cards and we had a great time making caterpillar hats.

Save a great week
Mrs Basak

Support Unit

Welcome to another week.

Last Thursday the students of classes SK, SH and SR performed at the school’s regular fortnightly assembly. We had been practising hard and although we had a little ‘stage fright’, our item was fantastic. We sang ‘The Shape Song’ which is a favourite of all our students. Thank you to the parents who came along to watch, it’s wonderful to have so much support and your positive feedback was very much welcomed.

A reminder for our Kindergarten parents about the excursion that has been organised to Cainsley Hill City Farm on Wednesday 17th June. Please return the permission note and $22.00 as soon as possible so arrangements for adequate supervision can be made. We’re looking forward to a fun day.

Next week is our first Gala Day for the year. Some of our older students will be a part of the school teams who will play their games at Bringelly P.S., whilst the rest of the students from SK, SH and SR will go to Leppington P.S. to participate in the K-2 fun sports activities. All of our teachers and Student Learning and Support Officers (SLSOs) will be attending Leppington in order to provide the support our students need. It should be a great day.

The students of SH and SR have this week started attending Library lessons with Mrs Basak. SH visit the Library every Tuesday and Wednesday. All the students have borrowed a book this week and Mrs Basak was kind enough to lend them suitable library bags to protect the books. It would be appreciated if every child could supply their own library bag from now on. Please remind your child to return their borrowed book on their class library day with the bag.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Richardson, Mrs Kendall & Miss Hudson

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