Welcome back

I would like to welcome back all our students and families. We were fortunate to have such great weather (although quite chilly) during the holiday break. I hope you all had a restful and relaxing time and ready for another busy and productive term. This term we have a number of great things happening, including: NAIDOC DAY activities, Athletics Carnival, Education Week - Multicultural Celebrations Open Day, to name a few events.

Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 21st July 2015, Horsley Park Public School will be holding their annual Athletics Carnival. The carnival will commence at 9:50 am and conclude by 2.15 pm. The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle on this day, please ensure all orders and payments are returned to the office by Monday 20th July. We encourage students to dress in their House colours and wear appropriate footwear. Children are reminded to wear appropriate hats for sun protection and that they bring along water to drink so as to remain hydrated throughout the day.

To ensure the utmost safety for all our students during the carnival on Tuesday, the gates leading into the carpark will be closed at 9:15am and will be reopened at the conclusion of the athletics carnival. Cars will not be permitted to enter or leave during this time. I ask that parents make alternate parking arrangements outside the school grounds, during the course of the day.

Parents are most welcome to attend. We look forward to a wonderful day!

Early Endeavours program

A weekly pre-schooler early learning program will be starting in Week 3 of Term 3 at Horsley Park Public School. Any parents and carers, who have a child commencing school in 2016, are welcome to bring their child along to KR classroom at 2:15pm each Tuesday afternoon. Throughout the afternoon the children will be involved in reading, counting, drama, singing and art activities. Our new program endeavours to assist children to transition to the ‘big school’ environment. There is no cost for the program, however, places are limited, so please contact the school to book a place. Mrs Rositano is very excited about running the sessions every Tuesday with the assistance of Ms Lynne and Mrs Raiti.

NCCD - Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability

In 2015 all Australian Government schools will be implementing Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) for school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability whilst promoting equity and successful learners.

Students included in the NCCD are identified by documented evidence, information provided by and in consultation with parent/carers, diagnostic and other data judgements made by teachers and appropriate school staff. To be included in the NCCD, students do not need a disability diagnosis from a medical specialist.

HORSLEY HAPPENINGS

Week 2

Tuesday, July 21
Athletics carnival

Wednesday, July 22
Author Visit

Thursday, July 23
Assembly (Kindergarten Hosting)

Friday, July 24
Little Athletics Program cont.

Week 3

EDUCATION WEEK

Thursday, July 30
Multicultural Day

Friday, July 31
Little Athletics Program
Science Show

Week 4

Monday, August 3
P&C Meeting 3pm

Thursday, August 6
Assembly (1/2 hosting)

NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Newsletters, which will include a comprehensive calendar for any upcoming events, will now be sent home fortnightly on Friday in even weeks.
The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process. The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW Public Schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

NAIDOC Day

To celebrate NAIDOC Week our Aboriginal students attended a day of activities at Middleton Grange Public School yesterday. Each student was allowed to take a friend along and our school captain Laura also attended. Isabella and Charlene, Jack and Haylee, Thomas and Jake, and Mia and Madison had a fantastic day despite the rain and cold. The morning started with a traditional smoking ceremony and didgeridoo playing. The students then participated in three activities; traditional indigenous games, aboriginal art and investigating bush Tucker. Following a sausage sizzle lunch the students were entertained by Koomurri Aboriginal group who talked about traditional aboriginal way of life and showed many aboriginal tools. The students had the opportunity to have their face painted and then contributed to a whole group artwork of hands which will be hung at Middleton Grange school. The day was a great success and the students were all excited about going back to their classes and telling their classmates about their NAIDOC celebration.

Mrs Richardson

Speech Pathologist

Our school, Horsley Park Public School, has chosen to employ a Speech Pathologist throughout terms 3 and 4. Mariz is a qualified Speech Pathologist who works for Educational Speech Pathology & Therapy Services. Mariz will be working at our school each Wednesday throughout terms 3 and 4, 2015.

Parents, it is important to note that you cannot refer your child directly to Mariz. If your child already attends Speech therapy outside of school do not stop attending. The Educational Speech Pathology & Therapy Services program cannot offer the same individualised therapy your child will receive through either Community Health or Private Speech Therapy. Mariz’s main role will be to work with our teachers in the whole classroom and/or small group setting to build up the children’s speech and language skills.

Mariz may also be conducting screenings and a limited number of full assessments at the school. You will receive written information if your child requires a full assessment or is required to be withdrawn from class for group lessons. Your written permission is required for this to occur.

Student Medical Information

During Term 3 we will continue updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information about your child’s health. If you have a child with a medical condition please assist by updating information with the most current doctor’s health care plan, to assist us to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child. We appreciate your support and if you have any questions please call the office.

School canteen - Pasta Day

Thank you to Mrs Borg for volunteering to cook the delicious pasta on offer, at the canteen, every Thursday. She most generously donated the pasta and gave of her time this week to assist the ladies in the canteen. I’m sure this will become a favourite dish to order on Thursdays.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school and drop it into the Collection Box in the office. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

Working with Children Check

Just a reminder, all volunteers working within our school need to have a working with children check. If this has NOT been completed you will need to log on to the NSW Government website and have a working with children check processed. The Website is: [http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-Children-Check](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-Children-Check). As a volunteer there is no charge for this process. Please ensure you tick the volunteer section of the application. Please provide the office with a copy of your clearance once you have received it.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

It is that time of year again where Horsley Park Public School begins to take enrolments for Kindergarten 2016.

If you know any family or friends who are interested in enrolling their child to start Kindergarten at Horsley Park Public School next year, please see Mrs Stamford in the office where further details/enrolment forms may be obtained. Thank you!